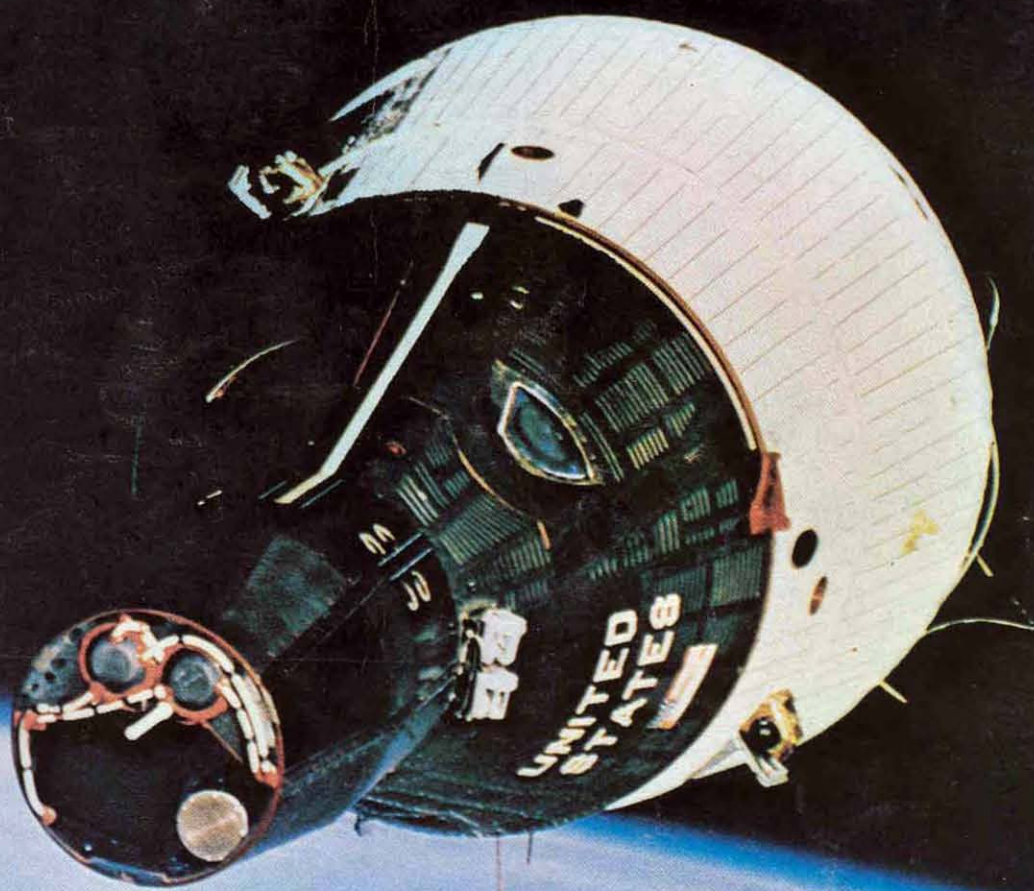


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What our READERS SAY

Today's Music

"Thank you for your marvelous article in the current issue of *The PLAIN TRUTH*, 'What's Wrong With Today's Music?' I just *knew* you'd get around to this subject when the time was right, and who in the world with two tics and a whistle-full of the Beatles would deny that the time is just EXACTLY right! Of course, I'm just a piano teacher—I don't count."

Robert D. A., Pittsburg,
California

"I received my first *PLAIN TRUTH* and read the entire magazine in one sitting. I particularly enjoyed the article 'What's Wrong With Today's Music?' I will frankly admit that I have experienced 'the hypnotic effect of the "Big Beat."' Do you think you could have a subsequent article on Op-Pop art that is now so popular in our pseudo-cultural society?"

J. E., Northern Illinois University
Dekalb, Illinois

"I must say the article in your November issue, 'What's Wrong With Today's Music?' drastically lowered your usual high standard of articles in my opinion. It was a rash generalization and without any depth! It was an entirely one-sided article. . . . This story seemed to say that anyone who listens to modern music is compelled to jump up and down. I feel that this condemns something without presenting the *whole* truth, which is not your usual style. If this letter cannot be printed, please show it to the author of the article. Thank you."

Jack J., Canton, Ohio

• *Jack, you need to reread the article and see what it really says!*

Womanhood

"I have just finished reading 'Our Mad, Mad Marriages' and 'True Womanhood—is it a "Lost Cause"?' in this month's *PLAIN TRUTH*. I thought they were both outstanding articles. Fortunately, my husband and I have a good

marriage. I just wish all those people who have troubled marriages could read that article, although it's good for people with happy marriages to read. It makes me want to try twice as hard to keep mine happy. I can see where I've been so wrong in so many ways. I thought, until I read the article, that I had a pretty routine and dull schedule, since I stay home all day and keep house, cook, etc. I see now where I have exactly the schedule God intended. Now I can go about my duties with a much warmer outlook. I just pray that God will help me to do all the things that will make me truly feminine. I want to thank you and your staff for opening my eyes, as I'm sure you did for many other women."

Mrs. Alex T., Plant City,
Florida

"I read your articles on manhood and womanhood both. In almost everything you have written on these subjects I have *almost* agreed completely . . . But there is something I am wondering about . . . How's a woman supposed to handle a husband who expects too much out of her in the first place, and then picks on her because she doesn't get everything done just perfect. Men should realize that women get tired, sick, worried, and sometimes behind in their work because of emergencies as with men. . . . I think you wrote this article strictly from a man's point of view, and you are a man. Why didn't you get a woman's point of view on this subject? Surely some Christian woman, such as Mrs. Armstrong would have had an intelligent viewpoint or two . . . How does a woman handle a husband who picks on her constantly and criticizes her faults all the time, since she has no right to talk back?"

Mrs. R. H., Westfield, Iowa

• *She first overcomes her faults—then her husband might be willing to give up some of his! And, by the way, Mrs.*

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Personal from the Editor

IS IT WRONG to be a cultured individual? Is it wrong—is it extravagance—to purchase quality things?

Some people pride themselves on their lack of culture and good breeding. Some people actually *brag*: "We're just poor folks." They spurn good-quality merchandise, saying, "That's too rich for *my* blood." They shop for bargain prices, condemn better quality as "EXTRAVAGANCE." They accuse a well-dressed person of being "stuck up."

Does God love the poor and hate the rich? People speak of "God's poor." Must one be poor economically, ignorant educationally, uncouth socially, in order to please God? It's true Jesus said "How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the Kingdom of God!" But He also clarified His meaning, adding, "how hard is it for them that *trust in riches* to enter into the Kingdom of God!"

We speak of the Ambassador Colleges as cultural institutions, providing beautiful and cultural physical environment. Is this wrong?

In this world we have the poor, the ignorant, the uncouth and uncultured. And at the other extreme we have the rich, the social snobs, the intellectuals.

WHAT IS RIGHT?

We say that at Ambassador College we teach not only how to earn a living, but **HOW TO LIVE!** The college motto is: "RECAPTURE TRUE VALUES." Out of what textbook do we teach the true values? In what textbook do we learn how to live? Actually the only SOURCE of this most necessary knowledge might seem a little strange to students of the average university. For, strange though it seems, the *one* textbook rejected by nearly every college and university in the world is the ONLY textbook which imparts the right knowledge on this most basic question. It is the ONLY textbook

which imparts the MOST NECESSARY of all knowledge: What is the MEANING—the PURPOSE of life? What are the TRUE VALUES? What is the right way to live—the way to peace, happiness, prosperity, security—the comfortable, interest-packed, *enjoyable* and abundant life?

WHY should the one book that holds all the right ANSWERS—the only rational answers that make sense—be rejected by educational institutions? Incredible? Yes, but still a fact. Bruce Barton must have been right. Truly it is the book nobody knows—well, almost nobody! The Holy Bible is, actually, the FOUNDATION OF KNOWLEDGE.

So *what is the answer* that comes from the textbook of the very Creator about this matter of culture, good breeding, how we should dress, education, financial prosperity?

Actually, surprising though it may be to some, the Bible teaching upholds prosperity, right culture, true education and acquisition of right knowledge, good quality, proper attire in clothes. The Bible reveals human nature as being lazy, slovenly, yet full of vanity and greed.

When people *brag* about being poor, uneducated, uncultured, that is merely VANITY. It is SELF-excusing shiftlessness, neglect, lack of effort.

To become "saved" as religious people express it, one must become more like God. Jesus Christ set us an example that we should live as He lived.

Now is God lazy? Jesus said: "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work." Now what was God's work? That of Creator, and of Ruler over His creation.

What about QUALITY? Was His work well done, or poorly done? After the creation of the first chapter of Genesis, "God saw everything that He

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Looking out the window of Gemini VI shortly before nose-to-nose rendezvous in space over Pacific. Sunbeams play on blue-black surface of Gemini VII as it approaches for space spectacular. Words UNITED STATES highlight latest U. S. success in moon race and military domination of inner space.

THE LATEST U.S. SPACE SPECTACULAR

by Lyle Christopherson
PLAIN TRUTH Staff Photographer

Cape Kennedy, Florida

I WAS at the window on the tenth floor of the NASA news center, Cape Kennedy, Florida. The event: the lift-off of Gemini VI with its precious cargo of two human beings bent on a space rendezvous with Gemini VII, already in perfect orbital flight.

Tension was running high. This was the *second attempt* for this history-making space shot which had previously aborted two seconds before blast-off time. The failure in the first try had been successfully traced to a \$1.28 plug that had become disconnected and a small plastic cap no larger than the end of one's finger. That carelessness had produced a lot of groans of disappointment as all systems appeared go!

But this attempt was different.

Now, sitting atop the giant *Titan II* power plant, astronauts Wally Schirra, Jr. and Thomas P. Stafford were fiercely calm as the countdown reached blast-off time minus 1 minute 30 seconds. And the countdown was on.

The Great Moment

The count reached 5-4-3-2-1-0—*fire!* A giant cloud of smoke broke out. The intercom voice said, "We have a lift-off!" At the same moment the slender white finger began its vertical climb.

In much less time than it takes to relate the events the rocket engines were delivering the power needed to put Gemini VI in orbit. All necks were bent far back trying to follow the beautiful vapor trail pouring from the rocket. We could actually see the giant "flying machine" begin its tilt or arc, leading to a perfect orbit pattern.

It might be well to remember that just 62 years ago, at a place called



NASA Photo

Man's still-distant goal, the moon, as seen from Gemini VII during the 14-day voyage. The cloud-shrouded earth can be seen below, a portion of capsule on lower left.

Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, Orville Wright took off for a grand flight of 120 feet, in America's first heavier-than-air machine!

Rendezvous in Space

The imagination of the whole world was captured by the widely hailed U. S. space spectacular! A breathless world listened in suspense as spacecrafts Gemini VI and Gemini VII pulled a "first"—rendezvoused in space, orbiting together less than ten feet apart!

Astronauts Lovell and Borman, smashing all records in space by making more orbits, logging more space time, and performing numerous experiments, welcomed the arrival of astronauts Schirra and Stafford in Gemini VI. Two pinpricks of light, orbiting high

above the earth, *mere feet apart*—sent the imaginations of men soaring!

Logging over 5 million miles in space, Gemini VII splashed down Saturday morning, Dec. 18. With it was every space record in the book, thus catapulting the U. S. AHEAD of Russia in most areas of the space race!

After the stupendous success of America's latest space achievements, scientists are more than ever dazzled by the prospect of sending a man to the moon. The American space program is forging ahead. The Gemini series of manned flights around the earth are proving that men apparently can *withstand* and adapt to the challenges and rigors of inner space travel—*vital* to the first manned flight to the moon. Thus

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How You Would LIVE If You Were "JUST AVERAGE"

What if you LOST, overnight, your present standard of living? What if you became, suddenly, Mr. and Mrs. "Average World"? What would you have? How would you live? Read these shocking FACTS about the ENORMOUS wealth of our peoples, and be THANKFUL, as you never have before!

by Garner Ted Armstrong

OUR national inheritances were PROPHESED!

Centuries ago, Almighty God predicted the national wealth and power of the British Commonwealth of nations and the United States. The true enormity of that wealth is scarcely realized by the average person from Sydney to Salisbury, and from Bloemfontein to Boston!

Little do our peoples realize the frightening disparity between the "have nations" and the "have-not nations" of this world—nor do we realize the terrifying events of the future which will TAKE OUR WEALTH FROM US!

America—Land of the Fat and Rich

As one expert put it: "In the United States hogs and chickens eat far better than the malnourished people of Latin America and Africa."

Americans have been described as the world's most overfed and undernourished people—fat, lazy, content—with dwindling national purpose, waning national pride, and an almost obsessive lust for entertainment and pleasure—we have become a worldwide symbol of the fat glut. And many a nation hates us for it.

Just how well off are we?

The actual truth is shocking—in spite of "anti-poverty" drives within the United States.

The average American family has available the services of various appliances equal to the physical work of ninety servants! The average income, based on the gross national product, is at \$3,000.00 per year, while that of Europe is at the \$1,200 to \$1,800 per

year level. But the underdeveloped two-thirds of the world lives on an annual per capita income of \$100 per year—or less.

The question really worrying economists and governmental advisors today is, "Does the rich one-third of the world really want to live in a world where it continues to get richer and where the poor two-thirds remain miserably poor and largely illiterate?"

Perhaps the question should be put the other way.

Do the poor of the world want to wait for several generations to pass before they can expect even a SMALL PERCENTAGE of increase in their annual income?

Just what are the actual differences represented by that meager \$100 per year?

If You were "Just Average"

Let's say you're an "average" middle class American family.

To reduce your living conditions to that of the "Average" family of the world—here's what would occur:

First, we would strip your home of all its furniture. Everything would go; beds, carpets, sofas, dining set, chairs, tables, lamps—everything. Probably, you don't possess a single table old enough, or rickety enough to qualify as an "average" Mr. and Mrs. World family—so we would exchange all your furniture for one old wooden table of crude make, and one wooden chair.

Next would come the kitchen.

All cupboards would be stripped bare, then dismantled, and removed. Only one small bag of flour would

stay, a box of matches, some sugar and salt. In emptying your refrigerator and freezer, your pantry and cupboards, we would substitute three or four moldy potatoes, throwing them into the garbage can. These would have to be retrieved—because they would become the mainstay of your evening meal.

Next goes all the wiring and plumbing—even the fixtures. Toilets, faucets, switches, lights, disposal, ovens, stove, radios, clocks, television, telephone, fans, hairdryers, electric razors, electric knives, toasters, waffle irons, electric skillet, heaters, everything.

The whole house is stripped clean—until only the one table and chair remain—and then we take away the house—the family might as well move to the tool shed, minus, of course, the tools, storage, old cast-off clothing, furniture, or anything else of value.

Then all outside communications and services would be cut off.

Since all electric wiring is already gone, you would have no TV, telephone, or radio.

But now we suspend postal service, delivery service, take away both your family automobiles, all boats, planes, motor bikes, scooters, wagons, or even horse-drawn vehicles—leaving you, if you are slightly better off than your neighbors, one warped, ancient bicycle.

There are no community services. No fire department, no police department as such, no public health service, no federal, state or county aid services you can turn to.

There is one school—three miles away—of two rooms.

The nearest clinic is about 10 miles

away—you can reach it in good weather (since the roads are all dust and mud at various times of the year, and with no drainage, no lights, no curbs, and, for that matter, no traffic) on your bicycle—if you're able.

The clinic is tended by a midwife.

The family cash hoard consists of one five-dollar bill, buried in the dirt floor of the tool shed.

Gloomy?

Certainly! But NOT ONE BIT EXAGGERATED! Would you ENJOY being Mr. and Mrs. "Average World" even for a FEW DAYS?

Now, let's look at the United States, compared with the rest of the world, as if in an imaginary world of 1,000 persons. That's taking all the THREE BILLION people on earth, and putting them into a town of 1,000 persons.

Sixty persons would represent the United States—940 the rest of the community.

The 60 Americans would have an average life expectancy of 70 years. The average among the other 940 would be about 40 years.

The Americans would have about 15½ times as much goods and services per person as the rest of the people. Half the total income of the entire community would be given to the 60 Americans, the remaining 940 would share (unequally) the other half.

The community's total supply of electric power would be consumed at the rate of TWELVE TIMES as much by the Americans as by all the rest; 22 times as much coal would be used; 21 times as much oil and gasoline; 50 times as much steel; and 50 times as much general equipment of all kinds.

Do you believe such a community could survive for long?

Or would *jealousy, bitterness, and GREED* begin to motivate the other 940?

Where Did We GET Our Wealth?

Our fantastic wealth was GIVEN to us—directly!

Remember, man only changes, shapes, forms and puts together the basic *raw materials of this earth* into his many modern conveniences and inventions.

And the fabulous *lands* of our peoples, our mineral resources, our natural stands of timber, our sprawling grazing

and farm lands, our almost endless coastlines, our strategic sea gates, our favorable climates, our very inventiveness and ingenuity—all were GIVEN to us by our Creator!

God said, of our people, "Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall: . . . his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob; (from thence is the shepherd, the Stone of Israel): Even by the God of thy father, who shall HELP thee; and by the Almighty, who shall BLESS thee with the blessings of heaven above [our WEATHER], blessings of the deep that lieth under [our minerals, coal, oil, gas, and natural resources], blessings of the breasts and of the womb [our longer life expectancy, and generally better *health*]: The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills: they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was chief among (margin) his brethren" (Gen. 49:22-26).

If you have not yet proved to yourself OUR PEOPLES are *directly* referred

Personal from the Editor

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had made, and, behold, it was VERY GOOD." God placed the first man in the Garden of Eden. It was undoubtedly the most beautiful garden ever to exist on earth. GOD PLANTED IT. God gave the first man a JOB in that garden. Not to be lazy, shiftless, let it go to weeds and ugliness—but "to dress it and to keep it." (Gen. 2:15.)

Jesus, prior to His ministry, was a carpenter, a builder of buildings. In Nazareth the BEST and FINEST buildings were built out of stone. The little synagogue (mentioned in Luke 4:16) was very probably one of the buildings that Jesus built, or helped to build. That synagogue was so finely and substantially built it remains in good repair to this day. I have entered it and

to in this fantastic prophecy, then write immediately for your own free copy of the booklet, *The United States and the British Commonwealth in Prophecy*.

GOD gave us our national inheritances.

But we have FORGOTTEN HIM!

We have forgotten our very IDENTITY in the Bible—have turned our backs on the One who GAVE us these ABUNDANT blessings; have defiled His lands, polluted His streams and rivers, trampled underfoot His holy days and customs, defied with impunity His great and marvelous LAWS!

We have become a STENCH in His sight—and He says He will MAKE us see—FORCIBLY—just what it is LIKE to be left alone in the world—*without* God!

He says, "For she did not KNOW that I gave her corn, and wine, and oil, and multiplied her silver and gold, which they prepared for Baal. Therefore will I return, and take away my corn in the time thereof, and my wine in the season thereof, and will recover my wool and my flax given to cover her nakedness. And now will I discover

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inspected it. Its quality was the finest.

In creating, God had to think, plan, design what was to be created. For example, a beautiful rose, a lily. Nothing inferior there!

His instruction to the workman: "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." (Eccl. 9:10.) But what is Satan's way? It is the way of the workman who says to a fellow-laborer: "Slow down, there, bud—or we'll all have to work that hard."

A man once accused me of being a "perfectionist." But Jesus Christ *commands* that we be perfectionists: "Be thou therefore PERFECT, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."

Jesus Christ *is still* a BUILDER. He rose from the dead. He is ALIVE TODAY! But today He is building a SPIRITUAL building—His Church, to *become* the Kingdom of God. It must be THE FINEST (Eph. 2:20-22; 4:11-16).

Just *what* is the difference between best QUALITY and cheap merchandise?

All merchandise comes out of the ground. Quality products are simply those resulting from more careful and conscientious selection of better materials, made into an object by more thoughtful, better-designed, painstaking craftsmanship. Inferior merchandise comes from indifferent selection of materials, and less conscientious and careful workmanship. GOD'S WAY IS THE QUALITY WAY!

Is good quality "EXTRAVAGANCE"? Many people do not realize the true meaning of the word "extravagance." Webster's definition: "An instance of exceeding the limits of reason; (extravagant claims); lacking in moderation, balance and restraint. Excessively elaborate." Good quality, then, is NOT extravagance *unless* excessively elaborate.

But what if you can't afford the best quality? Then purchase only what you are able—always live within your means—and "be satisfied with such as you have." But, be industrious, doing what you do the best you can and if you really live GOD'S WAY, in due time He will prosper you so that you *can* afford better.

Yet, NEVER SET YOUR HEART ON PHYSICAL THINGS. In the quotation from Jesus, mentioned above, (Mark 10:23) it was not the *possession* of wealth that Jesus said would keep a man out of the Kingdom of God—but the TRUSTING IN those riches. David warned us that, when God prospers us, be careful not to set our hearts on the prosperity.

Through John, Jesus says: "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest PROSPER and be in health," (III John 2). Look at the prosperity of Joseph: "And the Eternal was with Joseph, and he was a PROSPEROUS man; . . . the Eternal made all that he did to PROSPER . . ." God promised Israel the greatest PROSPERITY and abundance of material wealth of any nation—IF they diligently followed HIS WAY of life (Lev. 26:3-5). Job was the wealthiest man in the east. After he learned his lesson, God gave him *double* his original wealth.

Prosperity is not a sin—it is a BLESSING. God is the GIVER of abun-

dance and prosperity. But carnal man usually sets his heart on the wealth, instead of God. He makes it an idol in which he trusts. *That* is the sin.

It is GOD'S WILL that we prosper, obedient to Him, our hearts set on Him, relying solely on Him. Then when we prosper—when God gives abundance of GOOD things—of good quality—He wants us to be appreciative, grateful, give Him thanks, ENJOY what He has blessed us with, all the while trusting and worshiping GOD, and realizing we shall have the material things but a short time.

One, whom God had blessed with a very nice home well furnished with good quality things, put it this way: "My attitude toward it is like it was when I was assigned to a very fine hotel room for overnight. I said: 'I will enjoy it these few fleeting moments, give God thanks, be appreciative, try to use it as facilities for serving God, obtaining a good night's rest, and then leave it and go on my way in the morning, never looking back with any regrets at leaving it.' That's my attitude toward my very nice home. If I had to leave it forever tomorrow morning, there would be no regrets—just thanksgiving that God let me enjoy it for the little time I had it. This life doesn't last long—and we soon leave everything in it. I'm merely a transient sojourner here, looking forward to something more real and permanent in GOD'S KINGDOM."

Now what about education?

We are commanded to GROW in KNOWLEDGE—and first of all in the "knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (II Peter 3:18). The most precious thing God gave us in this life is the human MIND. It—like the Garden of Eden—ought to be cultivated—improved. I could write several editorials on this theme.

But what about one who never had this teaching—and now, at middle age or older, realizes what has been lost? It may be no fault of the person at all. And even if so, God will forgive the past. But every one should do all he can, from the time he awakens to this truth. I know such a man. About 18 years ago he put nearly all his life savings into Ambassador College, to

help others, still young people, to gain the right education he had failed to receive. Forget the past. Begin where you are, and start living GOD'S WAY!

What about culture, good manners, clothing and proper attire?

There is much sophisticated "culture" in this world that is pure snobishness and vanity. But TRUE culture—the kind one finds at Ambassador Colleges—is based on God's great Law: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." That part of culture and good manners which expresses concern for neighbor in politeness, graciousness, pleasantness, smiles, and service is TRUE culture.

About dress? Yes, one should dress according to the occasion, and also within reason according to his pocket-book. On Ambassador campuses, during work hours, students dress in the proper work clothes for the job. During classes, they do not "dress up" but men often come in shirt sleeves and open collar—yet always clean and neat and orderly. For an evening function, they dress up in whatever is their best—and if they cannot afford better than they have, that's quite all right—there is no snobbery here.

But for a wedding, or graduation exercises, they should dress properly—in the best they have. Is that being "stuck up"? Never! Jesus gave a parable picturing the wedding between Him and His Church. The King in this parable is God, and his Son is Jesus Christ. Notice: "And when the King came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment. And He saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the King to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness." (Mat. 22:11-13.)

The Bible teaches the principle of proper attire according to the occasion. Of course "white apparel" often symbolizes "the righteousness of saints" in the Bible. Bodily apparel is used to symbolize CHARACTER. There is a kind of pride that is NOT vanity, but rather concern for *others*, and respect toward God. That kind of pride we should diligently have.

The REAL MEANING Behind VATICAN II

Epochal changes have shaken modern Catholicism and astounded the world. What is the real meaning — and the outcome — of the recent Ecumenical Council? Where is today's trend toward CHURCH UNITY leading?

by William F. Dankenbring

THE SECOND Vatican Ecumenical Council has ended. The momentous conclave of bishops and priests has disbanded. After four years of eventful discussions, more than 2,300 bishops have returned to their episcopal sees, excited and full of wonder.

What Did They Accomplish?

What is the REAL significance of the Council? According to Cardinal Cardijn of Belgium, "Vatican II has accomplished a work that history will judge as the *most gigantic* in the long life of the Church."

Was he exaggerating—or speaking the truth?

He was not exaggerating. Changes wrought by Vatican II are among the most profound in Church history! They bespeak great things—and BIG news—for our day, today!

Sensing the BIG news in the making, hundreds of reporters flocked to Rome. Protestant church leaders observed the proceedings. And the whole world watched with intense interest and bated breath.

Vatican II has brought a decisive END to the 400-year Reformation controversy of the Western world!

Vatican II was the 21st Ecumenical Council of the Catholic Church. The first was held at Nicaea in 325 A.D. Out of the proceedings of the latest—Vatican II—have come some of the most earth-shaking religious announcements of all time. Out of the 168 general meetings and 544 votes have come 16 epochal religious decrees and promulgations.

CHURCH UNITY in the Wind

The recent Vatican Council has paved the way for possible Church Unity throughout modern Christendom. Ancient splits, deep-seated rifts, and doctrinal chasms have—in many cases—been bridged. Old breaches have been healed.

Vatican II is perhaps the most significant Church Council in history—surely the most important since the Council of Trent which was called in 1545 A.D. Whereas the Council of

Trent was spawned by the Reformation, and launched the Counter-Reformation and reform *within* the Catholic Church, the modern VATICAN II COUNCIL has far greater ambitions!

It is opening a NEW ERA of Church history!

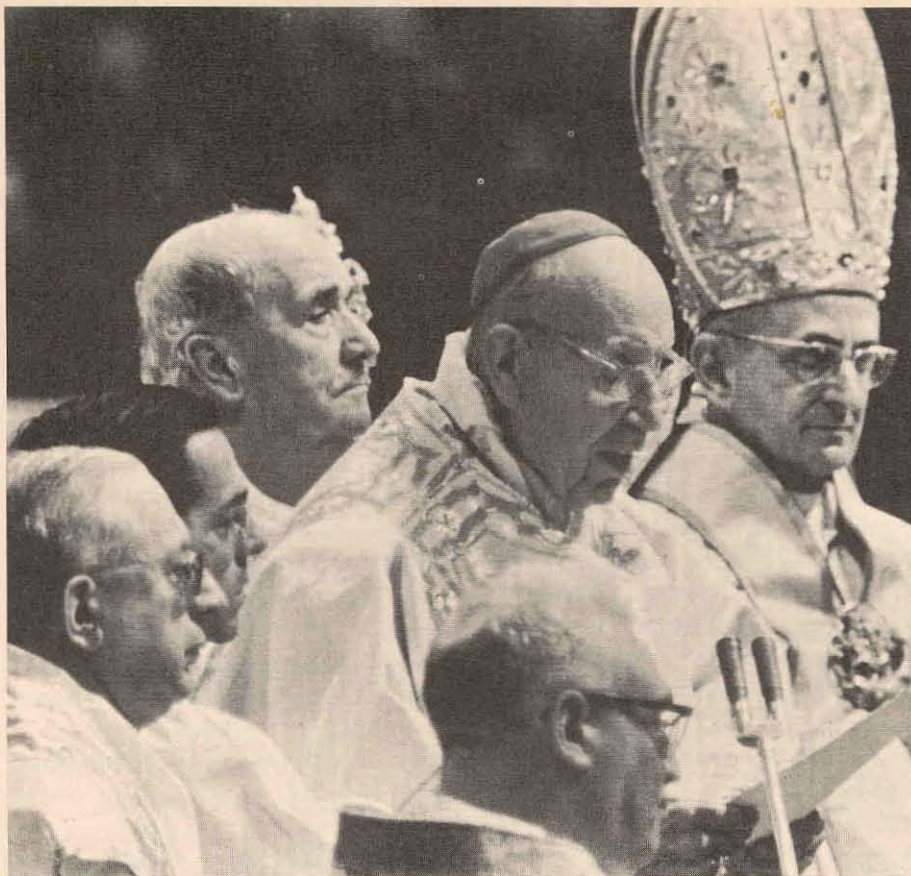
Vatican II seeks to RECONCILE all the different splits and schisms in modern Christianity, bringing back all the "wayward daughters" to the "Motherfold" of Christendom.

Perhaps the most important symbolic



Wide World

Carrying a golden crucifix, Pope Paul VI bestows his blessing on Vatican Ecumenical Council. The Pontiff appeared for promulgation of last four decrees of the Council.



Wide World

Pope Paul VI listens as Augustine Cardinal Bea reads papal brief formally cancelling the 11th century excommunication of Greek Patriarch. That excommunication led to the final break between Roman Catholic and Greek Orthodox churches. The new brief is another step toward reconciliation.

gesture of UNITY came when Pope Paul VI and Patriarch Athenagoras I of Constantinople lifted the reciprocal sentences of excommunication hurled in 1054 A.D. when Pope Leo IX and Patriarch Michael Caerularius of Constantinople excommunicated each other! From that time the Roman Catholic and Greek Orthodox Churches have been sundered by a great schism. The lifting of the mutual excommunications paves the way for further steps toward Church Unity!

From the time of the great schism in 1054, both Roman and Greek Churches have each had their own councils. The breach grew wider with the centuries. The chasm deepened by the Roman dogma of Papal Infallibility at the Council of Vatican I in 1870.

But now, the past is being buried—the hatchet is buried—and RECONCILIATION is in the wind!

Vast numbers of Protestants will certainly not be unaffected by the momen-

tous changes occurring in Catholicism. As a significant gesture of unity and reconciliation toward the Protestants, Pope Paul has participated in the *first* interfaith service ever attended by a Catholic Pontiff.

The Pope sang a Lutheran hymn in English together with 80 observers to the Council in a common Bible service. The Pope referred to the non-Catholic observers as "brothers, brothers, and friends in Christ."

Dramatic changes have been set in motion!

In closing the historic four-year Vatican II Council launched by his predecessor Pope John XXIII, Paul declared: "From this Catholic center of Rome, no one, in principle, is unreachable. In principle, all men can and must be reached. For the Catholic Church, no one is a stranger. No one is excluded, no one is far away... We love all, all men."

What did he mean?

Big Changes Ahead

Here are some of the changes that a Catholic may soon experience. Catholics may soon be eating meat on Friday, contrary to the long-held tradition of the Church.

The use of Scriptures in sermons may gain more importance in Catholic services, as well as singing of hymns. Clergymen may begin to dress more simply. It is said that priests may turn to gray or white dress, and that a bishop may wear ordinary black shoes rather than red slippers at ceremonial occasions.

Further, Catholics and Protestants may find themselves worshipping TOGETHER more and more! Interfaith meetings are to become much more common. Some of the stumbling blocks in the way of interfaith marriages will be lifted.

In a grand gesture toward the Jews, the Council repudiated the long-held Roman idea that Jews are under a Divine curse because of the Crucifixion. And in a magnanimous gesture toward other non-Christian religions, the Council paid tribute to their "spiritual values."

The changes and reforms are deep and widespread, fundamental and profound. Nevertheless, many progressive elements in the Council felt that the changes were not deep enough. Many other fundamental areas of thought were discussed, but no real action taken.

Although one of the major objectives of the Council was to clearly define authority in the Church, the Pope's supreme power was left virtually intact—no change. The doctrine of Papal Infallibility was left untouched.

Birth control and clerical celibacy—two hotly contested subjects—were passed over and will be determined by the Pope, if any changes are to be forthcoming.

The Catholic doctrine of the Eucharist has remained unchanged. Although some priests argue for change in this very difficult doctrine, the Pope would have none of it. The official doctrine is that the bread and wine literally are transformed into the body and blood of Jesus Christ. Thus Christ is

said to be sacrificed again at every mass, every time the Eucharist is taken.

Religious Liberty?

Perhaps the most important result of the four-year Ecumenical Council was the declaration on *religious liberty*. The declaration on religious liberty carries with it the direct implication that the Church reserves for herself the right to decide whether liberty is to be granted to non-Catholic beliefs. It really avoids the basic question. The new concept is that the erring man himself does have rights. *Tolerance* of other beliefs is the new watchword.

But even this edict is modified by the lingering concept that freedom of religion or conscience *must ultimately* bring the individual to an acceptance of Catholicism. Catholicism, declared the Council, is to be regarded as the "one true faith."

Thus, in summation, the two biggest issues before the Vatican II Ecumenical Council were left relatively unscathed. Although the Pope acknowledges that the College of Bishops—that is, all the bishops in the church—share *with* him the government of the Church, still the Pope retains supreme power. In effect, none of his powers have been removed.

And, the declaration regarding religious freedom—although important for political and public opinion—still remains somewhat vague. The Church still claims sole possession of the TRUTH, declaring itself as the "ONE TRUE FAITH," while condescendingly acknowledging that Hindus, Moslems, and Buddhists do share a "glimmer" of the knowledge of God.

Widespread *outward* changes have been made in the Church. Yet it should be clear that the fundamental concepts of the Church REMAIN THE SAME. Most of the changes are superficial, external—gestures of reconciliation toward other groups. The really crucial concepts remain unaltered.

The Vatican's Chief Aim

Why is the Catholic Church examining itself so intently, and undergoing so many external changes? What is REALLY behind the modern ecumenical movement? Where are today's trends leading?

Pope Paul answers: "*The Catholic religion is for mankind.*" It is no secret that the Church desires to bring all mankind into its fold, if possible. The Catholic Church is making a renewed bid to mold, shape and guide the future of mankind! Rather than giving the impression of being a "Roman" Catholic Church, it is broadening its concepts, enlarging its horizons, to encompass the entire world and win the support of men everywhere!

The new emphasis of the Church is on mankind—and the WORLD! The dogmas and doctrines of the Church have been modified and clarified for the benefit of worldwide onlookers. Worn-out clichés and medieval doctrines have been up-dated in an attempt to modernize the Church and make it appear more attractive and inviting for modern man. The Vatican feels the need to keep pace with the times!

The Vatican is becoming increasingly involved in the secular affairs of the world! No longer does it hold itself aloft, in insensitive indifference.

No longer does the Church intend to project the image of monolithic intransigence or icy aloofness. No longer does it intend to project a facade of medieval thinking and archaic belief. She is dressing herself up for the MODERN world to accept.

It is part of the worldwide trend toward Church UNITY.

But can all the quarrelling sects and denominations and established churches UNITE? What is REALLY going to happen? You would be shocked to know what the Bible says about today's denominations, the ecumenical movement—and WHERE it all is headed!

The Drive for UNIVERSAL Religion

Nineteen hundred years ago, Jesus Christ said: "...I will build my Church..." (Mat. 16:18).

Jesus did exactly that. He commissioned His twelve disciples to preach the gospel of the Kingdom of God to the world, and to warn men everywhere to repent of their sins—the breaking of God's Law—and turn to God, and He would abundantly pardon them (Mat. 28:19-20).

God sent His Holy Spirit to inspire and charge His Church with spiritual POWER (Acts 1:8; 2:1-4). Many converts were added to God's Church in the early days of the Apostles (Acts 2:41; 4:4). We read, "And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women" (Acts 5:14).

Luke declares further, "And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith" (Acts 6:7). But as God's Church grew, persecution and opposition also increased.

The vested interests of religion heaped abuse on the apostles, launched a terrific persecution on true believers so that "...they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles" (Acts 8:1).

As the true Christians were scattered, they continued preaching the Word of God wherever they went, and many more believers were added to the Church of God (Acts 8:4-6, 25).

Nevertheless, as the Church grew, problems began to develop. False teachers arose, promulgating false doctrines and heresies, which seemed attractive to the many. The world listened to them, and finally rejected God's truth. The Roman world began to label its pagan practices Christian. The entire Western world has been doing it ever since.

God's TRUE CHURCH *never became a great, WORLD-DOMINATING Church!* Jesus called His Church a "little flock" (Luke 12:32). It *never* grew to be a GREAT, NUMEROUS, powerful Church! Rather, as persecution and false teachers increased, the VAST MAJORITY in the Roman world were led astray, into error, into a counterfeit Christianity. *Few* true believers were left.

Just as the apostle Paul prophesied, there occurred a GREAT FALLING AWAY—an APOSTASY—a rebellion against the truth of God! (II Thess. 2:3.) Great multitudes have been DECEIVED and led into error (Mat. 24:4-5).

But nevertheless, God's true Church—the Church Jesus said He would build

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Inside Central America!

by Charles V. Dorothy

Panama City, Panama

LANDING IN GUATEMALA is a breathtaking experience!

Plunging through cotton-candy clouds, gliding over slashing ravines, tropical foliage and red-roofed houses, our turbojet touched ground with its tail hanging over a sheer 100-foot drop to the canyon below.

Visitors to the jungle Republic of Guatemala are in for a real treat. Viewed from the sky, this most powerful of Central American republics is a violent landscape peppered with volcanoes, overrun with lush tropical foliage. Viewed from the ground, Guatemala City is a remarkably clean, brightly flowered national capital and tourist paradise.

The people here are alert, fast-moving and friendly.

But we held our breath—and for good reason.

Serious Trouble

With only two hours of sleep (due to packing) we had forgotten—of all things—our "health cards." These troublesome yellow forms serve as an entry ticket to each Latin American country. The story behind this predicament flashes back to my mind. While we're holding our breath in the airport, let me tell you what happened.

The place: New Orleans International Airport. The time: 11:10 a.m., 50 minutes from the "all aboard for Guatemala." The problem? We had just this moment discovered that in our haste we left our health cards at home. Without a health card, we have no way to *continue* our trip, no way to *return* to the U.S.

I dash by taxi for the nearest bank (one mile away) to cash our last check, but the bank says "no!" A bank official from Colombia finally says "yes," when

Dr. Dorothy, Dean of Instruction at our Ambassador College, Texas campus, is head of the Spanish Department. He visited Latin America to obtain the pulse of events south of the border—and to investigate broadcasting and advertising media. Here is the first part of his lucid, colorful, fast-moving report on Central and South America.

I resort to the Spanish language—already Spanish helps and we're not out of the U.S. yet! Meanwhile my wife requests two health cards at the Immigration Office—blank cards, that is. She checks in baggage and passes customs. By the use of a little Spanish picked up in Mexico, she gets on the good side of a ticket agent, who allows her the use of an electric typewriter in the airline's private offices to fill out health cards.

After a hectic time at the bank, and running practically the full length of New Orleans International, we board a Pan Am clipper by the skin of our teeth—clutching two incomplete but official-looking health cards. (Our original and official health cards will catch up with us in Lima, Peru. But we visit about seven countries before Peru.) Will we make it to Peru on our "temporary" cards? Guatemala will tell the story.

On The Lookout

Our first time further south than Mexico City!

Naturally we hold our breath as we now approach Guatemalan customs, wondering if we can pass.

Guatemala's health inspector is a casual, friendly lady. We smile, she smiles; she glances at our typewritten yellow cards, pauses . . . and waves us on.

We finally heave a

quiet sigh of relief. . . .

What a thrill to be in a new section of the world! But not all is thrills. Besides trying to get a general "bird's-eye" view of Latin America and possibilities for advancing the

Spanish WORLD TOMORROW broadcast, we were on the lookout for three things: anti-Americanism; the European Common Market cutting into United States markets in this area; the growing Latin American Common Markets. We uncovered plenty about the various common markets. But more about that later. We were happy to find little or no anti-Americanism in Central America.

My wife's diary has some interesting remarks about Guatemala. I quote:

"July 16—the people here are very friendly to Americans, at least to us. We won't vouch for the reception Guatemalans would give to the typical grumbling, complaining and ungrateful American tourist. Our first Latin breakfast began with fresh-squeezed orange juice, served on immaculate, white-linen-covered tables, every one decorated



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Fiesta Day in Guatemala City. A tourist attraction. Most people do not see the real conditions behind the scenes.

by a bouquet of *fresh yellow roses!* Looking out the window, we puzzled as we saw a man watering the roof. It turned out to be a roof garden! We toured the capital city by taxi, finding it *very* clean, with trees and colorful flowers everywhere. Women carry baskets three feet in diameter—filled with fruit or wares—on their heads!

"American advertising has penetrated Central America. We had to laugh when we saw a familiar-looking, orange and black animal on a billboard reading: 'Ponga un tigre en su tanque' (Put a tiger in your tank!)."

Fresh tropical air, friendly people, exotic marimba music and this happy, colorful "banana capital" are hard to leave behind, but on we must . . . Flying away from this ancient Mayan land, we saw what must have been poor and miserable hovels (though no slums are in the main part of the city). But at that distance we could not *see* the poverty of the people for the richness of the land.

Central American *countries*—we found—are not poor, as many Americans seem to think. These countries are *RICH*. A large segment of the *people*, on the other hand, are poor. Poor, principally because a small gilded and moneyed class does not permit the poor—"those underneath"—to rise. It is a near-impossible struggle to become "middle class." Unlike the U. S., the middle class here is conspicuous for its absence.

For example, El Salvador is the smallest—but the richest—country in Central America. The middle class here is very small, or nonexistent. Reputedly, only 14 families control all El Salvador. The wealth of this smallest country in the hemisphere is demonstrated by its luxurious airport—clean, dramatically architected with beautiful polished stone floors.

Central America is full of surprises. You expect jungle in Central America. You do not expect tiny El Salvador to rate second in the world for population per square mile!

You expect heat. But major capitals such as Guatemala City, Tegucigalpa, Mexico City (if you include this North American country), and San Jose are not nearly as hot as many of our Mis-



Wide World Photo

In much of Latin America the few control the economy, while the indolent masses live in slum areas.

issippi Valley and Plains states, even in summer—due to high altitude. All these capitals are 3,200 feet or higher. Only in Nicaragua and Panama do you begin to "feel" the heat, but our stays there were pleasant at that.

The "Center" of Central America

Another dramatic landing in Tegucigalpa, Honduras! No wonder it is called "Honduras" (meaning depths or hollows). The Spaniards named the country for its *deep* harbor, but it also turns out to be the most mountainous country in Latin America. Our airplane literally pierces its way through a steep mountain pass and calmly follows the tilted mountainside right down into Tegucigalpa. A tall, dark and handsome Indian-featured Nicaraguan (our first travel friend) offers to buy us a Honduran drink. After treating us, Pedro P. Benavente, who sells mattresses to hotels all throughout Central America, stated his opinion (and the opinion of his business contacts): "The *German* is the *best businessman*." Although some American products are superior to those of Europe, Señor Benavente definitely thought Germany is ahead of the United States in capturing Central American business.

Our next scheduled stopover is Nicaragua, therefore our impressions of El

Salvador and Honduras had to be quick. Honduras was friendly, but noticeably dirtier than El Salvador or Costa Rica.

Nicaragua from the air was another breathtaking sight! Known as a land of lakes, jungles and volcanoes, Nicaragua will not disappoint a tourist in those respects. And if you want a wild taxi ride, try this one from Nicaragua's airport to Managua, the capital city. Driving in the opposite lane just below blind hilltops and blind curves, plowing school children out of the way with a horn (at 50 m.p.h.) surpassed anything we ever experienced in Los Angeles, New York or notorious Mexico City! In spite of the harrowing ride, we at last landed safely in the Gran Hotel Managua.

Here we are at last—in the "center" of Central America!

Novel Experiences

July 17—Live music in a hotel may not be novel, but it is certainly novel in the Gran Hotel Managua. The hotel's lobby has no rear wall, and opens directly into an inner courtyard lined with a small tropical garden containing a swimming pool. Our room looked out directly over this open courtyard, and from the lobby below exhilarating Latin music wafted its way up to our veranda and through our open window. Live music in our private room!

But probably the most novel of our Central American experiences was our evening dinner at "Club 13"—opened to us by the gift-shop owner with whom we did business. It turned out to be the top restaurant in the NATION. All the way from the dignified Latin butler who unlocked the front door for us, through our most delicious steak in a long time, to signing our names on the wall along with celebrities, to the rare tropical fruit "caco," it was a fabulous evening.

Only one problem. Walking out of the restaurant we were flocked by begging children who asked for money or food. Behind the children on the cement was a baby entirely wrapped with a blanket except for his feet and ankles sticking out. We wondered if he were dead—or just sleeping. These street urchins did not look too thin; hard to tell whether they were really hungry. As for us, after this sight we forgot our fine meal, and felt empty....

The final novelty was having a cool drink next day, overlooking three separate natural lakes, with a view of Managua to top it all off. After seeing the city and an inspiring tour of the Presidential Palace (which surpassed our own White House in some ways) we headed for Panama.

America's Panama Canal

Various delays caused us to arrive at the Panama Hilton Hotel at 4:00 a.m. Oh yes, we lost an hour by changing time zones as well. One consolation at least: no charge for this night since we came in so "early." We are \$20 ahead of the game! Too hungry to sleep, we dragged into the 24-hour coffee shop provided by this luxury hotel. Unfortunately gamblers just finishing up were also hungry so service was poor and slow. To sleep at 5:30 a.m.

July 18—We awakened surprised to see it was after 2:00 in the afternoon! No matter, we needed the rest.

We toured the city by taxi with a friendly Negro driver. Here there is lush green foliage, as in practically all of Central America, and the richer residential sections of Panama City are beautiful. But there are many slum areas

The Little Common Market

The Central American Common Market is proving to be a big success!

Since its inception five years ago, the five-nation trading bloc (Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, and Costa Rica) has virtually eliminated all tariffs on goods made and traded within the member countries.

The new, expanded market of twelve million people has proven a big boon to businessmen and industrialists. They no longer are confined to the limited markets of the individual small countries.

The man on the street too, is happy. The trade zone has revolutionized the buying habits of many Central American housewives. It has made available—for the first time at reasonable prices—a wide variety of foodstuffs and household goods that they simply couldn't afford before because of prohibitive import duties.

Foreign businessmen are not as happy, however. A unified high external tariff wall is rising around "the five" at the same time that the internal barriers are crumbling. This is making it more difficult for foreign concerns to compete with Central American companies.

American firms are beginning to feel the pinch. Already, each can of imported soup carries a 20-cent tariff. U. S. textile mills are finding the market increasingly difficult to crack.

The only answer for foreign firms is to locate plants within the CACM wall. Again, American businesses are finding the going very tough. Our former enemies, West Germany and Japan, are scrambling fast to get a toehold in the area, once virtually a "private reserve" of the U. S. In Honduras, America's position as number one importer is being seriously threatened by four rivals—West Germany, Holland, Czechoslovakia, and Japan.

Events in the CACM, coupled with smoldering uneasiness in neighboring Panama, clearly show that United States domination in Central American affairs can no longer be taken for granted.

CACM officials have also made trade overtures to their "big brother," the European Common Market. Any link-up between the two could further harm American interests.

Watch these developments!

as well—slums distinct from any we have seen before in Latin America. Of wood construction, usually more than one story high, they remind us of slum areas in New York City. The government is building new apartment houses, but obviously cannot build fast enough. And worst of all, somewhat similar to Al Capp's "deep misery," the new government buildings soon begin to look "slummy" once they are inhabited.

American influence is strong here: much English is spoken; there are Dairy

Queen refreshment stands; Shell, Esso and Gulf service stations.

But . . .

American influence yes, but American prestige is pitiful! If you start a discussion about the canal, Panamanians either subtly assume that you know the canal territory is theirs, or they try to convince you gradually that Panama owns the territory. Although we found no anti-Americanism here in the form of riots or mistreatment, anti-Americanism is definitely in evidence as far as the

"image"—prestige—of the U.S.A. is concerned.

"Cold-Shoulder" Treatment

For example, it was by accident we learned the story of the Thatcher Ferry Bridge. The bridge story demonstrates the subtle, cold-shoulder type of anti-Americanism carried on since the January 1964 riots. Returning from a formerly all-American (now integrated) beach at the southern mouth of the Panama Canal, our taxi suddenly broke down. After giving the driver a running push down the hill and watching him disappear into the distance we noticed a beautiful stone monument dedicated to the gigantic bridge crossing the mouth of the canal. Everyone in Panama City called this engineering marvel "Puente de las Americas"—"Bridge of the Americas." But the stone monument plainly reads "Thatcher Ferry Bridge 1962" (see accompanying picture).

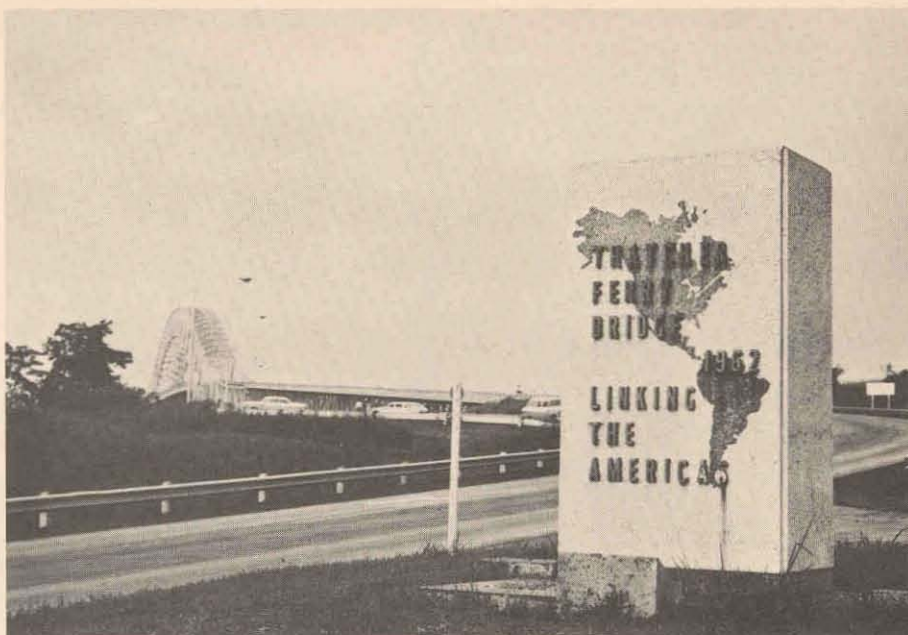
Why the discrepancy?

A well-known American engineer named Thatcher used to operate a ferry which crossed the canal at this same point, linking Panama City and the installations on the far side of the canal at Miraflores locks. When the bridge was completed in 1962, it was named after the American ferryboat operator. But since the name is a little hard to pronounce, since American prestige is *low*, since Panama wants to *remind the U.S.A.* she is only "leasing" the canal territory, PANAMANIANs REJECT THE AMERICAN NAME. They insist on calling it "Bridge of the Americas."

After almost five days of visiting and touring, *we never so much as heard the name Thatcher Ferry Bridge.* We thought its true name was "Bridge of the Americas" until—thanks to a breakdown—we accidentally stumbled on the stone monument. Incidentally, we had to return to town "on our own hook." The taxi driver didn't return until hours later. Naturally he had a "sad story" and wanted his fare we still owed!

Why Panamanians Hate Americans

In Panama we learned why America is disliked. The principal cause of hatred here is the rabble-rousing, not-too-honest political leadership of this



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"Thatcher Ferry Bridge"—its very name antagonizes Panamanians.

isthmian nation. Crooked and unscrupulous politicians know they can stay in office longer and fatten their wallets more if they can stir up the voters against some imagined "injustice." Especially a United States injustice. So when it is convenient, politicians stir up the people.

Secondly, Americans (who are still "foreigners") have at times been a little too cocksure, too haughty and superior, too possessive about their land and their "rights." America has at times been very slow and stubborn to negotiate some just claims that Panama has made.

Thirdly, and not least, is the delicate issue of integration. Americans have maintained segregated beaches, segregated areas, segregated clubs, have been slow to promote Panamanians working in the canal, etc. All this tends to resentment, not to contentment.

Although our bus ride up one side, and the train ride down the other side of the fabulous Panama Canal slicing its way through lakes, swamps and jungles were a real traveling thrill, we must admit that both in Panama City and Colón (Atlantic side) we felt more uneasy than in any other Central American country. People do not *look* friendly; a subtle spirit of anti-Americanism is in the air. What about America's future in this strategic outpost? What will happen to the Panama

Canal? We published the answers in the November PLAIN TRUTH in the article "Will the U.S.A. Lose the Panama Canal?" We may have a few back copies left.

Danger For U.S.A.

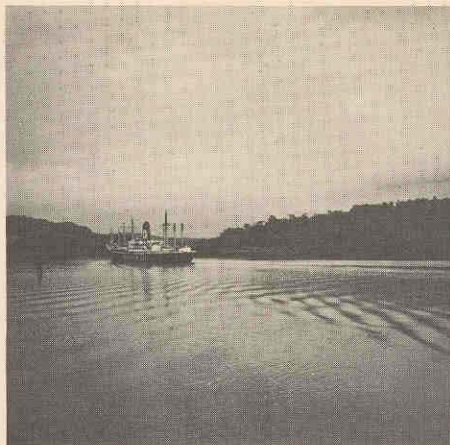
The trouble for the United States only *begins* with the Panama Canal. Another discovery was much more startling. We found that America is asleep at the switch! While the United States may be alert and sensitive to danger in the far corners of the world, she has dozed off into a comfortable slumber in Central America. While we sleep, our old enemies, Japan and Germany are quietly, calmly and confidently moving in here at lightning speed. The European Common Market is opening up ever-larger trade areas with the Central American Common Market (MCC in Spanish). A succeeding article will fully expose what's going wrong for America in this neighbor-area of Uncle Sam.

Good-bye Central America!

Our next installment will take us into South America. We'll learn of the threat to American business and security in this area. We will learn of the tropical beauty and typical side-by-side Latin contrasts of rich and poor, cleanliness and filth, happiness and sorrow, hate and love—all of which are so common inside Central and South America.



Banco Centro America, Nicaragua's tallest building.

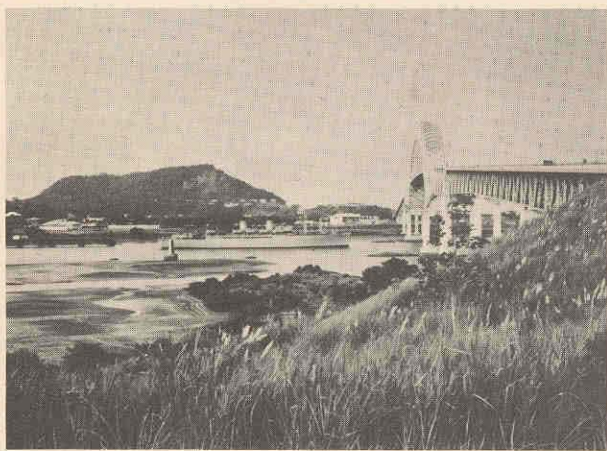


Greek ship *Eurylochus* steams through Panama Canal.



Dr. Dorothy views the Pacific mouth of the Canal just above controversially named Thatcher Ferry Bridge.

Central America — Land of Unrest



Ship approaches Bridge, showing monument on edge of mud flats marking spot where Mr. Thatcher's Ferry used to land.



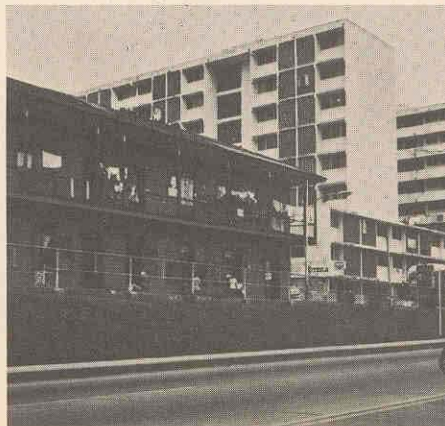
Panama Canal passes through wild jungle country.

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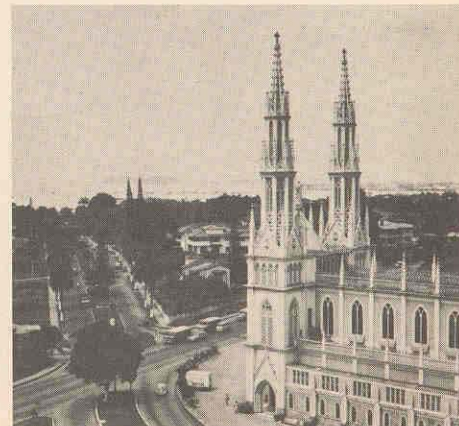
Atlantic end of Panama Canal at Colón.



Modern new apartments beside older apartment building occupied by people who have not been educated to keep their homes clean.



Panama City, with ships in background lined up at Pacific mouth of Canal.



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 KGBS—Los Angeles—1020 on dial, 10 p.m. Sun., 5:45 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
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 XERB—Lower Calif.—1090 on dial, 7 p.m. daily, 9:30 a.m. Mon. thru Fri.

LEADING LOCAL-AREA STATIONS

East

- WJRZ—Newark, N.J.—970 on dial, 11:00 p.m. Sun., 10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 WBMD—Baltimore—750 on dial, 12:30 p.m. daily.
 *WPEN—Philadelphia, Pa.—950 on dial, 7:00 a.m. Sun., 10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 WPIT—Pittsburg—730 on dial, 101.5 FM, 11:30 a.m. Sun., 12:00 noon Mon. thru Sat.
 WHP—Harrisburg, Pa.—580 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.
 WJAC—Johnstown, Pa.—850 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.
 WCHS—Charleston, W. Va.—580 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.
 WCYB—Bristol, Va.—690 on dial, 12:30 p.m. daily.
 WWNC—Asheville, N.C.—570 on dial, 4:00 p.m. Sun., 3:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 *WWOL—Buffalo, N.Y.—1120 on dial, 10:00 a.m. Sun., 12:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 4:00 p.m. 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.

- *WORL—Boston, Mass.—950 on dial, 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Sun., 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

- WBET—Brockton, Mass.—1460 on dial, 7:05 p.m. daily.

- WAAB—Worcester, Mass.—1440 on dial, 107.3 FM, 9:30 a.m. Sun.

- WMAS—Springfield, Mass.—1450 on dial, 94.7 FM, 8:30 p.m. Sun.

- WEIM—Fitchburg, Mass.—1280 on dial, 8:30 p.m. Sun.

- WNLC—New London, Conn.—1510 on dial, 8:30 p.m. Sun.

Central

- WSPD—Toledo, Ohio—1370 on dial, 101.5 FM, 9:00 p.m. Sun., 9:05 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

- WDOK—Cleveland, Ohio—1260 on dial, 10:00 p.m. daily.

- WBCK—Battle Creek, Mich.—930 on dial, 12:30 p.m. Sat. and Sun., 7:00 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.

- WJBK—Detroit, Mich.—1500 on dial, 5:30 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

- WSLR—Akron, Ohio—1350 on dial, 7:00 p.m. daily.

- WJW—Cleveland, Ohio—850 on dial, 10 a.m. Sun.

- WBRJ—Marietta, Ohio—910 on dial, 12:30 p.m. daily.

- 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, 7:30 p.m. daily.

- WEAW—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.

- WJOL—Joliet, Ill.—1340 on dial, 8:00 p.m. daily.

- WWCA—Gary, Ind.—1270 on dial, 4:00 p.m. Sun., 6:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

- WJOB—Hammond, Ind.—1230 on dial, 7:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

- *WXCL—Peoria—1350 on dial, 6:30 p.m. daily.

- WITY—Danville, Ill.—980 on dial, 7:00 p.m. daily.

- WIBC—Indianapolis—1070 on dial, 10:30 p.m. Sun.

- KBHS—Hot Springs, Ark.—590 on dial, 12:00 noon Sun., 6:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

- KFVS—Cape Girardeau, Mo.—960 on dial, 9:15 a.m. Sun., 6:15 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

- KWTO—Springfield, Mo.—560 on dial, 7:00 p.m. daily.

- KFDI—Wichita, Kans.—1070 on dial, 10:00 a.m. Sun., 11:30 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

- KFH—Wichita, Kans.—1330 on dial, 100.3 FM, 9:30 a.m., Sun., 6:30 p.m. daily.

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KGFF—Coffeyville, Kans.—690 on dial, 6:00 p.m. daily

WMT—Cedar Rapids—600 on dial, 11:30 a.m. Sun.

KQRS—Minneapolis—1440 on dial, 92.5 FM, 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, 3:00 p.m. Sun., 7:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

KFYR—Bismarck, N. Dak.—550 on dial, 7 p.m. daily.

South

KCTA—Corpus Christi, Tex.—1030 on dial, 2 p.m. Sun., 12:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 4:30 p.m. Sat.

KCUL—Ft. Worth—1540 on dial, 1:00 p.m. Sun., 12:00 noon Mon. thru Sat.

WBAP—Fort Worth, Tex.—570 on dial, 8:00 p.m. daily.

KEES—Gladewater, Tex.—1430 on dial, 12:00 noon daily.

*KTBB—Tyler, Tex.—600 on dial, 12:00 noon Mon. thru Sat.

KMAC—San Antonio—630 on dial, 9:00 a.m. Sun., 7:15 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

KTBC—Austin—590 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun., 5:30 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

KTLU—Rusk, Tex.—1580 on dial, 1:00 p.m. Sun.

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, 10:00 a.m. Sun., 11:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

WSHO—New Orleans—800 on dial, 12:00 noon daily.

WDEF—Chattanooga, Tenn.—1370 on dial, 92.3 FM, 8:00 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, or adjacent to basket-ball.

WYDE—Birmingham, Ala.—850 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun.

WMEN—Tallahassee—1330 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun., 8:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

WMIE—Miami, Fla.—1140 on dial, 8:30 a.m. Sun., 12 noon Mon. thru Sat.

WZOK—Jacksonville, Fla.—1320 on dial, 12:30 p.m. daily.

WKYX—Paducah, Ky.—570 on dial, 93.3 FM, 12:30 p.m. daily.

Mountain States

KPHO—Phoenix—910 on dial, 6:35 p.m. daily.

KLZ—Denver—560 on dial, 106.7 FM, 7:30 p.m. daily.

KMOR—Salt Lake City—1230 on dial, 9:00 a.m. Sun., 6:15 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

KIDO—Boise, Idaho—630 on dial, 7:05 p.m. daily.

KMON—Great Falls, Mont.—560 on dial, 8:00 p.m. Sun., 6:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

West Coast

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.

KMO—Tacoma, Wash.—1360 on dial, 8:30 p.m. 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.

KGAY—Salem—1430 on dial, 9:00 a.m. Sun., 6:30 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

KUGN—Eugene—590 on dial 7 p.m. daily.

KUMA—Pendleton, Ore.—1290 on dial, 6:30 p.m. daily.

KYJC—Medford, Ore.—1230 on dial, 6:30 p.m. daily.

KAGO—Klamath Falls, Ore.—1150 on dial, 6:30 p.m. daily.

*KBLF—Red Bluff, Calif.—1490 on dial, 6:30 p.m. daily.

KSAY—San Francisco—1010 on dial, 8:30 a.m. Sun., 12:30 p.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. and 10:45 p.m. Sun., 10:15 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 4:15 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

KFIV—Modesto, Calif.—1360 on dial, 6:00 p.m. daily.

KNGS—Hanford, Calif.—620 on dial, 10:00 a.m. Sun., 6:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

*KGEE—Bakersfield—1230 on dial, 5:00 p.m. daily.

KDB—Santa Barbara, Calif.—1490 on dial, 93.7 FM, 6:30 p.m. daily.

KUDU—Ventura, Calif.—1590 on dial, 95.1 FM, 8:00 p.m. daily.

*KRKD—Los Angeles—1150 on dial, 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sun., 6:15 a.m., 7:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat. 96.3 FM Sun. & p.m. times only.

KTYM—Inglewood, Calif.—1460 on dial, 12:00 noon Mon. thru Fri.

KFOX—Long Beach, Calif.—1280 on dial, 102.3 FM, 8:30 p.m. daily.

KACE—San Bernardino-Riverside—1570 on dial, 92.7 FM, 9:30 a.m. Sun., 7:05 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

KOGO—San Diego—600 on dial, 8:30 p.m. Sun.

In Spanish—

KALI—Los Angeles, Calif.—1430 on dial, 4:45 p.m. Sun.

Alaska & Hawaii

KFQD—Anchorage, Alaska—750 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.

KULA—Honolulu, Hawaii—690 on dial, 6:00 p.m. daily.

CANADA

VOCM—St. John's, Nfld.—590 on dial, 6:30 p.m. Sun., 7:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

CJCH—Halifax, N.S.—920 on dial, 10:00 p.m. Sun., 9:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

CFBC—St. John, N.B.—930 on dial, 8:30 p.m. daily.

CKCW—Moncton, N.B.—1220 on dial, 5:30 p.m. Sun., 6:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

CFMB—Montreal, Que.—1410 on dial, 1:30 p.m. Sun., 6:30 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

CKOY—Ottawa, Ont.—1310 on dial, 5:30 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

CJET—Smiths Falls, Ont.—630 on dial, 10:00 a.m. Sun., 7:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

CKFH—Toronto, Ont.—1430 on dial, 10:00 p.m. Sun., 6:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

CKLB—Oshawa, Ont.—1350 on dial, 10:30 p.m. Sun., 9:05 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

CHIQ—Hamilton, Ont.—1280 on dial, 8:00 p.m. Sun., 7:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

CKLW—Windsor, Ont.—800 on dial, 7:00 p.m. Sun.

CKSO—Sudbury, Ont.—790 on dial, 5:30 p.m. Sun., 8:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

CJLX—Fort William, Ont.—800 on dial, 6:25 p.m. Sun., 7:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

CKY—Winnipeg, Man.—580 on dial, 10 p.m. Sun., 6:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

CKDM—Dauphin, Man.—730 on dial, 6:30 p.m. daily.

CJNB—North Battleford, Sask.—1050 on dial, 2:30 p.m. daily, 6:30 p.m. Sun., 7:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

CKRM—Regina, Sask.—980 on dial, 6:30 p.m. daily.

CJGX—Yorkton, Sask.—940 on dial, 9:00 p.m. Sun., 8:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

CKXL—Calgary, Alta.—1140 on dial, 10:00 p.m. Sun., 5:30 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

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CFCW—Camrose, Alta.—790 on dial, 8:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 8:00 p.m. Sat.

CJVI—Victoria, B.C.—900 on dial, 6:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

CKLG—Vancouver, B.C.—730 on dial, 7:00 a.m. Sun., 6:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

CKPG—Prince George, B.C.—550 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun., 6:30 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

CKOV—Kelowna, B.C.—630 on dial, 8:00 p.m. daily or after football.

CFBV—Smithers, B.C.—1230 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.

In French—

CFMB—Montreal—1410 kc., 5 p.m., Sat. and Sun.

CKJL—St. Jerome, Que.—900 kc., 10:30 a.m. Sun.

EUROPE

In English—

RADIO LUXEMBOURG—208 metres (1439 kc.) medium wave, 6:00 p.m. Mon. and Tues., G.M.T.

RADIO LONDON—266 metres (1120 kc.) medium wave, 7:00 p.m. daily.

RADIO CAROLINE NORTH—199 metres (1500 kc.) medium wave, 8:00 p.m. daily.

RADIO CITY—299 metres (1000 kc.) medium wave, 6:45 a.m. daily.

RADIO SCOTLAND—242 metres (1250 kc.) medium wave, 7:00 p.m. daily.

*RADIO 390—390 metres (773 kc.) medium wave, 7:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. daily.

In French—

RADIO LUXEMBOURG—1293 metres—5:40 a.m., Mon., 5:25 a.m. Tues., Thurs. and Fri.

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

In German—

RADIO LUXEMBOURG—49 metres (6090 kc.) shortwave and 208 metres (1439 kc.) medium wave—6:05 a.m. Sun., 5:30 a.m. Mon., 5:15 a.m. Tues., 5:15 a.m. Fri.

ASIA

RADIO TAIWAN (FORMOSA)

"The 3rd Network, B.C.C."—

BED23 Taichung 1380 kc.;

BED55 Taipei 960 kc.;

BED78 Tainan City 1540 kc.;

BED79 Kaohsiung 1220 kc.;

BED82 Chiayi 1460 kc.—

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

RADIO OKINAWA—KSBK—880 kc. Sundays: 12:06 noon.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS:

DZAQ, Manila—620 kc.—8:30 p.m. daily.

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

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

DYKR, Kalibo—1480 kc., 8:00 p.m. daily, except Tues. 7:00 p.m.

DZAL, Legaspi City—1230 kc., 8:00 p.m. daily.

DZGH, Sorsogon—1480 kc., 8:00 p.m. daily.

DZLT, Lucena City—1240 kc., 9:00 a.m. daily

DZRB, Naga City—750 kc., 9:00 p.m. Sun.

DZRI, Dagupan City—1040 kc.—9:00 p.m. Sun.

RADIO GUAM—KUAM—610 kc., 6:00 p.m. daily.

AFRICA

RADIO LOURENCO MARQUES, MOZAMBIQUE—3301 kc., 92 metres and 4925 kc., 60 metres—10:00 p.m. Mon., Wed., and Sat., 10:30 p.m. Tues., Thur., and Fri.

RADIO UFAC, ELIZABETHVILLE—OQ2AD—4980 kc. (60 m.)—6:30 and 10:00 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

WNBS—Lagos—602 kc.—8:30 p.m. daily.

WNBS—Ibadan—656 kc., 3380 kc., 6185 kc. and 9500 kc.—8:30 p.m. daily.

AUSTRALIA

2KY—Sydney, NSW—1020 kc.—10:15 p.m. Mon. thru Thurs.; 10:45 p.m. Fri.; 11 p.m. Sat.

2AY—Albury, NSW—1490 kc.—9:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

2GF—Grafton, NSW—1210 kc.—9:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

2GN—Goulburn, NSW—1380 kc.—8:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

2GZ—Orange, NSW—990 kc.—8:45 p.m. Sun., 9:05 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.

2HD—Newcastle, NSW—1140 kc.—10:30 p.m. Sun.; 9:00 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.

2KA—Katoomba, NSW—780 kc.—10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

2LM—Lismore, NSW—900 kc.—8:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

3AW—Melbourne, Vic.—1280 kc.—10:30 p.m. Sun.

3BO—Bendigo, Vic.—960 kc.—9:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

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

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

3TR—Sale, Vic.—1240 kc.—9:30 p.m. Sun. thru Thurs., 8:30 p.m. Fri.

3XY—Melbourne, Vic.—1420 kc.—10:30 p.m. Sun., 10:00 p.m. Mon. 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.

4IP—Ipswich, Qld.—1010 kc.—9:30 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

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

4WK—Warwick, Qld.—880 kc.—9:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

4TO—Townsville, Qld.—780 kc.—9:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

6KG—Kalgoorlie, WA—980 kc.—10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

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

6AM—Northam, WA—860 kc.—10:00 p.m. Sun.; 10:15 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.

7AD—Devonport, Tas.—900 kc.—8:30 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

*7BU—Burnie, Tas.—560 kc.—9:00 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

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

7LA—Launceston, Tas.—1100 kc.—10:10 p.m. Sun., 9:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.

7SD—Scottsdale, Tas.—540 kc.—9:00 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

LATIN AMERICA

In English—

RADIO BARBADOS—Black Rock, Barbados—785 kc., 10:30 a.m. Sun., 9:30 a.m. Mon. thru Fri., 11:00 a.m. Sat.

RADIO REDIFFUSION—Bridgetown, Barbados, 9:30 a.m. Sun., 10:30 a.m. Mon. thru Fri., 9:30 a.m. Sat.

RADIO AMERICA—Lima, Peru—1010 kc.—5:15 p.m. Sat.

HOC21—Panama City—1115 kc.;

HP5A—Panama City—1170 kc.;

HOK—Colon, Panama—640 kc.;

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

In French—

4VBM—Port au Prince, Haiti—1430 kc., 7:45 p.m. Wed.

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

RADIO CARAIBES—St. Lucia, West Indies—840 kc.—6:45 a.m. Mon. thru Thurs.

In Spanish—

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

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

RADIO SPORT—CXA19—Montevideo, Uruguay—11835 kc.—2:00 p.m. Wednesday.

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

AS 1966 DAWNS— WATCH THESE 7 TRENDS

Who wouldn't like to **KNOW** what lies ahead in world events in 1966? Here are **SEVEN SPECIFIC PROPHECIES** shaping up to affect **YOUR LIFE** in the next 5 to 10 years!

by Roderick C. Meredith

CAN you grasp what is **HAPPENING** to our Anglo-American civilization? Do you see the "hand-writing on the wall"?

Violent crime is on a rampage especially in the cities of America. Since 1958, the crime rate has shot up almost *six times as fast as the rise in population!* A virtual **EXPLOSION** of crime occurred last year in both the U. S. and Britain.

One person was murdered every fifty-five minutes. One actual or attempted rape was reported every twenty-six minutes. One holdup took place every five minutes in the U. S. alone.

WHERE Are We Headed?

Last month in the article, "*As 1965 Draws To a Close . . .*," I showed you how even Sir Winston Churchill sensed that God was working out a special **PURPOSE** in His dealings with the British Commonwealth and American peoples. For we are identified in Bible prophecy. We are the descendants of the ancient "House of Israel"—sometimes called "the lost ten tribes of Israel."

The *proof* of our prophetic identity is thrilling, exciting reading. And it is the *truth* of God's Word! If you have not yet done so, then write *immediately* for our free booklet, *The United States and the British Commonwealth in Prophecy*.

Notice a basic prophecy for modern Israel—America and the British Commonwealth peoples. It is found in the fifth chapter of Jeremiah. Remember that Jeremiah was written *over one hundred years* AFTER the House of Israel went into her first and only nation-

al captivity. This prophecy, therefore, *must refer* to a **FUTURE** captivity—to come in *our time soon!* And this prophecy describes our peoples with absolute *accuracy!*

Our "transgressions are many," our "backslidings are increased" (v. 6). God asks, "How shall I pardon thee for this? thy children have forsaken me, and sworn by them that are no gods: when I had fed them to the full, they then committed adultery, and assembled themselves by troops in the

harlots' houses. They were as fed horses in the morning: every one neighed after his neighbour's wife" (vs. 7-8).

Yes, our God has "fed us to the full." He has given us *every blessing*.

But we have failed to *serve* and **OBEY** our God. Instead, "our transgressions are many"—*crime, violence, delinquency* and *sexual filth* stalk the land! We are smashing the laws of God and men with ever-increasing frequency. We are a **SICK** people!

Therefore God instructs our enemy:



Wide World Photo

Shocking increases in policemen being murdered while protecting the public!



Wide World Photo

A man was murdered in this car because his skin was dark. His widow and children grieve. His murderers do not.

"Go ye up upon her walls, and *destroy*; but make not a full end: take away her battlements; for they are not the Lord's. For the HOUSE OF ISRAEL and the *House of Judah* have dealt very treacherously against me, saith the Lord" (vs. 10-11).

Blessed above all other nations on earth, our peoples have indeed dealt "very treacherously" against our God! In our vain pursuit of pleasure on the one hand and "scientific" knowledge on the other, our peoples have totally forgotten about the REALITY of the God who created and now *RULES* this universe! Today, people are even writing about "the death of God"!

Soon, *very soon* now, they will stand aghast as God shows himself vitally active and ALIVE! Alive and *intervening* in the affairs of nations!

Read and study the dual prophecies found in Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28. Here God reveals that if our nations will not obey Him and *keep His commandments* He is going to PUNISH us as no other national peoples have been punished in all human history!

He promises: "And I will break the PRIDE of *your power*; and I will make

your heaven as iron, and your earth as brass" (Lev. 26:19). Certainly the "pride" of the British Empire and the American peoples has been taking a severe licking all over this earth! But this is just the BEGINNING!

If we continue in our disobedience to God's commands, God promises that our ways will not only bring upon us *disease epidemics, drought, famine and lawless riots* in our midst, but finally foreign invasion and *national SLAVERY* unparalleled in modern times!

Month by month, in *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine, we give you detailed descriptions and proof of *what is to happen* to our national peoples unless we repent and return to our God. Now, in this article, we want to give you the BIG PICTURE of what lies ahead and describe SEVEN MAJOR OCCURRENCES in prophecy which are destined to affect our nations and *your personal life*.

For God has raised up this very Work as His "watchman."

God commands Mr. Armstrong, and those assisting him in this Work: "So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a WATCHMAN unto the *House of Israel*; therefore thou shalt hear the Word at my mouth, and warn them from me" (Ezek. 33:7).

Like Jeremiah, the book of Ezekiel was written *over one hundred years* AFTER Israel's first and only captivity to date! It is written for our peoples, NOW. And God says the warning of His watchman is "*from me*"—from GOD HIMSELF!

So listen!



Wide World Photo

Routine arrests trigger senseless riots against authority.

Here's What to "Watch"!

You have only *one life*—and this is it! It's about time you opened your heart and your mind to UNDERSTAND the great *purpose* which is being worked out here below.

Describing the days of the "Great Tribulation" lying just ahead of us, Jesus said: "For as a *snare* shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth" (Luke 21:35). Yes, like a small "trap" that *snaps shut* on unsuspecting animals—these horrifying times shall descend on an unsuspecting, uncaring, rebellious humanity!

"WATCH ye therefore, and PRAY ALWAYS, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man," Jesus continued (v. 36).

The true Christ of your Bible commanded you to WATCH world events—and PRAY that you may *understand* and be *counted worthy to escape* the times just ahead.

There are SEVEN DEFINITE TRENDS in world news to "watch"! These are MAJOR EVENTS which we have been warning of for *over three decades!* They are SURE to come to pass unless our peoples repent.

If you doubt for one instant that this is the *very* WORK of Almighty God, then accept our challenge and "watch" and *see with your own eyes!*

Here they are—

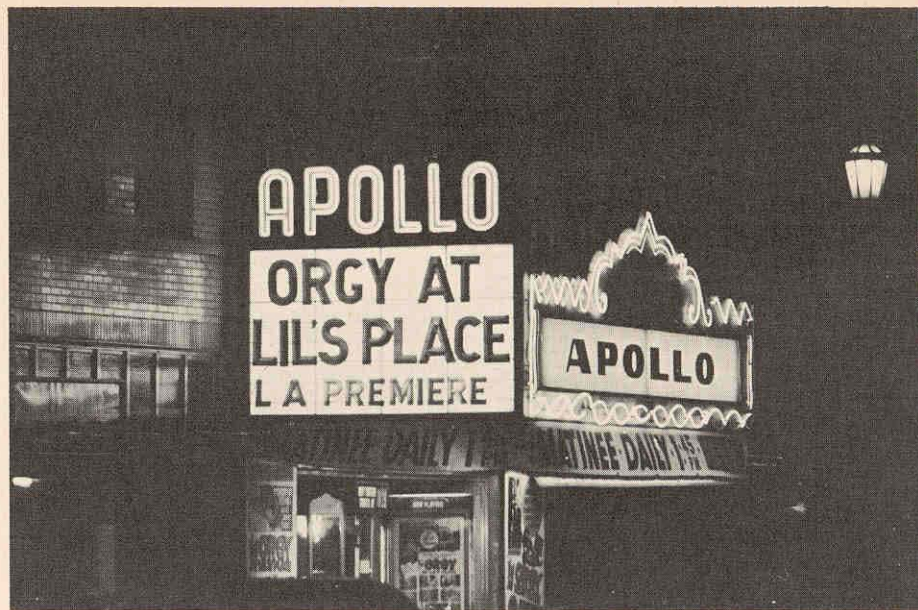
I. WATCH CRIME and IMMORALITY Increase

The first major trend to "watch" in our Western society is the increase in crime, immorality, illicit sex, filth, perversion, race hatred and violence!

Most people, of course, think or "hope" the trend will improve. But it WILL NOT!

In II Timothy, 3:1-13, the apostle Paul stated: "This KNOW also, that in the last days *perilous times shall come . . .*" He then went on to describe a time of *juvenile delinquency*, of *blaspheming* God's name (vs. 1-2), of hate and violence (v. 3) and an anemic *false religion* (v. 5).

This prophecy is for the "*last days.*"



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Sexual filth in movies is now the rule rather than the exception.

Paul continued: "But evil men and seducers shall wax *worse* and WORSE, deceiving, and being deceived" (v. 13). Modern educators, psychologists and ministers like to "kid" themselves that these things are natural and will just "work themselves out." But wholesale *rebellion* against the laws of God and man works utter CHAOS and ever-multiplying and increasing human *suffering* and *misery*.

Our peoples are spiritually SICK. With many leading educators, psychologists and ministers denying the laws and standards of the Living God, this river of immorality and lawlessness shall swell to become a FLOOD. It will undermine and ultimately help *destroy* our *civilization* from within unless we REPENT!

II. WATCH "Liberalism" Increase

In the modern idiom, the term "liberalism" has taken on a totally new meaning. It is the application of *human reason*—apart from God—as the ultimate solution of man's problems.

Under the cloak of "liberalism" BILLIONS of tax dollars have been doled out to so-called "developing nations" whose people often curse U.S. officials, wreck embassies, tear down and spit upon the American and British flags!

Thousands of "liberal" educators,

sociologists, psychologists and ministers *reject all knowledge of GOD or His laws*. They deny any God-given standards of right and wrong. They reject the divine basis and meaning of marriage or anything else.

This *damnable principle* injected into the minds of our peoples—especially high school and college students—is WRECKING our entire society!

Here are some of the results: "A University of California law professor predicted Friday that one out of every fifty persons will commit a serious crime this year, and he blamed *recent court decisions* for the upswing... 'It cannot be questioned that we are losing the Crime War,' said Rex A. Collins, Jr., professor of law. 'The rights of criminals keep on increasing. The rest of us are speedily losing ours'" (From the *Los Angeles Times*, June 17, 1965).

"Liberal" lawmakers and judges are rapidly knocking out whatever teeth may be left in our disjointed legal system! It is a "toothless tiger" which faces the increasing ravages of *murderers, robbers and rapists* in our lawless society!

On the religious side, Associated Press recently reported: "A Protestant theologian today rejected the 'old morality' of rules and principles... at the United Church of Christ's Annual Youth Forum.

"The Rev. Joseph Fletcher said...



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Almost every newsstand now sells pornographic literature undermining the morals of youth.

'Depending upon circumstances, *unmarried love could be infinitely more moral than married love*, lying could be more Christian than telling the truth, stealing could be better than respecting private property. It always depends upon the situation.'

"Dr. Fletcher is professor of ethics at Episcopal Theological Seminary, Cambridge, Massachusetts."

This type of reasoning is a sewer which leads into a veritable CESSPOOL! It will soon *drown* and DESTROY our once-upon-a-time "Christian" civilization unless we REPENT!

III. WATCH the Trade War and Gold Supply!

America and Britain are LOSING the worldwide *Trade War*! The British people some time ago erected a sign reading: "Exports Go UP or Britain Goes DOWN." Yet, recent reports reveal exports *have gone down* rather than up for Britain—and the situation is growing yearly more PERILOUS.

Meanwhile, latest statistics reveal the ominous fact that our erstwhile enemy in World War II, West Germany, is now the *second largest trading nation on earth*! It is second *only* to the United States—and will surpass America in 1966!

With the American gold supply at

its lowest ebb since 1938, William McChesney Martin, Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, came out a few months ago with a WARNING of a coming *depression* unless we changed our financial ways. It was downgraded in the press, "explained away" by officials. People want to FORGET.

But *they will not be able to forget* when the GREAT DEPRESSION OF THE

1970's strikes a blow which will NEVER be forgotten by the American and British people!

IV. WATCH Loss of Overseas Bases

Singapore is almost GONE. Panama is GOING. Vietnam is siphoning off BILLIONS of American tax dollars, *thousands* of young lives and draining our national strength as well as prestige around the world. All because of a far-off Korea-type war which officials have decided in advance NOT TO WIN decisively!

The Spanish are clamoring to kick Britain OUT of Gibraltar. Other Mediterranean and North African nations are putting pressure on the United States to "get out" of their countries and dismantle our military bases or *leave to them* the BILLIONS of dollars' worth of equipment we have invested in these bases!

This trend will *continue* until, indeed, "the pride of our power is BROKEN."

V. WATCH for Drought, Famine and Pestilence

The worst storms, floods, fires and earthquakes in history are *already* RAVAGING many areas of America and the British Commonwealth! Fully HALF of



DPA Photo

West Germany is fast overtaking the U. S. in widely diversified international trade and will soon be number one.

all hospital beds are now occupied by men and women suffering from *mental disturbances*.

Notice Amos' prophecy for our people—modern Israel: "And I also have given you cleanness of teeth [*famine!*] in all your cities, and want of bread in all your places: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord. And also I have witholden the rain from you, when there were yet three months to the harvest: and I *caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it NOT to rain upon another city...*" (Amos 4:6-7).

Here we find described FLOODS in some areas and DROUGHT in others—farmers "trucking" water from place to place as they are already beginning to do in vast areas of Australia and in parts of America!

Concurrent with these increasing droughts, famines, forest fires and earthquakes, will be terrible DISEASE EPIDEMICS unprecedented in modern Western civilization! These will be brought on, in part, by the industrial waste which is poured into our waters, the smog taken into our lungs, the poison preservatives put into our food and drink, and even the *use of drugs* in medical practice.

A Canadian newspaper recently reported: "Far from being rare, adverse drug reactions may be EPIDEMIC" (from the *Kitchener-Waterloo Record*, October 28, 1965).

Man himself will bring on *disease epidemics* for which there is NO CURE! (See photos, next page.)

So says God's Word! Most of you will live to SEE this happen!

VI. WATCH Germany, Italy and France

As we have been warning for nearly a third of the century, a final revival of the Roman Empire is destined soon to take place in Europe! The "Holy Roman Empire" of the Middle Ages was *always* based on the European Continent and included part or most of the major nations there.

Bible prophecy certainly indicates that Germany and Italy will again be the "backbone" of this coming European union. Prophetic hints—and current



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Forest fires are increasingly ravaging drought-stricken areas.



Bob Taylor Photo

Crop failures now occur where they never occurred before.



Wide World Photo

Seismologists predict that more and bigger earthquakes are coming.

events—indicate that France may also play a major part.

The three above-mentioned nations—already the leading members of the Common Market—are destined, despite De Gaulle, to become the bulwark of a United States of Europe. Together with *seven other* European nations, they will comprise a federation of nations with combined population, wealth, and resources FAR IN EXCESS of that possessed by either the United States or Britain!

Though aided by BILLIONS of American tax dollars since World War II, France and West Germany are *already* becoming very independent. Charles de Gaulle has certainly shown no great love for Anglo-Saxons!

The *big* factor to watch, of course, is a rearmed, re-Nazified GERMANY! The PLAIN TRUTH has warned for decades that Fascism would again revive there and be used as *God's battle-ax* to punish America and Britain if we don't REPENT.

Even now, American and British newspapers report that Franz Josef Strauss, former West German Defense Minister, is threatening that if Germany is not allowed participation in *nuclear weapons* development and use, a new "Führer-type" dictator would appear who *"would promise* and probably also acquire nuclear weapons"!

Just at the time of his winning the most significant victory in the recent West German election, Strauss released his book entitled *The Grand Design*. In it, this strong-willed, bull-necked German leader proposes a United States of Europe as a third and nuclear deterrent force though, he now says, allied with America.

As LIFE magazine for October 1 reported: "Strauss sees a gradual release of U. S. troops from Europe and generously proposed that, if needed, *his super-Europe could lend soldiers to HELP GUARD AMERICA*"! [Emphasis ours.]

When will we WAKE UP?

VII. WATCH Exactly Ten Nations Unite Church and State in Europe

Exactly and specifically TEN nations—or groups of nations, like the Benelux
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WATCH RISE IN SICKNESS



Wide World Photo

Want to breathe the polluted air of today's big cities?



Wide World Photo

And how about fishing along this stream?

A UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE

WHY are there so many languages in the world today? **WHY** not just one common tongue? **WHEN** and where did mankind become multilingual? **WHAT** brought about this diversity of languages? **WILL** the world ever have a universal language?

by Raymond F. McNair

TODAY's world is a *divided* world—in its politics, religion, ideologies and in its social order. It is also hopelessly divided by uncounted languages and dialects.
Why?

Thousands of Languages

According to the *Encyclopedia Americana* there are about 3,000 to 4,000 languages in the world today.

The *Encyclopaedia Britannica* says there are anywhere from 2,500 to 5,000 languages in the world.

The truth is, nobody really knows how many languages and dialects there are in the world. All are agreed, however, there are at least a few thousand languages spoken by the earth's inhabitants.

Scores of languages (dialects) are spoken in *China*. *India* has "845 distinct languages and dialects." The USSR, 112 different languages. And in West Africa approximately 60 million natives speak over 400 languages. Perhaps that explains why Ghana has made English its official tongue.

Each of these nations whose peoples speak different languages or dialects are seriously handicapped—even greatly weakened—by their multi-language culture.

One of the chief reasons for Britain's and America's strength is found in their *one* language. They have been united in a common tongue—the English language!

Each year, countless billions of dollars are spent in studying foreign languages, in translating millions of books, articles, periodicals and other reading material, and in overcoming innumerable misunderstandings—all brought about through language barriers!

Inventors have tried to construct *translating machines* to overcome the language-barrier difficulties—but all to no avail! The idea is to make a machine which will automatically translate material (fed into it in the form of the

spoken or written word) from one language to another!

One such machine is reported to have translated the English proverb, "Out of sight, out of mind" from English into the German equivalent of "Invisible idiot!"

Needed—a World Language!

Anyone who has traveled extensively in the world has experienced the utter frustration caused by being unable to communicate with other nationalities because of a language barrier! Just last summer, while traveling through ten countries on the Continent of Europe, I experienced the language barrier. The language barrier can be embarrassing at times. It can also be very exasperating!

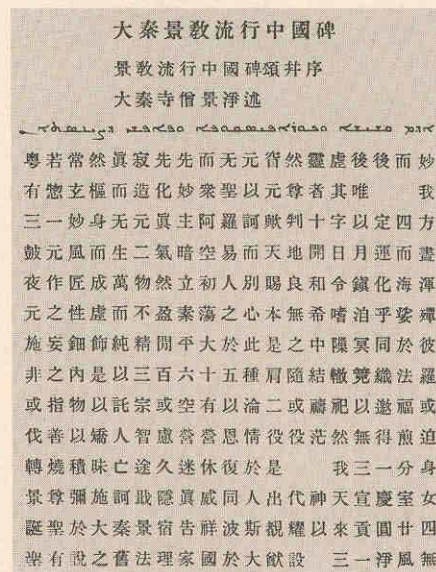
My wife and I and two of our friends stopped to eat breakfast in a small cafe in Northern Italy. It so happened that none of us spoke Italian, and the Italians at this cafe spoke not a word of English.

Did you ever try ordering breakfast from a foreigner who didn't understand a word you said? Well, just try it some time and see how difficult it is!

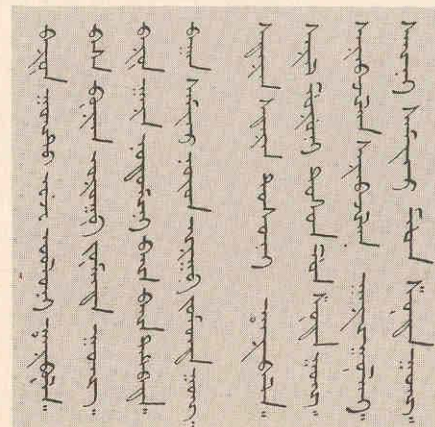
We tried to convey to these Italians that we wanted toast, eggs, butter, honey, milk and coffee.

Believe me, it was a most difficult task to get those Italians to understand just good, plain English! We resorted to the international language of gestures, and I think we even drew pictures to try to get across our meaning. Repeatedly, the Italian waiter would disappear into the kitchen and bring out another item of food—only to have us shake our heads, thereby showing him

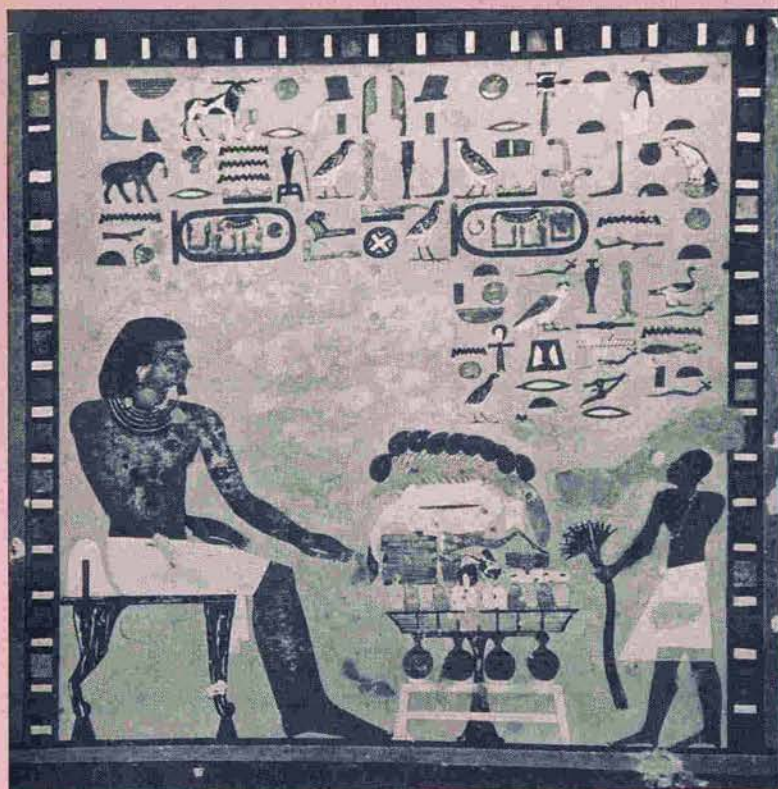
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Part of a Syro-Chinese text of a Nestorian Inscription. The Chinese language is a problem even for the Chinese.

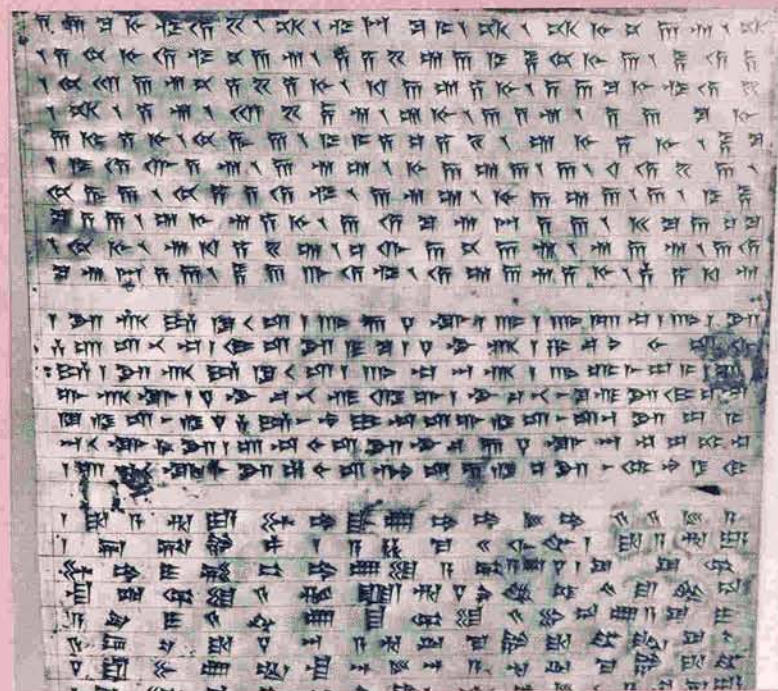


A song in Kalmuck, one of the 112 languages in the USSR. The Mongol Kalmucks live in the grasslands around the Volga River.



Courtesy: Cairo Museum, Cairo, Egypt

Hieroglyphic writing from the tomb of prince Sarenput, during Egypt's twelfth dynasty—the period of the Biblical Patriarchs.



Courtesy: Archaeological Museum, Tehran

A cuneiform trilingual gold tablet of King Darius, in Old Persian, Elamite and Babylonian languages.

日本食品
佐詰は最も
評判のよい
白菊印
をどうぞ

パサデナ
日本食料品専門の店
東京フード割引店

キヤルローズ米は
とても
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Courtesy: Tokyo Food Co., Pasadena.
A grocery store placard in Japanese.



Two pages from the Polyglot Bible, written in six languages.

MAN'S PROBLEM O

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Ich ging im Walde So für mich hin, Und nichts zu suchen Das war mein Sinn.		Qal	Qal Stative
Im Schatten sah' ich Ein Blümchen stehn, Wie Sterne leuchtend, Wie Muscheln schö'n.		Perfect.	
Ich wollt' es brechen, Da sag' es fehn: Soll ich zum Welken Gebrochen seyn?		Sing. 3 m.	קָם
Ich grub's mit allen Dem Würgelein aus, Zum Garten trug ich's Am hübschen Haus.		3 f.	קָם
Und pflanz' es wieder Am Hüften Ort; Nun wächst es immer Und blüht so fort.		2 m.	קָם
		2 f.	קָם
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German and Turkish poetry written in Gothic and Arabic scripts.

A Hebrew verb conjugation for beginners.



Courtesy: Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

Ancient hieratic script and hieroglyphs (above) from an Egyptian tomb.

ages: Greek, Syriac, Persian, Latin, Arabic, Ethiopic.

F COMMUNICATING

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A page of Danish history, World War II period. Note that the Danes call their nation Denmark, or the Mark of Dan.

that it wasn't what we had "asked" for.

If I recall correctly, it was not too difficult to get across to him that we wanted eggs, milk and some of the other items. But the sticky one was the honey! It was only with a great deal of perseverance, and a certain amount of ingenuity, that we were at last able to convey to this Italian what we really wanted—honey! I think we finally drew a picture of a bee and a piece of honeycomb. He finally got the point, but had to inform us that he didn't have any honey. We left him a generous tip in appreciation for his patient efforts in helping us overcome our language difficulty.

Yes, it can be difficult—time consuming and very exasperating—trying to communicate with another when neither of you understands the other's language.

Why So Many Tongues?

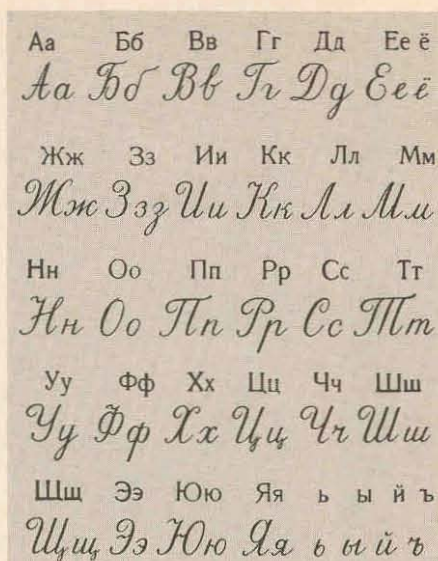
Why is the world so hopelessly divided into thousands of languages? *When* did the world become this way? And what prevents the world from devising a world language which could be adopted by all nations? Or, has this already been tried—unsuccessfully?

Before we answer these questions, we must go back over 4,000 years in history. The time—soon after the Flood. The races and families of men began to multiply. One man became especially ambitious! This despot Nimrod began to rise above his fellow men and organize them into city states (Gen. 10:8-11).

How many languages were there at that time? "*And the whole earth was of ONE LANGUAGE, and ONE SPEECH*" (Gen. 11:1) is the answer.

At that point in the history of mankind, the various branches of the human family rebelled against the government of God. They wanted one world of their own. "And they said to one another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime [bitumen] had they for mortar.

"And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and *let us make us a*



The Russian alphabet—like many others—will soon be replaced by a far less complex alphabet.

name [let us become famous], lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth" (verses 3, 4).

But—their Creator, the Almighty God of heaven, saw what man was about to do. He acted. He confounded or divided their speech.

Why God Confused Man's Speech

But why? The answer is revealed in verses 6-9: "And the Lord said, Behold, *the people is ONE* [that is, they are *united*], and they have all *one* language; and this they *begin* to do: and *now NOTHING will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.*

"Go to," said God, "let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.

"Therefore is the name of it called BABEL; because *the Lord did there CONFOUND the language of all the earth*: and from thence did the Lord scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth."

Many have read over this account. Few, however, have really understood its terrible import!

Why did God object to the people having one language? And why did He

not want them to be "one"—that is, united?

The Eternal God well understood the almost unlimited capacity of the human mind which He himself had created! God in heaven knew that, if these rebellious human beings remained united, speaking *one language*, they would pool their mental and physical resources—for *DESTRUCTIVE purposes!*

It was not that God objects to man's having one language. He knew, however, that *man would*, by his accumulated knowledge, utterly destroy the whole world and all life—if He did not intervene—and quickly!

So, mercifully, Almighty God in heaven divinely intervened in the affairs of mankind on this earth! It became necessary for God to step in and *confound* or *confuse* man's language so that the different families (which were later to become tribes and nations) would become hopelessly *confused* and *divided* among themselves. They would not, then, be able to combine their scientific and technological knowledge. Had the Creator not intervened and confounded man's language at the Tower of Babel, men would have raced along in the acquisition of scientific knowledge. Mankind would undoubtedly have advanced in scientific and technological knowledge to such a degree that the nations would have discovered how to use the atom even before the time of Christ.

God Almighty, however, ordained that He would let man follow his own codes of ethics, devise his own human politics and governments, establish his own forms of religion, and in general, go his own way for 6,000 years. After which, God would send Jesus Christ to this earth to rescue mankind from the brink of world suicide, and show man how to live a life of happiness, of accomplishment, of peace and prosperity.

That divine act put an end to mankind's "*one*" language. Man's unified efforts to build the Tower of Babel was the signal for Almighty God to intervene and separate races and families by giving each race and family the language which the Creator wanted that particular people to speak. *The races*

and nations have remained divided linguistically ever since!

Now let us see *how* mankind began, in the latter part of the 19th Century, to try to undo God's work of confounding the language at Babel.

Esperanto and Other World Languages

Johann Martin Schleyer, a German Roman Catholic clergyman and linguistic scholar, invented a universal language, called *Volapük*. He published *Volapük* in 1880. This world language was based "partly on English," but alas, it had many inconsistencies and weaknesses and so its adherents gave it up as a bad language. It was rejected!

In 1887, a Russian Jew, Lazarus Ludwig Zamenhof ("Dr. Esperanto") published his now-famous work, *Esperanto*. This artificially created language was a mixture of Continental European languages—included strong elements of Latin, Italian, French, German, English, Slavic; it has been referred to as "bad Italian."

Many will be surprised to learn that *Esperanto* is spoken or read by about one and one-half million people!

"By 1950, the Esperantists could point to 5,000 published books and a number of journals. Short-wave news broadcasts in *Esperanto* averaged 150 a month. Theirs was the only constructed language which had a worldwide body of living speakers (about 1,500,000), was being taught in more than 600 schools by 7,000 teachers and was being used widely in international gatherings" (*Ency. Britannica*, 1960 ed., art. "Universal Language").

The Third Assembly of the League of Nations, in 1922, even went so far as to endorse *Esperanto*.

During World Wars I and II, *Esperanto* was used for political propaganda and underground activities. It was employed by the Red Cross and in the prisoner-of-war camps.

Many radio stations in Europe and America have broadcast in *Esperanto*.

But *Esperanto*, too, was weighed in the balance and found wanting. It has not proven to be the language which the world was looking for. Others too have been devised and failed—*Inter-*

lingua, *Gloria*, *Ido*, *Langue Bleue*, *Novial*, *Udiom Neutral*.

Some have advocated taking a "living" language such as English, French, Spanish, German or Russian and making that into an international language.

This would never work! Nationalistic jealousies and rivalries would doom such an attempt to utter failure.

But, believe it or not, a world language—a universal tongue—is coming, and soon!

God Uses Different Languages

It is common knowledge that the Old Testament Scriptures were inspired in the *Hebrew* language, with a few fragmentary portions being written in *Aramaic*.

Though the Hebrew language is expressive in many respects, yet it has its limitations. It was not the tongue which Almighty God wanted to use as the tool through which He would reveal to mankind the mystery of the Kingdom of God, the Gospel or Good News of His soon-coming Kingdom!

Greek became the New Testament language God chose through which He revealed the Good News of His Kingdom to the world.

God had allowed Alexander the Great to spread the *Greek language* and culture over much of the known world in the centuries immediately preceding the birth of Jesus Christ. The *Greek language* had taken deep root by the time Christ and the apostles began their ministry. The New Testament was not only written in *Greek*, but much of the preaching of the apostles was done in that language.

But, even the *Greek language* had its shortcomings.

Then God Chose English!

Strange as it may seem, Almighty God raised up the *English language* as His chief instrument through which He would publish and proclaim the Good News of His soon-coming Kingdom to most of the world—at the close of this age!

But why *English*?

English is today the world's number one language.

"*English* is currently the world's most irresistible language . . . *flexible*,

expressive and *relatively simple*, *English* is circling the planet at a phenomenal rate.

"*Spoken as first language by 250 million people and as a second language by hundreds of millions more*, widely dispersed *English* is becoming the *universal tongue of trade, diplomacy, science and scholarship*. Pilots of all nations use it for airways communication. . . In emerging Asia and Africa, polyglot people take up *English* as the only way to comprehend their neighbours. The Chinese Communists speak *English* in propaganda broadcasts to East Africa. The Russians use it in broadcasts to the Far East. . ." (*Time*, Nov. 29, 1963.)

Over 60% of all the world's radio programmes are broadcast in *English*, and over 70% of the world's mail is written and addressed in the *English language*.

One can travel into any part of the world and nearly always find someone who can speak *English*. *English* is being taught in many schools, colleges and universities throughout virtually every nation on earth.

India's Lesson

India received her independence from Britain in 1947. In 1950, Nehru's Central Government proclaimed that *Hindi* would be the official language of India from that time forward. This transition from *English* to *Hindi* was to have been completed by 1965. But innumerable snags were encountered by the Indian Government in its drive to make *Hindi* the official language of India.

English has been the common language of the educated Indians for over a century. About 13 million upper-class Indians (3%) speak *English* fluently. If *English* were to be completely abolished in India, chaos would certainly follow!

"Finally the so-called 'Save Hindi' Campaign was called off. The announcement, significantly, was published in *English*. In Parliament, Prime Minister Nehru declared that for an indefinite period *English* would continue as an 'associate official language.' While Hindus listened in silence and non-Hindi-speaking legislators cheered,

Nehru termed *English 'the major window for us to the outside world.*

"We dare not close that window," he said. "And if we do, it will spell peril to our future." (*Life*, Feb. 12, 1962.)

The *French* language used to be the international language of diplomacy, but English has now generally replaced it. English is the number one language used in the United Nations. About 53 member states receive regular transcripts of speeches and proceedings in English as compared with twenty-seven which request drafts in the French language.

Only 65 million people now speak French as a first language; "less than one-fourth of the U.N.'s 111 member nations still use it in debates" (*Time*, Nov. 29, 1963).

It is interesting to note that multi-dialect Chinese is spoken by more people (about 600 million) as a *primary* language than any other tongue. But the myriads of Chinese dialects make it impossible for many of the Chinese to clearly understand one another's speech.

In all, *about 850,000,000 to 900,000,000 (nearly a billion) people either read, speak or understand English!* Those who speak English cover about one-quarter of the globe.

Not only is English written, broadcast, spoken and understood on every continent, but it has come to be the *lingua franca*, the international language of diplomacy, scholarship, science, commerce and sport. Despite the political ferment in Arab lands of the Middle East, English continues to be the number one language. In spite of Egyptian animosity toward America and Britain, Cairo's *Egyptian Gazette* recently declared: "English is not the property of capitalist Americans, but of all the world."

The Gospel in English

Now one can clearly see *why* God has chosen the English language as the number one language through which He would reach the inhabitants of the earth with His Good News in this end-time age!

Through *The WORLD TOMORROW*

broadcast and *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine, *nearly 30 million people (nearly 1 out of 10 of all the English-speaking peoples) are now being reached each week with the true Gospel of Jesus Christ!* (This very Work of God is also proclaiming the Good News of God's Kingdom in German, French and Spanish!)

English is a fairly easy language to learn. Its grammar is simple; it is a very versatile tongue.

It is the most expressive language in the world. The Romance languages—Latin, French, Spanish and Italian—are very good for expressing human emotions and feelings. The German language is good for science—and giving commands! But the English language is an all-purpose language.

One of the reasons for this is the simple fact that the English language contains words from many languages. It is derived from Hebrew, Sanskrit, Greek, Latin, German, French, Italian, as well as miscellaneous elements of Russian, Spanish, Portuguese, Arabic and American Indian and other tongues. This gives English a somewhat international flavour and appeal. It has been called "a concentration of many languages."

Though English is easy to learn, is versatile and expressive—yet it, too, has its weaknesses, inconsistencies and limitations! *It is one of the world's most difficult languages to spell correctly.*

A World Language Coming— Soon!

A world language is coming soon! The whole earth will soon be united in one common tongue—in peace and harmony.

Many Bible prophecies show that God will send His Son, Jesus Christ, back to this earth before the close of this 20th Century—this time to prevent mankind from annihilating himself (see Mat. 24:21-22; Dan. 12:1 and Jer. 30:7).

Micah 4 and Isaiah 11 vividly picture the time when the Kingdom of God will be established on this earth. This will be an era of unparalleled peace, happiness and prosperity! Jesus Christ will rule the earth for 1,000

years—one full Millennium of worldwide, Utopian blessings on this earth.

One of the great blessings which Almighty God will again grant to all nations during this 1,000-year rule of Christ will be a universal, worldwide language! This is clearly revealed in the third chapter of Zephaniah.

Notice this prophecy. God will "gather the nations" and "assemble the kingdoms," to pour out upon them His "fierce anger"—because of their sins (Zeph. 3:8)! This prophecy is unmistakably clear. It refers to the same time as is portrayed in Zechariah 14 and Revelation 19—the time when all nations will gather to fight against Jesus Christ—at His second coming! They do not want any divine authority over them. What does the victorious Christ do? Here is the answer, in Zephaniah 3.

The time setting for Zephaniah 3:9 is millennial! God solemnly promises, "*For then will I turn to the people A PURE LANGUAGE, that they may ALL call upon the name of the Lord, to serve Him with ONE consent.*" Yes, God Almighty is going to give all nations "a pure language" so that they may "all" call upon His name and serve Him in unity of purpose.

At that time, the earth shall no longer be in a state of confusion. The world will not continue to be divided by thousands of languages. It will not be hampered by a Babylon of tongues. God will establish a pure, simple to learn, and effective language over the whole earth.

What language will God establish during the 1,000-year rule of the Kingdom of God upon the earth? The Scriptures do not directly reveal which tongue will become the universal, "pure language"! We'll have to wait and see! But it may well be based on English. For after all, God used Hebrew and Greek when each was an international tongue. Today it is English. But that will not mean that a knowledge of Greek and Hebrew will disappear!

But this we do know—it will be a "pure" language—not one filled with names of pagan gods and goddesses, and foolish superstitions—nor vulgar expressions. The names of the days of

the week, the months of the year, and of the pagan holidays, which masquerade as "Christian," will disappear. No more goddess of *luck*—no more *Thor's* day (*Thursday*)—no more *Gemini* space shots, etc. etc.

Through the instrumentality of a pure language—a universal, world

language—God will at last unite all nations under His Utopian rule! But not until the nations first repent of their sins!

Thank God, the veritable babble of thousands of languages is destined to vanish from the earth—in the very near future!

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.

● A new book, *The Passover Plot*, suggests that Jesus, mistakenly believing Himself to be the promised Messiah, schemed throughout His life to manipulate people so that the Old Testament prophecies would be fulfilled. According to the book, Jesus planned to feign His death and resurrection. But, the plan went awry, and He died in the tomb from the spear wound in His side. The author claims to arrive at these conclusions after forty years of research. Would you comment on this?

Howard A., Gary, Indiana

Nearly three thousand years ago, Solomon wrote, "Of making many books there is no end," (Eccl. 12:12). Human beings just love to "hear some new thing" (Acts 17:21). Whether that which they discuss is true or not doesn't seem to matter much. That is the case with the book you mentioned!

In the first place, it is quite a feat for an unborn baby to "conspire" to be born of a virgin (Isa. 7:14); in the city of Bethlehem (Micah 5:2); of the lineage of David (Isa. 11:1, 10); at the precise moment which would fulfill the requirements of the prophecy in

Daniel 9:24-27—which reveals the exact time the Messiah would first appear!

Now, immediately after His birth, the baby Jesus would have had to "conspire" to have Herod kill the children of Bethlehem (Mat. 2:17-18) to fulfill the prophecy in Jeremiah 31:15. (Rachel—for those who read Jer. 31:15—was buried at Bethlehem, Gen. 35:19-20.)

Then, the infant would have had to "conspire" with His parents to take Him to Egypt and then bring Him back to fulfill the prophecy of Hosea 11:1 (Mat. 2:15). Then the family had to journey to Nazareth to fulfill the spoken prophecy that the Messiah would dwell there (Mat. 2:23).

From the foregoing, it should be abundantly clear that what the author contends is impossible! But, much more would be required!

Christ would have had to bribe John the Baptist to come and preach for a while and baptize Him (Mal. 3:1). Think of all the people He would have had to bribe to support the miracles of feeding four and five thousand people! And what of all the healings and even raising the dead?

Did Christ so perfectly counterfeit

the hundreds of miracles that He fooled all the huge crowds of people into following Him? Certainly those He healed and raised from the dead knew He wasn't a fake!

How about the events of crucifixion week? Did Christ conspire with Judas to go to the officials and talk them into paying exactly 30 pieces of silver for the betrayal to fulfill the prophecy (Mat. 27:9-10; Zechariah 11:12-13; Ps. 41:9)?

Did He persuade Judas to take the silver back to the priests and then hang himself; then hire the chief priests to use the money to buy the potter's field to bury Judas to fulfill the latter part of Zechariah 11:13? How did Christ do *this* while He was lying dead in His tomb?

Did Christ conspire to have two malefactors crucified at the same time as He, to fulfill Isaiah 53:12 "... and He was numbered with transgressors..." (Luke 22:37)?

Did He also conspire with the rich man to bury Him in His own new tomb (Isa. 53:9)? Did He conspire with the soldiers to cast lots for His clothing (Ps. 22:18; John 19:24)? Did He deliberately have them pierce His side and nail His hands and feet to the stake (Zech. 12:10; Ps. 22:16)? The author claims Jesus bungled that one and finally died of the wound!

Did He hire dead saints to rise and walk into Jerusalem and appear to "many" (Mat. 27:52-53)? Did Christ hire someone to rip the curtain in the temple as He died? Did He somehow cause a period of darkness, thunder, and earthquakes (Mat. 27:45, 51)?

Did Christ fool His own disciples into thinking He had risen and was alive in heaven to such an extent that they willingly carried His message to the world and gave their own lives doing it?

Was it so convincing that even a company of the priests believed the story (Acts 6:7)? Remember that these same priests had taken great precautions against anyone stealing the body (Mat. 27:62-66)?

Are all the miracles of the book of Acts tricks too? Did Christ—now dead, or so the writer claims—then plot with

the Roman government to destroy Jerusalem and the temple thirty-nine years after His own death (Mat. 24:1-2)?

What kind of imagination worked forty years to come to the conclusion that all this could have been a massive plot—the greatest trick in history? You answer that!

If all these things were a trick, Christ would have *had to bribe nearly everyone* in that whole nation and in Rome also! Where did He get all that money? He didn't get it by building houses in Nazareth! These things were not done in a corner, but publicly, in full view of all, and all knew it was genuine (Acts 26:25-28).

Who could possibly believe such a preposterous book! Probably not even its own author!

But let us not forget—Jesus did know He was the Christ! He voluntarily gave His life up to the Jews and Romans to pay for the sins of the whole world. He was raised from the dead and lives today at God's right hand ruling the universe.

● Is it true that many American colonists refused to keep Christmas and New Year's Day because both were derived from paganism?

D. H.

Not only did most American colonists reject the pagan customs of observing Christmas and New Year's, but so did the KING OF ENGLAND!

Here are the facts of history!

During the 16th century Henry VIII of England abolished the observance of Christmas with its attendant revelry. In 1542, the licentious customs of paganism were still firmly welded to December 25. After criticism from his counsellors over the disorders during the Christmas season, Henry proscribed the festival for TWELVE YEARS! It was restored in 1554, after Mary Queen of Scots—a zealous Roman Catholic—took control.

In his authoritative book, *Survivals of Roman Religion*, Gordon Laing reports, "Apparently the compromise made by the early Church in adapting the customs of Saturnalia [Roman solar festival] to Christian practice had little

or no effect in checking the license of the festival. This continued through the whole Christmas season and sometimes lasted till the day of Epiphany (January 6)" (page 65, emphasis ours).

In order to escape religious bigotry, oppression and persecution, many were forced to escape England and settle in the New World.

Francis X. Weiser comments: "In the colonies of New England, however, the unfortunate and misdirected zeal of the Puritans against Christmas persisted far into the nineteenth century. . . ." (*Handbook of Christian Feasts and Customs*, page 65.)

Then how did Christmas become the biggest, most expensive holiday in the world?

Again Weiser puts his finger on the source of Christmas customs in the New World when he writes, "It was not until immigrants from Ireland and from continental Europe arrived in large numbers toward the middle of the last century that Christmas in America began to flourish. The Germans brought the Christmas tree" (page 67).

It was the Roman Catholics of southern Ireland and German Protestants and Catholics who finally overbalanced the Puritan objection to Christmas and New Year's observance.

The Puritans were not the only group to recognize Christmas as BAPTIZED PAGANISM!

Today, professing Christians openly acknowledge the pagan origin of these seasonal festivals. See any Encyclopedia, article "Christmas." Most think IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE where Xmas or New Year's came from.

Don't YOU make that mistake!

Write immediately for our free booklet, *The PLAIN TRUTH About Christmas!* and the free article, "The Truth About NEW YEAR'S!" for more information (see inside front cover for addresses).

● Is it all right for a Christian man to wear long hair? Didn't Jesus wear long hair?

M. G.

Christ did not look like a *beatnik* or a *beatle*!

Both the Bible and secular history

prove this statement. "Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a SHAME unto him?" (I Corinthians 11:14.)

The only Biblical exception to this was the unique Nazarite vow (Num. 6). But, Christ was *not* under this vow at any time during His life. One under this vow was forbidden to drink wine (Num. 6:3), yet Jesus Himself stated that He drank wine (Mat. 11:19).

One under the Nazarite vow was also prohibited from touching a dead body (Num. 6:6-9). But, Christ did touch dead bodies (Luke 7:12-15; 8:49-56).

Also, the fact that Judas had to kiss Jesus in order to point Him out in the crowd showed that Christ was dressed and looked like any ordinary man (Mat. 26:48-49).

Why do modern pictures depict Christ as a sissy, effeminate, long-haired character?

Dr. Farrar, in his authoritative book entitled *The Life of Christ as Represented in Art*, tells us that the earliest pictures of Christ, drawn by professing Christians from word of mouth descriptions, did *not* show Him with either a beard or long hair.

Dr. Farrar says: "He [Christ] is almost invariably [represented as being] boyish and beardless. . . His hair is SHORT (page 43).

Furthermore, Farrar reports that "during the first four hundred years [after Christ's birth] there is probably no representation of Christ as bearded, or as a worn and weary sufferer" (page 52).

The world today assumes that Christ looked like a beat dog, a degenerate, long-haired, effeminate person. Why haven't you heard the truth about your LIVING SAVIOR who was, in reality, a clean, robust, short-haired, compassionate, and dynamic man?

It's high time you knew the TRUTH about what Christ really looked like! Write now for our free, full-length article entitled "Is it Wrong to Have PICTURES of Christ?" It's chuck-full of vital facts and quotes you need. Understand how the REAL Christ looked and what God says about the false pictures that most people assume represent Christ!

What our READERS SAY

(Continued from inside front cover)

Armstrong did read the article and gave her suggestions before we printed it.

"It has been some time since I've been riled up enough to bother to write a letter concerning an article, but 'yours' takes the cake! It can't be 'for real!' Never have I ever read anything quite like it! I realize that different times these articles are written *completely* against women, and *completely* for men! Oh yes, it's all sweetness and flowers (for the men). It is so sickening to read such 'tripe' where women are told to be sweet, forgiving, servile and patient at all times to the husband. Nothing about the weary, work-worn, justifiably irritated, tired 'little women'—of whom I know many—and I know of many of these hateful, selfish men who please themselves *at all times!* Never take their wives out, expect them to work 7 days without ever taking them out or giving them a break in any way... Don't be a stupid, unrealistic 'lunkhead.' Surely you can't have a wife?"

Mrs. L. P., Port Hope, Ontario
Canada

• *Mrs. P., have you ever tried to smile?*

A Nigerian Speaks

"I cannot resist the temptation of praising you and the editorial staff of *The PLAIN TRUTH*. Never in my lifetime have I ever seen such a gesture of abundant good will—that I can have to read every month an attractive magazine filled with interesting pages of world happenings."

Reader
Nigeria, Africa

• *Thanks, but wait till you see the next issue—full color inside!*

...in a Dentist's Office

"I read your magazine last week for the first time while sitting in the dentist's office. I was only able to read one article, but I really enjoyed the little I read. I would be interested in receiving

this magazine and would appreciate advice as to how to obtain this monthly."

Mrs. S. E., East Orange,
New Jersey

No Fairy Tales

"... I was surprised to find that your magazine, unlike any other religious magazines, presents truth to its readers and not 'airy fairy' ideals. *The PLAIN TRUTH* is a magazine which I can use to help myself and others throughout my daily life, and it provides me with answers and a reason for being a Christian. I can relate religion with living, from reading *The PLAIN TRUTH* and now, for me at least, religion is not kept for the 'butt' end of the week, but is used day by day."

Subscriber, Liverpool, England

Starting in Time

"I have read what you said about the younger generation. It is certainly true. I'll admit that I'm a lot like that, although I don't commit serious crimes that call for court hearings, but you have showed me where I was wrong. I know that I should obey my parents and I'm trying harder. I'm 14 years old."

Eunetta T., Asheville,
North Carolina

"My mother receives your magazine every month. Naturally I read it. I am 17 years old and I think this world in which we live has gone berserk! The laws of the United States are unbelievable. I don't see how the human race has survived life itself. My father and I were arrested for sitting at home, when a drunk man burst the door down, beat up my mother and sister and tried to kill a little baby. I hit this man with a soft drink bottle and my father shot a gun over his head to scare him off. I am underage but the laws of this state let this man take a warrant out for me. The laws of this state (incidentally, I used to respect them) are cheap and dirty. If you've got money, that's all it takes to bribe any self-respecting law officer. I don't see how any officer could be cheapened so!"

B. B. (age 17)

Kings Mountain, North Carolina

• *You're wrong—the laws are usually*

sound and not just "any" law officer will accept bribes. Don't ever make the mistake of disrespecting the LAWS because of people who break them.

The Bible Story

"I have just finished reading 'The Bible Story' in the latest edition of *The PLAIN TRUTH*. I am a 20-year-old girl and I would like to tell you and Mr. Wolverton that out of your whole magazine, I enjoy this feature the most, although the rest of the magazine is always very interesting also. Mr. Wolverton's writing and translation into modern English makes understanding and learning from the Bible so much easier."

D. H., Columbia City, Indiana

"Please cancel my subscription to *The PLAIN TRUTH* immediately. Having experienced forgiveness and rebirth in Jesus Christ, I must state sincerely that your magazine and radio messages deviate entirely from the direction I have witnessed from God, by Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit."

David B. S., La Mesa, California

• *You've "experienced" rebirth? Then you're now a spirit being? (John 3:6.)*

"Your *PLAIN TRUTH* is beautiful in its new color dress but, more important still is what is between its covers. I look forward to every edition and still wonder how you do it. It's a very enlightening and beautifully illustrated magazine. After I read each issue I think to myself—wish I had the vocabulary to express my thanks and thoughts about its contents."

A. R., Davenport, Iowa

From an Ex-Agnostic

"It was only a week ago that I was a stubborn agnostic. I happened to listen to one of your Sunday night sermons and that was all it took. Within 30 minutes you converted me into an almost 100 percent Christian. Believe me, I have never heard anyone else talk quite so well and sound so convincing as you."

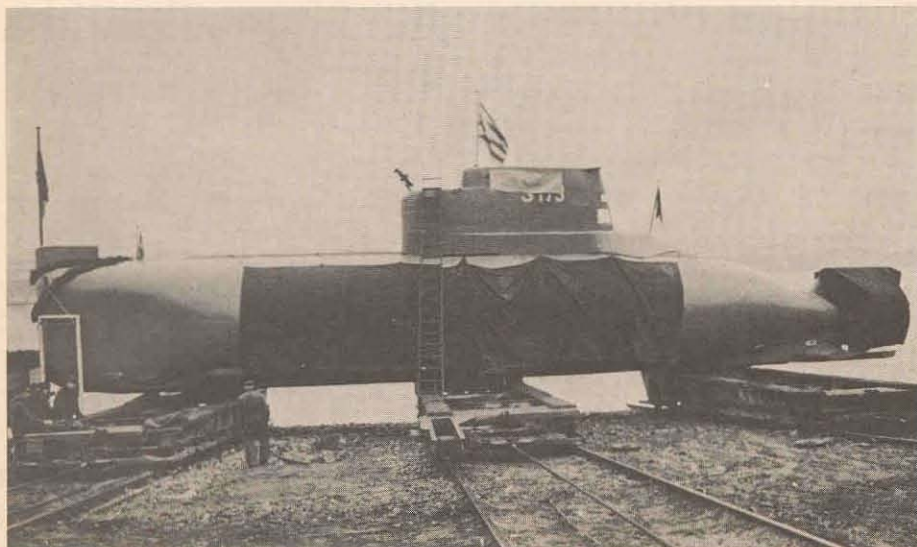
James M. B., Jr.

Upper Montclair, New Jersey



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Several hundred former SS soldiers have reunion in Rendsburg, top, while families persecuted by the Nazi regime picket the meeting, center.



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AS 1966 DAWNS

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countries—in less than 8 or 10 years will unite under a great false religious system and a super-dictator called prophetically the "Beast." Whatever their method, whoever these religious leaders may be, WATCH this false religion—masquerading in the name of "Christianity"—rise in power in Europe and join hands with a coming Hitler-like dictator! Great DECEIVING MIRACLES are prophesied to occur (see Rev. 13:14 and Rev. 19:20).

The peoples of Europe will be *swept off their feet* by this coming dictator and a great false religious leader! This system will comprise the final revival of the Roman Empire as revealed in Revelation 17 and 18 of *your Bible*. The God of heaven will allow this modern Babylonish system to PUNISH the American and British Commonwealth people unless we REPENT of the wretched sins and perversions *wrecking* and *ruining* every stratum of our society!

That's it. Now you know—and in specific DETAIL—what lies ahead! *Don't ever say you haven't been warned!*

Study and REVIEW these SEVEN MAJOR POINTS outlining the conditions just ahead in the world! *Write them down*, if need be. *Remember them!*

This is a *challenge* to YOU if you are not afraid to face REALITY!

Now you know—in SPECIFIC detail—what to "WATCH" taking place in world news in fulfillment of Bible prophecy. These are not "little" things—they are the HEADLINES from next year's newspapers, and the next few years after that! They will affect the MAJOR NATIONS of our Western world and *your personal life!*

You may either HEED this prophetic warning and begin to seek God in *fasting*, *prayer* and *study* as NEVER BEFORE, or you may bury your head in the sand and head straight to your DOOM!

A new German test submarine, made of anti-magnetic steel to avoid detection by sonar equipment, is launched in Bremen. Some parts of it are covered for reasons of secrecy.

The Bible Story

by Basil Wolverton

CHAPTER EIGHTY-SEVEN

HEATHEN ARE JUDGED

THE triumphant Israelites had pursued part of the Philistine army for several miles before defeating it. The chase toward Aijalon had required just about all the failing strength Saul's soldiers could muster.

Unwise Fast—Reckless Feast

Saul's son Jonathan was surprised when he was told, as he ate a piece of wild honey, that his father had pronounced a curse on any Israelite soldier who ate anything before evening. (I Samuel 14:20-28.) At the rate the battle was moving, it would be evening before it was over.

"I have done nothing wrong because I didn't know of such an order," Jonathan explained to the soldier who had seen him eating some honey. "Besides, why should my father tell his men not to eat when they are so tired and hungry? If escaped Philistines should band together in sufficient numbers to attack us, without food we wouldn't have the strength for more fighting. Just that one mouthful of honey has already caused me to feel stronger." (I Samuel 14:29-30.)

It was sundown by the time the Israelites quit fighting and dragged into their camp near Aijalon. The hungry, tired men wasted no time in bathing or resting. Their main thought was of food, and they rushed into slaughtering and butchering the animals they had taken from the Philistines. They didn't even take the time to properly bleed the carcasses, as God commanded (Leviticus 17:10-13), but tossed them immediately over fires or into caldrons of boiling water. A few more impatient ones even gulped down chunks of raw meat. (I Samuel 14:31-32.)



Saul's army was so weary and hungry that some of the soldiers gulped down raw meat while most of the blood was still in it.

When the high priest saw what the soldiers were doing, he was discouraged that Saul would allow his men to prepare and consume meat in such a careless manner. He went at once to Saul.

"I have learned that the men were very careful to obey your order not to eat till evening," Ahiah pointed out, "but now they are ignoring one of God's health laws by gorging themselves with blood-filled meat!"

Saul immediately ordered the soldiers to come to attention and listen to him.

"You have done wrong by not properly bleeding the animals you have slaughtered," he told them. "Cease the slaughtering. Bring a large stone here to the center of the camp for an altar."

As soon as the stone was laboriously dragged in, Saul spoke again to the soldiers.

"From now on this evening all animals that are to be used for food must be killed and properly bled at this spot. I don't want to hear of anyone else eating meat that isn't rightly prepared." (I Samuel 14:33-35.)

Much more meat was prepared for eating that night, but only according to God's instructions. (Leviticus 3:17; Deuteronomy 12:23-25.) Saul's little army didn't require a huge amount of food, but Israelites who had been freed from the

Philistines kept pouring into the camp to ask for something to eat.

Hoping to please God, Saul gave orders that a complete altar should later be erected at the spot where the stone was. It isn't recorded whether or not he sought Samuel's or Ahiah's advice in this matter.

No Answer This Time

Later, when the soldiers were refreshed and rested, Saul felt that the Israelites should seek out and destroy the Philistine troops who had hidden or escaped.

"Now that we have taken from the enemy all the metal weapons that we could carry," Saul asked his officers, "don't you think it would be wise to mop up the scattered Philistine soldiers before they regroup and possibly attack us? If we delay later than tonight, we could miss the opportunity to wipe out about all that is left of their army."

Some of Saul's officers agreed that it should be the thing to do. Others hesitantly made it known that the Philistines had suffered enough defeat, but all left the decision up to their leader.

"This is our opportunity to completely crush the Philistines," Saul pointed out. "Tell our men to prepare to march!"

Ahiah the high priest was present. He had only listened, but now he stepped forward and held up his hands for attention.

"Before we act any further," he broke in, "I suggest that we take the matter to God. It might not be His will for us to strike against the enemy so soon again." (I Samuel 14:36.)

Saul wasn't exactly pleased by Ahiah's interruption, but he knew that it wouldn't be wise to go against the suggestion of the high priest.

"Ask God to tell us what to do," Saul told Ahiah. "Ask Him if He will give us victory over the rest of the Philistines if we go after them."

Ahiah prayed earnestly about this matter. But no sign or indication came from God as to what Israel's troops should do or how successful they would be in another battle. After a little wait, Saul's patience ran out. (I Samuel 14:37.)

"It must be that God hasn't answered us because someone has committed some great sin," Saul announced. "I want the leaders of the tribes to meet with me here as soon as possible. I'll determine who has sinned and caused God to ignore our inquiry. Even if it turns out to be Jonathan my son, I promise that he shall die!"

When the leaders gathered, Saul accused an unknown person of doing some unknown thing so terrible that it was separating the people from God. He called for the guilty one to come forward, or for anyone to speak out who knew of such a matter.

Not a man spoke out or stepped up.

"If no one will admit guilt, then I'll seek him out by casting lots!" Saul declared resolutely. "My son and I will be on one side, and all the rest of you on the other. Do you agree that handling it that way is fair to start?"

The assembled leaders, soldiers and onlookers nodded and murmured in agreement. Saul then asked Ahiah to request that God make His will known through the casting of lots. Ahiah produced the lot device, and two drawings were made. Saul blinked in surprise when he realized that his lot seemed to indicate that he or Jonathan was guilty! (I Samuel 14:38-41.)

"According to this, the finger of blame is pointing to me or my son," Saul announced hesitantly. "Now lots must be cast between us."

Each man drew a lot. Saul scowled at sight of Jonathan's, which seemed to point out that the younger man was in some way responsible for God's silence.

"What awful thing have you done to cause God to show you as the offender?" Saul demanded.

"I'm not guilty of any great offense," Jonathan replied. "When my armor-bearer and I joined your soldiers during their battle with the Philistines, I ate a little honey I found by the trail. Later I learned that you had pronounced a curse on any soldier who ate before sundown. I wasn't aware you had told your men until..."

"Then it *was* you!" Saul excitedly cut in. "You ate honey and spoiled my vow to God that no man should touch food until we were safely back in camp at sundown! No wonder God wouldn't answer Ahiah's prayers! The curse I pronounced rests on *you*!" (I Samuel 14:42-44.)

"You mean you think I should die just because I ate some honey?" Jonathan asked, frowning perplexedly.

"As king of Israel, I have spoken before God that it should be so," Saul replied in a somewhat shaky voice.

Saul was almost overcome with remorse that he should lose his son in this manner. At the same time he couldn't help being angry with him for being the one who had done what Saul had told all his soldiers not to do. Obviously he had no choice but to sentence Jonathan to death.

"Seize my son!" Saul finally ordered some nearby soldiers. "Keep him prisoner until I decide how he shall die!"

God Rescues Jonathan

The soldiers moved reluctantly toward Jonathan, whom they greatly admired and respected. In the next instant a wave of people surged in quickly to surround and

protect Jonathan. The soldiers who had been ordered to seize him made no effort to confront Jonathan's protectors.

"I have ordered my son to be taken into military custody!" Saul shouted. "What is the meaning of this interference?"

"We intend to defend your son with our lives!" someone yelled. "We have learned that he and his armorbearer had much to do with the victory God gave us over the Philistines, and that he hasn't committed any great sin. That's why we're not allowing one hair of his head to be harmed!"

"Make the people stand back from Jonathan!" Saul commanded his soldiers.

"We would have to kill our people to do that, sir," one officer grimly observed. "Surely you wouldn't want that."

Even in his anger and embarrassment at being disobeyed, Saul knew that the officer was right. Frowning and red-faced, the leader of Israel gestured curtly for his son to be freed, and strode away to his tent. It was a blow to his ego that his own people and soldiers had taken a stand against him, but after he had calmed down he was thankful that he had been spared the responsibility of sending his son to his death. (I Samuel 14:45.)

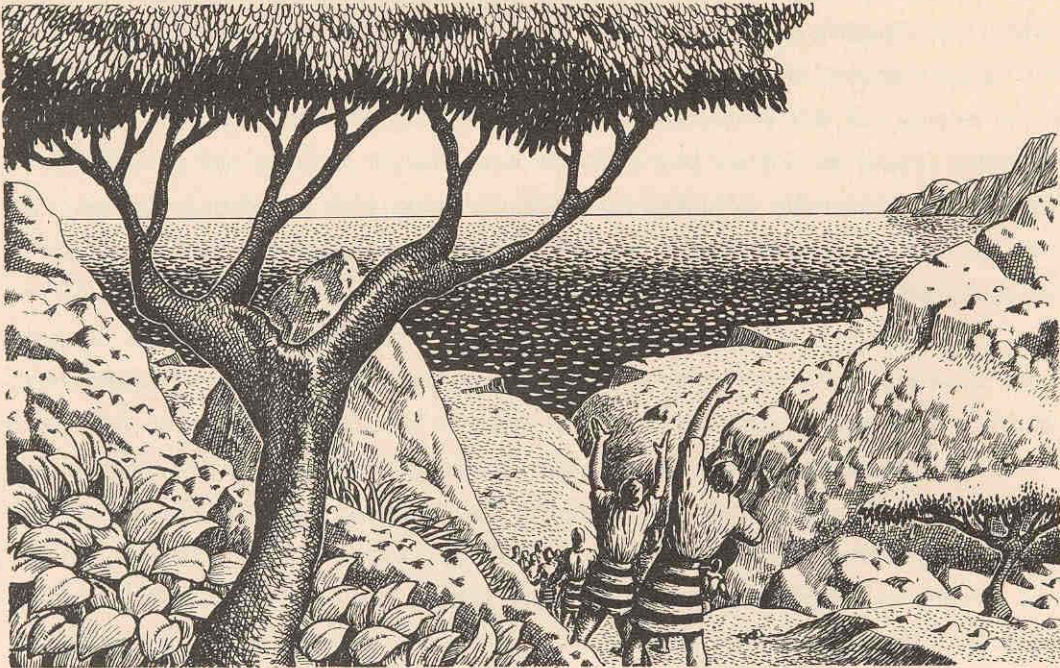
God had caused the lots to be drawn in such a way that Jonathan would be presumed guilty so that matters would turn out as they did. The real reasons God hadn't answered Saul's requests through the high priest were that Saul had unwisely pronounced a curse on any man who didn't fast during the battle and because so many men ate meat that hadn't been properly drained of blood. Saul eventually came to realize these things after thinking about the day's happenings.

Because events turned out as they did, no attempt was made to round up the surviving Philistine soldiers, who fled to their nation on the east coast of the Great Sea. (I Samuel 14:46.) From time to time other Philistine armies were formed to attack Israel, but Saul built up a powerful fighting force with which to keep the Philistines out of Canaan.

During the next several years Saul encountered the same kind of trouble from every direction, but God made it possible for him to protect Israel from all of them.

Meanwhile, Saul returned as often as possible from the wars to live with Ahinoam his wife and his several children. During one of the ruler's stays at home, Samuel came to see Saul about a most urgent matter. (I Samuel 14:47-52.)

"I have a message for you from God!" Samuel told Saul when they were alone. "As the one who anointed you king of Israel and who directed and advised you in many matters, you must believe me and act on what I am about to tell you."



Unsought by the Israelites, Philistine soldiers who had escaped Saul's army returned in small bands to their homeland on the east coast of the Great Sea.

"You know that I respect your wisdom and judgment," Saul said, "but years ago you told me that God would remove me from the leadership of Israel. God hasn't removed me. On the contrary, I have built up Israel's army and have put back this nation's enemies time after time. Israel is at last secure because God has worked through me. You have been wrong in this matter, so how can I be sure that you are right in whatever you are about to tell me now?"

"God did not tell you when He would remove you from your office," Samuel explained. "God is patient. It could be that your place as king of Israel would be ended if you refuse to do this thing that God has told me that He has chosen you to do."

"Have I refused to listen?" Saul asked a little impatiently.

God's Commission

"No," Samuel smilingly replied. "You have had so much experience in battle that you could be most interested in accepting this challenge to destroy an ancient enemy of Israel." (I Samuel 15:1-2.)

Samuel then reminded Saul of how the Amalekites had so cruelly treated the Israelites when they had come up from Egypt over four hundred years previously

(Exodus 17:8-14), and of God's promise to Israel that after the people were settled in Canaan, Israel would return to the land of Amalek to destroy the whole nation. (Deuteronomy 25:17-19.)

"God has chosen this time to punish that nation," Samuel explained. "As king of Israel, it's your duty to take an army down to the land of this enemy and utterly wipe out all the cruel Amalekites, including women and children. No one within sight is to be left alive. No animal is to be taken as booty. Camels, donkeys, cattle and sheep are all to be destroyed!" (I Samuel 15:3.)

Saul was somewhat surprised at being told that he should direct an army to kill women and even babies. But he also knew how cruel the Amalekites were to their enemies. Saul feared to disobey in this matter of the Amalekites, lest God be angry with him.

"I shall muster men as soon as possible to march against the Amalekites," Saul finally spoke out.

Samuel was pleased that Israel's king should accept this special task without an argument. Saul had little enthusiasm for such a commission at first, but enthusiasm grew the more he considered it. He began to see that wiping out a whole nation could increase his popularity with the people and cause him to be more respected and feared by his enemies.

During the days that followed, Saul built an especially large fighting force at an area south of Gibeah. He didn't set out on his mission until he had two hundred and ten thousand men, all well-trained and well-armed. Then his army moved southward through the territories of Judah and Simeon. (I Samuel 15:4-5.)

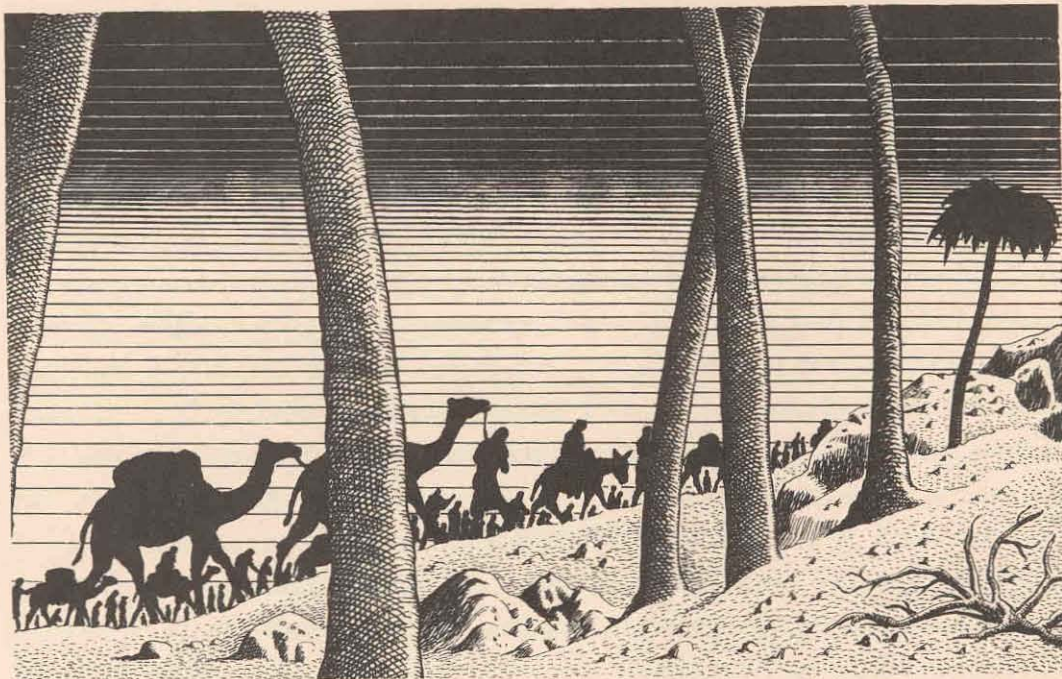
Close to the desert city of Arad, Saul delayed his march to contact the leaders of the Kenites, people who had descended from a desert tribe of the Sinai peninsula. When the Israelites were on their way up from Egypt, they came across the Kenites just at a time when they needed guidance across a desert region. (Exodus 18:1-27.) Hobab, son of a Kenite who was Moses' father-in-law, helped lead them across the desert. (Numbers 10:29-32.) Because the Kenites liked the Israelites, many of these people went with the Israelites into Canaan, where they were given land with the tribe of Judah in the southwest part of the nation. (Judges 1:16.) There they lived just north of the Amalekites. There was considerable intermingling of the two peoples because they had a love of the desert in common.

"We are moving against the Amalekites," Saul informed the chief Kenites. "Your people have been our friends ever since we came up from Egypt, so we are warning you now to separate from the Amalekites at once. Any of you who are with them when we attack might accidentally be killed along with our enemy!"

Within hours most of the Kenites had quietly departed from the country of the Amalekites. (I Samuel 15:6.) It would have been too much to expect that none of the Kenites would warn their neighbors of the approach of danger, though they had been warned by their leaders not to do so. Under the circumstances, Saul knew that it would be a miracle if he could surprise the enemy. He simply continued marching from the valley where his men had shortly rested. As he approached the main city of the Amalekites, he surrounded it swiftly by breaking his army into two parts.

Some of the Amalekites had already left their city. More fled when they saw the attackers approaching, but most were trapped and slain. The Amalekites were proud warriors, but their soldiers could do little against the human walls of power, nearly a quarter of a million strong, surging in on them to avenge Israelite ancestors who had suffered and died because of the cruelty of the Amalekites more than four centuries before.

The Israelites moved on, overtaking most who had fled from the city, and spreading out to pick off the people in Amalekite villages far down the Sinai peninsula. Every Amalekite within sight was killed—except one. That was the king of the Amalekites, Agag. Saul gave orders that he should be taken back



Having been warned that the Israelites were about to attack the Amalekites, the Kenites quietly departed from the area that was to be invaded.



Saul's army pursued and overtook fleeing groups of Amalekites as they tried escaping southward into the desert.

to Canaan alive, so that the people could see what their king had accomplished. (I Samuel 15:7-8.)

But Saul had been plainly told not to spare *any* Amalekite. This disobedience was about to result in grave trouble for him!

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"Just Average"

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her lewdness in the sight of her lovers, and none shall deliver her out of mine hand." (Hos. 2:8-10.)

"They that did feed delicately" warns God, "are desolate in the streets: they that were brought up in scarlet embrace dunghills!" (Lam. 4:5.)

But WHY will God do this? Listen!

"And it shall come to pass, when ye shall say, 'Wherefore doeth the Lord our God all these things to us?' then shalt thou answer them, Like as ye have *forsaken me*, and served strange gods in your land, so shall ye serve strangers in a land that is not yours!" (Jer. 5:19.)

What about YOUR personal life?

Do YOU really OBEY God? Do you really KNOW the Bible? Do YOU CAREFULLY PROVE everything to yourself? Have you been LIVING by every word of God? If not—then what the Almighty warns still applies to YOU!

Our national inheritances are not WRONG—God *gave* them to us. But with those great blessings God placed an awesome responsibility! We were to have shown the WHOLE WORLD the joys, the happiness, the wonderful PEACE that can come through obedience to God's laws. Instead, we have bequeathed to them an example of lawlessness, divorce, perverted sex, and mounting crime.

We have not been *faithful* to the God who GAVE us such fantastic abundance!

Neither have we been THANKFUL!

God thunders from His high heaven, "How shall I pardon thee for this? thy children have *forsaken me*, and sworn by them that are no gods; WHEN I HAD FED THEM TO THE FULL, THEY THEN committed adultery, and assembled themselves by troops in the harlots' houses. They were as fed horses in the morning: every one neighed after his neighbor's wife. Shall I not visit for THESE things? saith the Eternal: and shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?" (Jeremiah 5:7-9.)

You need to REPENT, and *turn* to your Creator with ALL your heart—acknowledging HIM as your RULER if you are to escape the frightening holocaust of the future!

THE BIBLE— MYTH OR AUTHORITY?

by Herman L. Hoeh

WHAT is the Bible? Does it have a purpose? Can it be proved that the Bible is an inspired revelation from God for man?

How can you be sure—if there be an original inspired revelation, given directly by God to His prophets and apostles—that it has been accurately preserved?

Today, theologians have joined ranks with atheists and agnostics in denouncing the Bible as myth. Why? What are their motives?

Why Theologians Are Angry With the Bible

The Bible is, according to today's philosophy, the inspiring record of *man's* search for a concept of God—not the *inspired* record of God's revelation to man of essential knowledge man needs to know but would not otherwise be able to obtain!

The world's foremost theologians assume—without proof—that the Bible has a natural origin in human traditions! They subtly imply it is without genuine authority.

What made them believe such an idea? Are they without proof of the inspiration of Scripture? Surely, if there were proof for the inspiration of the Bible, these learned men would not have overlooked it—would they? . . . or did they face the evidence and reject it?

To acknowledge the authority of the Bible would mean preaching what it says! It would require one to reject the false traditions inherited from the pagans. It would mean letting the Bible correct one where he or she is wrong. That goes against human nature!

What were the learned theologians to do to justify themselves? They simply looked the other way when the proof, the evidence appeared! They then claimed the Scriptures were without authority since, as they said, they

were unable to find any genuine evidence of their inspiration!

Is it any wonder why so many are deceived? So let's now understand what the Bible really is.

WHAT the Bible Really Is

The Bible is the written revelation of the Creator God for mankind. It contains absolutely vital knowledge that everyone needs to understand—but which would be inaccessible by any natural means. In the Bible, God speaks with authority to us through its writers. The Bible, then, possesses supreme authority over our lives, since it comes from our own Supreme Creator. The Bible repeats hundreds of times: "Thus saith the Lord." In Scripture, God speaks in the first person—"I"—and challenges us to test Him to prove whether He speaks the truth (Isa. 44:6-9).

Without the Bible we can never understand the lessons of the past, the meaning of the present, and the goals of the future!

Scripture, when rightly understood, gives a rational meaning for man's being here and the causes of our world's ills. It explains exactly why this world has wars, sicknesses and suffering. These are the penalties of a wrong way of life. There are hundreds of religious, political and economic "cures" in the world, but none of them reaches the cause of earth's problems. Only God's mind is great enough to know the true answers. No book but His Bible can explain the laws that eternally regulate human life and human affairs—laws which, when violated, bring the penalties of sickness, war and death.

Only the Bible is able to point the way out of impending chaos!

Yet men reject its solutions as out-of-date in this space age. Its truth they

do not want to grasp. That's why "the Lord has a controversy with the nations" (Jer. 25:31). Ever since the beginning of human life, God has had a controversy with humanity. Human beings by nature refuse to follow His way of life. Humans think their ways are better. Man assumes that he knows more than God. Yes, "there is a way that seems right to a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Proverbs 14:12). Humanity avoids acknowledging God as Supreme Ruler. They hide their eyes from plain evidence, and label Scripture falsely as myth and tradition.

The PROOFS

Everyone today demands proof! People have a chip on their shoulders, so to speak. They want someone to prove whether the Bible is true. Christ said this challenging attitude would reach its climax in these last days of human civilization—just before man with his scientific ingenuity blasts all human life out of existence (Luke 18:8). Of course it is right that we should prove it! And there is proof—proof of the most amazing kind—proof that would astound the public if the theologians were to publicly confess it! But the world is wilfully ignorant of it!

Believe it or not, the world already knows of the proof but, having been deceived, it is unwilling to accept it. It has seen the proof; it has felt it; it has dug it up; it has read it; it has even published it! But humanity, deceived by superstition and vain religious traditions, has rejected it because it does not want to believe and surrender its will to the Bible.

Only the fool would reject the evidence of creation and prophecy. But sadly, the world is filled with fools! It has rejected both.

The mass of evidence is overwhelm-

ing. It is so great that this entire issue of *The PLAIN TRUTH* could not begin to contain it all. This mass of evidence has created a paradox. Just as the world publishes and sells the Bible, but does not believe it, so it discovers, publishes and sells the evidences of Biblical inspiration, but it does not believe it.

The world has not only turned the truth upside down, but it has also turned the proof upside down—making right seem wrong and true proof seem disproof.

These proofs confound the atheist. These proofs demonstrate once and for all time that the Biblical record is inspired and true! They are made plain in our free, illustrated booklets *The PROOF of the Bible, Does God Exist?* and in the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course.

Is God Able to Preserve His Book?

Critics today challenge the accuracy of copies of the Bible in their original Hebrew and Greek languages. Can we be sure that the Bible has not been corrupted? How can we know that it still is the revelation of God to man? Has it been so changed and corrupted by myth since the original writing as to be highly doubtful, if not altogether altered?

Here are the facts. For years the critics claimed the Hebrew Bible was of no authority. "A late and altered form of earlier Hebrew writings," they claimed!

Then came the year 1947.

In the summer of '47 a sheer coincidence led to the discovery of the oldest manuscripts of the Bible so far known. Among a collection of literary works found in a cave in Wadi Qumran on the north side of the Dead Sea, a 23-foot leather scroll was found to contain the complete text of the book of Isaiah in Hebrew! Expert examination of the document revealed beyond doubt that this Isaiah text dated from about 100 B.C.

This copy of Isaiah, now about 2000 years old, is unique proof of the reliability of the text of the Holy Scriptures that have been handed down to us. The text in all fundamentals agrees with what we have in our present-day

Bibles! The only differences are minor spelling changes and misplaced words, changes that represent the carelessness of unofficial sectarian scribes who copied that text of the book of Isaiah.

In other words, the present Masoretic Hebrew text, which is a continuation of the official Old Testament Hebrew, is far superior in preservation to the unofficial copy of Isaiah made 2000 years ago. Furthermore, the ancient scroll of Isaiah, just like the printed copies of Isaiah in any modern-day Bible, whether Hebrew, Greek, English or German, has the same 66 chapters of our present-day text.

Until this find, the oldest and fullest Manuscript in Hebrew was the Codex Petropolitanus, dating from about 916 A.D. This proves how accurate the Jews have been in copying, generation after generation, the books of the Old Testament. How can anyone deny that God is giving divine protection to the Book which contains His commands and revelations to man!

Between 1949 and 1951 additional manuscripts were located in other caves near the Dead Sea. In these scrolls were 19 books of the Old Testament—all telling the same story as the Isaiah Manuscript!

True, minor, and on occasion significant variations occur. But remember, the Dead Sea Scrolls were not copied by the official scribes of the Jewish community. Jesus never recognized the Dead Sea sects as having any authority over the true Hebrew Text, commonly called the Masoretic Hebrew text.

The Dead Sea Scrolls plainly show the satanic influence of Samaritan conspirators. Between the time of Alexander the Great and the second century B.C. the Samaritans tried their best to infiltrate the Jewish community and alter the inspired scriptures. They failed. But they did succeed in foisting on the world a corrupt translation of the Hebrew into Greek. That translation is called the Septuagint, or Seventy. It was translated by seventy scholars who used texts from Samaritan Palestine. The Jews steadfastly refused to admit the Septuagint into the Synagogue. The great majority of Old Testament quotations found in the New Testament are not taken from the Septuagint, but from

other translations commonly circulated in the Jewish world of the first century A.D. The minor variations that do occur are added proof that the standard Hebrew Masoretic text is the official Old Testament text God has preserved. The variations in the Dead Sea Scrolls show these manuscripts were influenced by the Samaritans' altered text.

Jews Preserved Old Testament

Through whom has God preserved His authoritative written Word accurately?

Jesus said: "Till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law until all be fulfilled" (Matthew 5:18).

Has this happened? Was Jesus right? Or has the Law—the Old Testament—been hopelessly lost and corrupted?

Luke quotes Jesus as saying: "It is easier for heaven and earth to pass away, than one tittle of the law to fail" (Luke 16:17). Modern critics assume Jesus was wrong. They think the Old Testament has not been accurately preserved. But they are wrong!

Jesus also announced: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." (See Matthew 24:35, Mark 13:31 and Luke 21:33.)

Jesus' Words—the very words recorded by the apostles in the New Testament—shall not pass away!

Of course the modern critics prefer to quote Jesus as saying: "Heaven and earth cannot pass away, but my words shall pass away!" But these critics are wrong! Jesus is right. His words have not passed away. The critics have merely been unwilling to look for His Words where He said they could be found! They have, instead, looked elsewhere so that they would not find Jesus' Words.

Notice where we ought to look for the authoritative text of the Bible. Read it from the Revised Standard Version which the modern critics have themselves translated: "Then what advantage has the Jew?"

Yes, what special duty did God give to the Jew? Notice:

"Much in every way. To begin with, the Jews are entrusted with the oracles of God. What if some were unfaithful? Does their faithlessness nullify the

faithfulness of God? By no means! Let God be true though every man be false, as it is written, "That Thou mayest be justified in Thy words..." (Romans 3:1-4).

To whom were the oracles of God, the written record of God's revelation delivered through Moses and the prophets—the Old Testament—committed? To the Jews!

The Jews have preserved the Old Testament. But what if the Jews did not believe and did not practice the things written in the law, the prophets and the psalms? What if the Jews became divided into Orthodox and other sects? Does their rejection of some of the truth nullify the faithfulness of the written Word of God which they are required to preserve from generation to generation?

"God forbid," declared the King James Version. "By no means," reiterates the Revised Standard Version.

So the Jews—by the very admission of these critics—have preserved the Old Testament faithfully!

Now consider the New Testament. It was offered first to the Jews. But the Jews rejected the New Testament—refused even to accept its Author. What did God, in His wise foreknowledge, do? He revealed His Word to the Gentiles and especially to the Greeks for a very great purpose.

Greeks Preserve New Testament

Notice Paul's statement. The Jews originally had the advantage over the Greeks because the Jews received the oracles of God (Romans 3:1-4). Now, however, declares Paul, "there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him" (Rom. 10:12). No difference? Why?

Continuing with verses 14 and 15: "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach, except they be sent?..."

The Greeks, too, received "the word of God." God sent to them a special apostle—Paul. Though he spoke to Gentiles in general wherever he went,

Paul went almost exclusively to Greeks. He spoke to others only as they were found in the Greek-speaking world. Paul wrote to Greek-speaking churches, not to Ethiopian-, Chinese-, German- or Persian-speaking churches. There was a very special reason.

Let us read further—Romans 10:19-20: "But I say, 'Did not Israel know?' [That is, did not Israel recognize God's message? But they refused it and were in part blinded spiritually.] First Moses saith, 'I will provoke you to jealousy by them that are no people, and by a foolish nation [the Greeks were indeed a foolish nation, filled with vanity of mind] I will anger you.' But Esaias is very bold, and saith, 'I was found of them that sought me not; I was made manifest unto them that asked not after me.'"

Notice that Paul applied these prophecies to his day—the New Testament period.

When the Jews rejected the message

of Jesus Christ, God raised up the apostle Paul to go to the Greek-speaking world. The Greeks would hear! They did hear! They received the oracles of Jesus Christ—the New Testament! And they have preserved it! Jesus declared: "My word shall not pass away"—and it has not passed away. The Greeks alone of all peoples copied, generation after generation, the New Testament in the very language God inspired it to be written! No other people did it! The Samaritans corrupted it, the Latins and Egyptians translated and often corrupted it. Only the Greeks have accurately copied it in its original language.

Today about 4500 examined Greek manuscripts "all confirm the integrity and purity of the New Testament text," wrote Cobern in *The New Archeological Discoveries*. In 1935 a fragment of John's Gospel in Greek, dating from the time of Emperor Trajan, 98-117 A.D., was discovered in Egypt. The



fragment was part of a codex or book, indicating that the entire New Testament IN PROPER ORDER was circulating within a score of years following the death of the last apostle. This fragment confirms our present text. All these fragments and texts witness to the accuracy with which the New Testament has been preserved through fire and sword.

But what about minor variations in the Greek New Testament?

Bible a LIVING Book!

The answer is that Scripture is a living book, using living languages. In English, for example, if we are to understand the Bible, we need new wordings from time to time as the old wording becomes difficult to understand. Most of our readers would be unable to read the translations into English made 100 years before the King James Version. We have these versions in the libraries of the Ambassador Colleges. It would be useless to quote from them in *The PLAIN TRUTH*—they are too difficult to understand. Old English almost seems to be a foreign language to those of us who live today.

In the same way slight changes were necessitated over the centuries in the Hebrew and Greek due to the gradual changes in wording and expression in those two divinely chosen languages. In order for His Word to be understandable in public reading, God permitted minor scribal variations in spelling and word order for clarity. That is why no two hand-copied codices or complete manuscripts of either Old or New Testament agree 100 percent in every detail. God has purposed it! He intended His Word, even in the original languages, to be living, active, intelli-

gent channels through which His Will might be expressed.

These minor changes—contrary to the usual opinion—prove rather than disprove the inspiration of Scripture. Inspiration is not of any value whatsoever in a dead, unintelligible language! The Greeks have not been left to decide for themselves whether or not they want to preserve it. God has made them preserve His word correctly.

I have before me, as I write, the Greek New Testament in the first printed edition published in Constantinople in 1912. It is the Greeks' official authorized printed text of the Greek New Testament. When the Greeks published this edition they checked their authoritative manuscripts. The Greek religious authorities are held responsible by God for it. In the reproduction of this first edition (in Constantinople) before me, a typographical error occurred. Mark 7:16 was, by accident, left out of the printed text! So, in later production, when the printing of the new edition came out, in all faithfulness to the original printed edition the Greeks did not insert this accidentally missing verse (Mark 7:16) in the text, but made a note in the text and put the verse at the foot of the page for all to read. In other words, once an officially approved printed edition was made, there were to be no additions or deletions in the printed edition. And if an error, due to human oversight, later is found, it was required to be printed below. Every Greek must thereafter, when reading, insert the accidentally missing verse placed at the bottom of the page!

This is fundamentally the same way the Jews preserved the Old Testament! When the Jews had officially approved a manuscript for synagogue use, if, at a later time, they found a scribal error which they had not noticed, they left the text just as it was—with the scribal error; but in the margin of this officially approved text, they inserted the correct reading and every man who read in the synagogue had to read what the margin had! When they recopied that manuscript, they recopied the error in the text and the true reading in the margin! That is how they have always

preserved the Bible absolutely accurately! God has not left it to the individual to decide these matters.

Why Critics Reject Greeks' Text

Now see what has happened. Modern critics refuse to accept the valid manuscripts which the Greeks have preserved! They have done the same with the true text of the Hebrew Old Testament! Over 95 percent of all New Testament manuscripts have been preserved by the Greeks. These were the manuscripts basically used in the King James Version. The modern critics in their own wisdom turn away from these in their Revised Standard Version to the corrupted 5 percent of Greek copies found in Egypt and the Latin world. These spurious manuscripts originated under Samaritan, Egyptian and Roman influence at the hands of the conspirators who secretly followed Simon Magus (see Acts 8). They wanted to decide for themselves how the Bible should read. They did not want to come under the authority of the Bible.

The critics today claim in their pompous wisdom that out of these contradictory and corrupted manuscripts—no two of which agree closely on many important verses—they can derive a New Testament text! All they have done is discover how the Greek New Testament had been corrupted in Egypt and Rome by the conspirators out of Samaria who followed Simon Magus.

It is time we have our eyes opened to what happened in the "Lost Century" of Church history—between A.D. 70-170.

The modern critics are merely following in the footsteps of the early conspirators, like the "Church Father" Origen, who tried to "correct" the New Testament in their own "wisdom."

Text of Protestant Reformers

For centuries, during the Middle Ages, the only Bible accessible to Western Europe was the Latin Vulgate Bible. It was the work of the scholar Jerome, who prepared it from many old Latin translations—which differed among themselves. This Bible is the progeny of Rome.

Rome has not preserved the New Testament in the original inspired Greek.

Photo: Karen Hayesod, Jerusalem

Left, modern Samaritan holding corrupted text of ancient Pentateuch—the Book of the Law. The Samaritans were Gentiles who falsely posed as Jews. They altered the text of the Hebrew Bible to justify their religious customs. For centuries the Jews—to whom God had committed His oracles—had to be on guard against the wiles of the Samaritans.

Italy is not the homeland of the inspired Greek New Testament.

Jerome attested to the corruption of the Latin translations of his day.

"If we are to glean the truth," said Jerome, "from a comparison of many, why not go back to the original Greek and correct the mistakes introduced by inaccurate translators, and the blundering alterations of confident but ignorant critics, . . . all that has been inserted or changed by copyists" in the Latin (Jerome, *Vulgate Preface*, Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers, Vol. 6).

There you have it!

For nearly 14 centuries the Latin Vulgate translation of the Bible dominated the Western World. Then, in 1453 the Turks conquered Constantinople, the capital of the Greek world. Many Greek scholars fled west. They brought their manuscripts with them. Soon Erasmus and Ximenes, Stephen and Elzvir and Beza published texts of the New Testament in Greek. In a few instances these Greek New Testament texts contained additions from the Latin Vulgate which these scholars translated into Greek. A striking example is I John 5:7 which occurs in no Greek manuscript preserved by the Greeks. It made its appearance in the King James Version ultimately from the Latin Vulgate.

The Greek texts of the early Reformation printers were vastly superior to the Latin versions previously circulated. From these Greek texts the early English translations came—including the renowned King James Version of 1611. Very few basic errors appear in the King James Version—though it is by no means a perfect or clear translation.

But the work of the early printers was not continued. Critics—English and German—gradually ceased to search out the official Greek text preserved in various parts of Greece, particularly in Mount Athos—where the bulk of New Testament Manuscripts are still located. Instead they have turned away from the bulk of these accurate New Testament manuscripts of Greece to the corrupted texts of Rome and especially Egypt! These faulty texts have been used for nearly all modern translations of the Bible during the past 75 years—and especially in the *Revised Standard*

Version and the *New English Translation*.

The Bible-Publishing Nations

God used—and is using—the Jews and Greeks to preserve His Word in their original languages. But neither Jews nor Greeks have published the Bible in quantity for all the nations to read in their own languages. That duty has been committed to the birthright nations of the House of Israel—the nations who inherited from Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, immense national blessings so they would be able to distribute Bibles at little or no cost to all nations around the world.

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What happened *that very year*? British engineers and financiers in 1803 produced the first practical papermaking machine in history. In 1804 the British and Foreign Bible Society was founded. By an extraordinary "coincidence" Lord Stanhope had in the same year perfected a stereotyping process. That process made Bible manufacturing cheap, accurate and speedy!

In 1805 massive numbers of the English New Testament appeared. A complete Bible for quantity distribution appeared in 1806. Friedrich König, a German, came to London in 1806, and in four years perfected the printing-machine. The story, if continued, would fill pages. This is one of the greatest series of events in history. It ranks in importance with the Jewish and Greek preservation of the Hebrew and Greek Scriptures! Yet the world today takes little note of the greatest of the birthright blessings!

Do We Have ALL the Bible?

One final question should be answered with regard to the preservation of Scripture. Do we have all the Bible?

The testimony of history itself is that none of the Old Testament has been lost since the days of Christ. For nearly two thousand years, through persecution and war, the Jews have preserved the Old Testament exactly as God intended! The same books composing the Bible in Jesus' day are used today in the synagogues and in the churches.

But what about the fact that some Bibles have seven more books (the Apocrypha) added to the Old Testament than do the Jews and most Protestants? Are these added books part of the Bible—or are they spurious?

The official authority of God for the Old Testament was vested in the Priesthood and the officially appointed Scribes in Palestine (Matthew 23:2). This Priesthood never accepted the Apocrypha. The Apocrypha are uninspired books written by unconverted men. These books contain definite errors, plus a measure of truth—just as all human books do. The apostles never quoted from the Apocrypha. They never referred to these seven added

books as inspired. Even the Catholic Church did not accept them until about 398 A.D., at the Council of Carthage—300 years after the Bible was completed in the days of the apostle John!

The Greek Bibles used by the inspired New Testament Church under the guidance of the apostles did not contain the Apocrypha. These *un*-inspired books were not added until after 315 A.D. according to the admission of the Catholic bishop Cyril of Jerusalem. Here is proof that the Apocrypha was never approved by Christ or the apostles. The Bible was completed in the days of the apostles!

The same may be said of the so-called "Lost books of the Bible." These books were never lost because they were never a part of the Bible. They are outright frauds! They are spurious—uninspired—and full of errors!

If you want the full story of the Apocrypha, write for the article "Do

We Have the Complete Bible?"

But what about the New Testament? Is it complete? Here again the testimony is the same—the New Testament has been preserved exactly! The early Greeks recognized no other New Testament books than we have today. No New Testament book has been lost.

If you want an illustration of God's intervention to preserve His Word, turn to Jeremiah 36, beginning with verse 23. King Jehoiakim had an entire scroll of the Word of God cut with a penknife and consumed by a fire. Certainly burning the only copy of the Word of God would destroy it if anything would!—he thought.

But what happened? Did it perish forever? No! Read the account in Jeremiah 36:32.

You can depend on the Bible. It is the inspired Word of God in print! It carries absolute authority. By it you are going to be judged!

The REAL MEANING Behind VATICAN II

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—has always existed. The powers of this world have never extinguished the light of the true Church. Write for the fascinating, free booklet *A True History of the True Church*. History has ample testimony regarding the small, scattered remnants of the true Church of God—including the witness of its enemies, themselves!

Since God's Church has always been a small, persecuted group—never large and powerful, never exerting a strong political influence on the world—it should be abundantly clear that the MODERN trend toward Universalism is NOT of God!

Instead, it is an attempt of those who long since rejected the TRUTH of God to band themselves together—to UNITE THEMSELVES, *apart from* God, and apart from His Holy Spirit!

The large, powerful, organized, sectarian "Christianity" of this world is NOT the faith once delivered to the saints! (Jude 3.) It is divided, confused. Yet it palms itself off as "Christian"—cloaks itself in supposedly "Christian" garb—but has *rejected* the

basic tenets of God's truth as revealed in the Bible! Claiming to be Christian, it has REJECTED the very words and teachings of Christ Himself!

God's true Church has always been UNITED. The apostle Paul wrote, "There is ONE body, and ONE Spirit, even as ye are called in *one* hope of your calling; ONE Lord, ONE faith, ONE baptism, ONE God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all" (Eph. 4:4-6).

God's true Church has never been large and powerful, exerting influence over kingdoms and nations; nor has it ever been divided up into differing, contradictory fragments and schisms, each teaching contrary doctrines, performing baptism countless different ways!

If anyone will seriously study the Bible, and the New Testament teaching, he should clearly see that modern organized "Christianity" is simply NOT of God, and therefore the movement toward Church Unity *in error* is NOT of God. It is a UNION OF ERROR—not a union in *truth*!

But it was prophesied in your Bible!

Babylonish Confusion

Jesus Himself said, "For MANY shall come in my name"—claiming His authority and stamp of approval on their teachings—"saying I am Christ"—professing that Jesus *IS* the true Christ—"AND SHALL DECEIVE MANY" (Mat. 24:5).

Notice it! Not the "few," but the "MANY" were to be deceived! Not the minority, but the overwhelming majority! From the days of the apostles until now, great MULTITUDES have been deceived by a false "Christianity" which accepts Christ's name but rejects His inspired teachings!

This devil-inspired plot is the GREATEST DECEPTION in all the world's history! The minds of MILLIONS have been saturated with false doctrines, false concepts, and totally *un*Biblical ideas—palmed off *as* the truth of God!

Few have really stopped in the course of their lives to CHECK INTO these things themselves, but casually accept any pronouncement made by their pastor or their church. Few have had the intellectual HONESTY to sincerely *question* the source of their beliefs and compare with the Bible!

Most just "go along" with whatever their parents believed, or whatever the majority believes—just "go along" with the crowd, regardless of whether the crowd is in ERROR!

No wonder Jesus said, "Enter ye in at the strait [narrow, difficult] gate: for WIDE is the gate, and BROAD is the way, that leadeth to *destruction*, and MANY there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and NARROW is the way, which leadeth unto life, and FEW there be that find it" (Mat. 7:13-14).

No wonder Jesus warned, "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in SHEEP'S CLOTHING"—dressing up to appear holy, righteous, sanctimonious, making kind, conciliatory gestures—"but INWARDLY they are *ravening wolves*" (Mat. 7:15).

Do YOU take Jesus' warning *seriously*? Or does it matter?

Jesus said, "BEWARE!" But the vast

majority don't seem to care—it doesn't seem to make any difference to them.

God's WARNING to Our Generation

What does God have to SAY about today's organized religious confusion?

Should true Christians take part in it? Is the modern trend toward UNITY a good objective, something everyone should acclaim and support?

The Word of God thunders "... COME OUT OF HER, my people, that ye be not partakers of her SINS, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities." (See Rev. 18:4-6.) Here is pictured a false religion which mislabels pagan practices as "Christian," and rejects or changes the Law of God.

God does not equivocate!

There can be NO connection between the truth of God and the PAGAN ways of this world, even though they are disguised and camouflaged outwardly as "Christian."

Paul COMMANDS, in no uncertain terms, "*Wherefore come OUT from among them, and be ye SEPARATE, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty*" (II Cor. 6:17-18). And he adds in verses 15-16: "... or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? [What about today's "Christian Atheists"?] And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people" (II Cor. 6:14-16).

Almighty God is not in the modern movement toward Church Unity because all these competitive denominations are not His churches. The movement is sponsored and spawned by Satan the devil, in an attempt to unite the scattered competitive branches of his counterfeit "Christianity."

Satan wants to amalgamate the religions of this world, and marshal them together to forge a strong tool in his hands to once again DOMINATE THE

WORLD—and to stamp out truth and those "which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ" (Rev. 12:17; 14:12).

Another Religious Martyrdom?

Notice what God's Word foretells for the FUTURE!

There is coming a time of religious martyrdom!

Jesus Christ, speaking of this very century—the days just prior to His second coming, declared, "Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be HATED of all nations for my name's sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity [immorality, LAWLESSNESS] shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall ENDURE UNTO THE END, *the same shall be saved*" (Mat. 24:9-13).

Is this shocking? Startling?

It should be! We only hope that it shocks some of you to the point that you will WAKE UP, NOW BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!

You need to snap out of the lethargic doldrums which characterize our times, and the world around us!

Jesus meant what He said! His words were not idle speculation or fancy daydreaming. They are a vivid, sober WARNING!

To those who have eyes to see and ears to hear, the current developments

are a serious WARNING—a warning which should not be taken with levity.

God's Word is frighteningly clear. Only someone totally out of touch with reality, living in dreamland, someone totally ignorant of human nature, would dare say it could not happen again! God's Word shows it WILL!

The world is headed for a bloodbath such as it has never seen—and once again, side by side with political and national upheaval and destruction, will be the twin plague of RELIGIOUS MARTYRDOM, intolerance, bigotry and persecution!

But YOU can escape, if you are willing to turn to God. God promises protection for those willing to surrender to Him and serve Him (Rev. 3:10). He will safeguard His zealous faithful in a place specially prepared for them (Rev. 12:13-16). You can be among those receiving God's divine protection!

But you must turn to God and obey His commandments. And, more, you must burn into your mind the earnest warning of Jesus Christ, "WATCH ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man" (Luke 21:36).

Are YOU watching world news, religious trends and developments?

Are you praying earnestly for God's guidance, His will to be done, and for His protection?

There is a "way of escape"—if you will call on God!

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far, there have been no serious, fatal setbacks. The United States has suffered no casualties in space!

There are indications, however, that the Soviet Union has not been so fortunate. Several catastrophes probably have occurred, marring the Russian space program—from rockets blowing up on the launching pad to madmen or dead men orbiting the earth in sealed coffins. To think of dead men in space is a somber, sobering thought!

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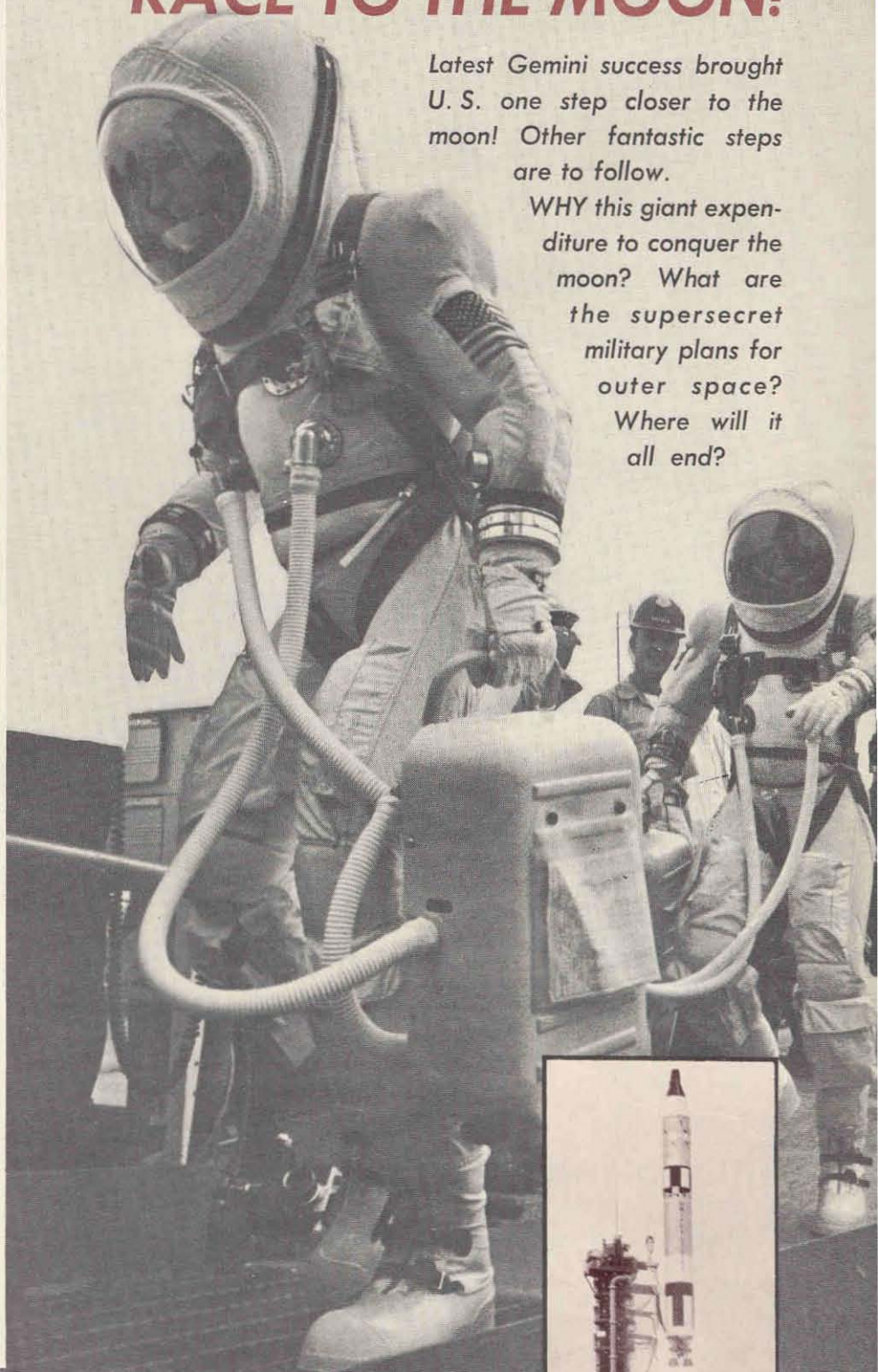
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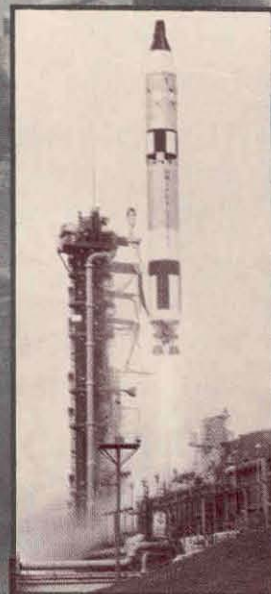
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