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Where ARE WE HEADED?

WHAT'S Prophesied, from here? Will we have ATOMIC war? Will the world come to an end? Will PEACE, beauty, happiness, prosperity, and joy ever come to this earth—and if so, HOW can it be brought about?

By Herbert W. Armstrong

FRANKLY, I'm frightened!" exclaimed one of the world's top scientists, for publication. He is one of the government's "atomic experts."

Five-Star General Arnold is frightened, too. He paints an awesome picture of the probable NEXT WAR—a fantastic, imagination-defying, "Buck Rogers era" type of war that can destroy whole populations.

And now scientists announce the discovery of a NEW force, far more destructive than the atomic bomb!

In face of these appalling portents of world-disaster, the nations go right on girding for WAR!

"Fiddling While Rome Burns"

Solemnly, the top statesmen of earth's nations assembled about two years ago in San Francisco, gravely warning one another, and the world, *in their speeches*, that they were there to organize the WORLD'S LAST HOPE of PEACE! And then those same gentlemen, in sessions for PLANNING that last hope, fought like wild animals for selfish gain and political advantage in the post-war world! I attended the San Francisco conference, and it was one constant session of controversy, bickering, jockeying for position.

The London conference FAILED! I went to New York for the opening of the permanent session of the United Nation's Security Council. After the opening day's beautiful speeches filled with lofty platitudes to reassure a gullible public, they got down the second day to the usual active quarreling. Gromyko, Russian delegate, walked out! The Council, supposed to have the necessary "teeth" to enforce world peace, failed utterly in its first test, and the aggressor nation in this instance, Russia, got what she wanted in Iran!

The Paris conference was a failure! And there has been only friction between the "Big Three" ever since. This friction has been so intense it brought about a state of health that forced Secretary of State Byrnes to resign!

Scientists Now Advocate World Government

Recently in her column, Dorothy Thompson expressed the opinion that our new secretary of State, General George C. Marshall,

knows better than anyone else what actually is holding off another war, now.

"It is not," she wrote, "the United Nations organization, which does not contain the basic elements for enforcing peace . . . No such organization will be adequate unless it has limited functions of WORLD GOVERNMENT."

Many noted scientists now are boldly advocating WORLD GOVERNMENT as the world's only hope of peace. It is, they say, a choice between world government and the annihilation of mankind from the earth!

But how can the statesmen of this world, each with the selfish motives of a competitive national government to protect, achieve a utopian WORLD GOVERNMENT?

As Miss Thompson expressed in her column, "The Soviets do believe in world government and have a blueprint for attaining it on the pattern of what they are creating in eastern Europe, with a tactic furthered by Communist parties within every country . . . It involves the eventual use of FORCE when the correct moment comes; and I believe they will never compromise that program."

In other words, Soviet Russia is out to RULE THE WORLD, just as much as Adolph Hitler planned to do. In fact, the Soviet Plan to conquer the world started long before Hitler rose to power. But the only WORLD GOVERNMENT they will have part in is the one they themselves rule—and they plan to use armed force when the time comes to bring that rule about. Will all other nations submit like weak lambs to the Soviet pattern of WORLD GOVERNMENT, without a fight in the atomic war that threatens the extinction of humanity? Their type of WORLD GOVERNMENT, then, cannot prevent world war, but rather threatens to cause it!

And, as Dorothy Thompson concluded, the only reason we are not at war now with Russia is, in plain words, that Russia is not ready—that General Marshall could, at this writing while we have exclusive use of the atomic bomb, think up a plan for decisively defeating Russia; but the Soviet Union could not, at present, think up a plan for defeating the United States! The present peace—this RECESS in between wars, is with us, not because of the United Nations, but because the present concen-

tration of military power results in a stalemate. And this is not a very happy situation, for, her column concludes, "at any moment this balance could be undone—for instance by the Russian possession of atomic bombs and perfected V-weapons!"

And, as this is written, the day's newspaper headlines scream across half the front page—"RUSS GAIN HIGHLY SECRET ATOM BOMB DATA. Code Word in Soviet Hands, Senate Committee Told!"

If the people of this world are not too stupefied by the shock of world conditions, or too blinded by deceptions to see it, the HANDWRITING ON THE WALL shouts and thunders, louder than at Belshazzar's feast, that the leaders of earth's nations are now utterly unable to save this world from destruction by the unbelievable new forces now revealed!

The World's Only HOPE

This world is helpless today! It's in a HOPELESS predicament! "Oh, I wouldn't say that!" many will exclaim. People don't want to believe it! They prefer to deceive themselves with wishful thinking.

And therein lies our DANGER!

Most men are afraid to face the facts! But the development of science in engines of mass destruction has far outsped development of man's power to control them! And man at last has built the awesome frankenstein monster that threatens to destroy him from off the earth! Man has reached that stage of development and "progress" at last where he is utterly unable to save himself!

These relentless forces now set in motion would continue until the fear so frankly expressed by top scientists of the blasting of human life completely out of existence would become a reality—IF Almighty God Himself did not intervene to save us from ourselves!

But thank God!—that's prophesied!

What's PROPHESED?

It's time we were becoming concerned!

It's time millions were becoming ALARMED! — yes, FRIGHTENED! — aroused, and a little more than curious to learn what's prophesied, from here!

For the immediate future—the next five, ten, or twenty-five years—the stern revelation of prophecy shows this world will go from bad to worse! World-confusion, strife, destruction, will increase with rapid acceleration! It's the natural course to expect! The United Nations won't bring peace. The aggressor nations—and we are so gullible we never recognize them until AFTER they plunge the world into another war!—will go right on with their scheming and dia-

bolical planning for world-rule! The dreaded atomic-war will come!

In a later number will appear an article outlining the exact prophesied sequence of events, *from here!* But for the present, let's skip on *past* the nightmare of the immediate future, and take a long-range view on beyond!

The greatest prophet who ever lived looked down into our time, and of the now-imminent future, said, "And there shall be . . . distress of nations, with perplexity; . . . men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things coming upon the earth! . . . And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with POWER and GREAT GLORY! And when these things *begin* to come to pass . . . *know ye* that THE KINGDOM OF GOD is *nigh at hand*. Verily I say unto you, *this generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled!*" (Luke 21:25-32).

WORLD GOVERNMENT To Come

Today the world's ONLY HOPE is the direct supernatural intervention of Almighty God in the affairs of men! We're so hopelessly involved and entangled in the type of paganized, competitive-government civilization built up on earth we cannot extricate ourselves! We're in the death-grip of an evil system, and only God can save us from extinction!

But God *will* intervene! He will send Jesus Christ once again to earth—and this time, not as the lamb-like gentle Teacher, but in all the supreme supernatural POWER and GLORY of God!

"And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: whom the heavens must receive *until* the TIMES OF RESTITUTION of all things." (Acts 3:20-21). Jesus Himself said, "If I go, *I will come again!*" (John 14:3). HIS COMING IS THE WORLD'S ONLY HOPE!

And with Him shall come, at last, WORLD GOVERNMENT!

Yes, the idea of world government is sound! It *is*, truly, the world's only hope! *World government will come!*

But not by the hand of man! Not by well-meaning politicians with competitive national interests to protect! Nor by conquest—not by any Hitler, Stalin, or mysterious "Beast." No world power will ever accomplish total world rule! But when Christ returns, He shall come as KING of kings—a WORLD RULER!

The Real WHY of Christ's Coming To Earth

Few seem to have understood the purpose of either Christ's coming to earth 1900-odd years ago, or His prophesied second coming, now imminent!

He came the first time as a divine Messenger, bearing a MESSAGE from God. That Message was the GOOD NEWS (Gospel) of the KINGDOM OF GOD—a future WORLD GOVERNMENT!

That Message was Christ's Gospel. In

other words, the true Gospel of Jesus Christ—the very Gospel He commissioned all New Testament ministers to preach to all the world thru all this age. Yet almost universally that True Gospel Message is rejected today, and the organized and powerful denominations of this world have, as prophesied, turned to *another* gospel—a gospel ABOUT a *different* Jesus! They don't even preach the *same* Jesus described so vividly in the New Testament!

Yes, it was Jesus Christ who *first* proclaimed to the world the idea of world peace thru a future WORLD GOVERNMENT!

Jesus even proclaimed Himself the future KING of that world government—and for *this* cause He was crucified! (John 18:37). Will His *true* ministers, who dare proclaim today His coming WORLD GOVERNMENT, be martyred also for this same teaching?

But what they did not understand about His Message was that His Kingdom was for the FUTURE. He said plainly, "My kingdom is not of *this* world." (John 18:36).

No Human Can Wisely Rule World

But world government brought about by the leaders of the present world governments is absurd and impossible! What man lives today who could safely be entrusted with that much POWER? What man would not abuse such vast world-power, exalt himself, wield it to his own ambitious and selfish purposes? What man has the *wisdom* to execute such power, save this world from itself, and administer his great office for the *good* of the governed?

Again I repeat: Human civilization has "progressed" adversely to the point where now it is utterly HELPLESS to save the world from itself! The world's sole hope now lies in the supernatural intervention of GOD!

Now notice the descriptions of Christ's imminent return to this earth!

"And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called *Faithful* and *True*, and in *righteousness* he doth judge and make war" (against evil). "And out of His mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it He should smite the nations . . ." ("For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword"—Heb. 4:12. This is not a sword of steel to do physical harm, but the Word of God to correct and do spiritual GOOD!) . . . and He shall rule them (ALL NATIONS) with a rod of iron: . . . and He hath . . . a NAME written, *King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.*" (Rev. 19:11-16).

A supernatural, divine world-ruler! A KING over all kings of the earth! One whose weapon is the WORD OF GOD — THE TRUTH! And Jesus said it is the TRUTH that shall make men *free*! A world-King who shall judge in RIGHTEOUSNESS! Surely that's the world's greatest need!

Is a REAL UTOPIA Impossible?

Men ridicule the idea of a utopia today, as though it were impossible. But WHY

should it be impossible? WHY shouldn't men have it?

The answer comes thru another question: *why* is there so much unhappiness, strife, injustice, fear, and suffering *now*? Simply because men are thinking, acting, and living contrary to all the *laws* by which such happiness, universal prosperity, and joy could come! That's the plain and simple answer! Because of *selfishness, greed, vanity!*

Suppose everyone on earth *loved* all his neighbors equally with himself! Suppose everyone was honest, kind, just, considerate, gentle, pleasant and cheerful—industrious, in perfect health and of keen alert mind—humble, trusting fully in God, working happily with zeal and enthusiasm to accomplish all the Good he could! Can you visualize what a world would result? Well, it *would* be a real and practical utopia!

But, you say, that's contrary to human nature! Yes, true! But Jesus Christ is coming to *change* human nature! the POWER OF GOD in one, thru His Holy Spirit, *changes*,—converts, that soul. It gives him power, if he wills, to master—to *overcome* the human nature within! Thru FAITH he can be changed into the kind of person described above! *And the mission of Jesus*, at His second coming, *is to work exactly that change in humanity!*

IMPOSSIBLE? Oh, no! *Nothing* is impossible with God! And Jesus is coming in all the supernatural power and glory of GOD!

A Preview of Coming UTOPIA!

It's possible, now, for us to peer into the future—on over past and beyond the hellishness this world will put itself thru during the immediate future—and catch a preview of the world tomorrow!

First, the nature of Christ's world-rule: "With *righteousness* shall He judge the poor, and reprove with equity the meek of the earth . . . They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the KNOWLEDGE OF THE ETERNAL, as the waters cover the sea." . . . None deceived, as most are today—true knowledge universally—true education shall be a *basic* part of the program . . . "And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse (CHRIST), which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it (CHRIST) shall the Gentiles seek." (Isa. 11:4-10).

Now for the effect—a preview of HAPPINESS and WORLD PEACE:

"But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain (kingdom) of the house of the Eternal"—that is, the KINGDOM OF GOD—"shall be established in the top of the mountains"—that is, reigning over the great nations of earth—"and it shall be exalted above the hills"—the smaller nations. "And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the house of the Eternal, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and He (Christ) shall teach us of HIS ways, and we will walk in HIS paths: for THE LAW shall go forth of

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A Heart to Heart Talk With The Editor

This is the largest PLAIN TRUTH so far printed. It is not, as yet, quite the new PLAIN TRUTH we are striving to achieve, but I believe it's a big step in that direction.

Unforeseen developments also make necessary a little further delay in our fervent desire to issue The PLAIN TRUTH every month. But I am confident of our ability to publish this twice-as-large PLAIN TRUTH bi-monthly, meanwhile.

I would personally like to know how you like this double-size number. Is it interesting? Are you learning things from it? Much space is devoted to the new AMBASSADOR COLLEGE. It's literally breath-taking, the way God is guiding this work, opening almost unbelievable opportunities for service, blessing it with precious "fruit" for His Kingdom! I will appreciate it deeply, as a personal favor, if you'll write me a personal letter telling what you think of it.

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I like to write on the train. I started the practise some thirty years ago, when, as a very young man for the job I travelled over most of the United States as an editorial representative of a national magazine.

As I was starting out on a three thousand mile trip, the associate editor handed me a portable typewriter—one of the very first editions of the old "model T" Coronas—and told me to learn to write on it.

All my material had to be sent in typed. I had to learn to type—and fast! I put in every moment on trains, and I remember I put in one whole night catching up at the old Baltimore Hotel in Kansas City; and a week later there was another all-night session in Oklahoma City.

By that time I had learned to write about as rapidly with four fingers—like most newspaper men write—as the average stenographer does with all ten. And I've been

writing on trains ever since. All my life,—or the past thirty years of it—I've carried a portable typewriter wherever I've travelled. Writing on trains prevents the waste of much time. And something about the movement of the train stimulates the mind to thinking.

But what I started to write is this: Mrs. Armstrong and I are now on the train, homeward bound from Pasadena where we just completed a very remarkable real estate deal making possible the founding of a most unusual type of school as explained elsewhere in this number. We have just returned from the diner. We didn't want a very heavy meal tonight, so we ordered the famous Southern Pacific Salad bowl of raw vegetables.

One can learn lessons from countless little things that happen every day. So simple a thing as eating a raw vegetable salad can provoke a train of thought.

Tonight's salad stimulated such an idea. So now I shall have to delay Mrs. Armstrong's penchant for going to bed early while the portable typewriter comes out and records for you the thought-sequence of that vegetable salad.

Now there should be nothing wrong with a vegetable salad. Raw vegetables are ex-

cellent; good health producing food. Six hundred years before Christ Daniel refused the rich and scripturally "unclean" foods of the King's palace in Babylon, and thrived with clear, keen mind, and strong healthy body on a diet of vegetables.

Yet there was something wrong with this particular vegetable salad tonight. Into the salad bowl the dining car chef had placed good, wholesome, lettuce, tomatoes, sliced cucumbers, celery, green peppers and radishes. Then he saturated it with a dressing supposed to "improve" it.

And that's exactly the point I want to strike vividly and deeply into your consciousness! People take good, wholesome vegetables as the Creator caused them to grow for our food, and then try to "improve" on what God had produced by a man-concocted dressing!

Some years ago a doctor who also was somewhat of a philosopher said to me that everything man's hand has ever touched has been contaminated by man! And always in an effort to improve on God!

Now I am as quick to admit as anyone that plain raw vegetables, without any dressing or seasoning of any kind, might be less palatable. It is possible to produce a salad dressing that is a natural mixture of healthful ingredients—one that tastes very good, too. But the manufacturers whose salad dressings fill the grocery shelves, and are used in the restaurants, hotels and diners, have a habit of mixing dressings out of combinations which safely could be guaranteed to wreck any stomach, in time.

I didn't believe my philosophic doctor friend when he told me man's hand has contaminated, perverted and polluted everything it has touched. But I have since thought about it, and observed a great deal. And now I'm convinced he was almost right. But not completely. One exception is Southern California. So often I have heard people from scenic, rainy Oregon speak with contempt of those barren hills and mountains, and all the artificial man-planned beauty of Southern California. True, God Himself blessed the mountains and valleys of Oregon with a beautiful green covering. He never gave to Southern California. He left Southern California arid, dry, and waste—except for those occasional well-advertised downpours that rush down the slopes too swiftly to provide much fertility. But didn't God expect men to cultivate and improve the ground? Do not men glorify God and serve His purpose in so doing? And if men have migrated to arid, dry, desolate, barren Southern California, and there by means of irrigation and hard labor produced beautiful orange and lemon groves and other fruit and agricultural production—developed the most glamorously beautiful cities and residences anywhere in the world—such as Pasadena and the magnificent residence section in which AMBASSADOR COLLEGE is to be located—then I say Southern California provides one of the rare exceptions to the rule that man's hand usually

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"The World Tomorrow"

Herbert W. Armstrong analyzes today's news, with the prophecies of The WORLD TOMORROW!

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SHOULD *You* PAY TITHES ?

HOW Should God's work be financed? Does God have a definite *system*? Is "tithing" obligatory in NEW Testament times? Or has God left us to

our own devices—for churches to resort to the old-fashioned oyster suppers and ice cream socials, or to bazaars, entertainments, dances and church movie shows to raise money? Or did God perhaps leave it for each one to give what he feels like—if he feels like giving it?

Did Christ intend His specially-selected and called ministers to be directed and controlled by boards of lay church members *not* called of Christ to the ministry? Or did Christ Himself ordain a system providing for His work, leaving His true called ministers, like prophets of old, free to serve God *alone*?

A Stern PROPHECY for Today!

Let me repeat briefly a stern prophecy for our day—a WARNING from God to 20th century America and Britain!

To us, God says: "I will come near to you in judgment . . . Even from the days of your fathers ye have gone away from *mine* ordinances, and have not kept them. . . . Ye are *cursed with a curse*: for YE HAVE **ROBBED ME**, even this whole nation." (Malachi 3:5-9). That's not a message for ancient Israel. It's a *prophecy*, warning America and Britain *today*!

Other prophecies scattered all thru both Old and New Testaments show the JUDGMENT to be sent on us, for robbing God among other sins—the coming invasion and utter *defeat* in atomic-rocket World War III!

But *why*? "But ye say," continues the Eternal's warning, "Wherein have we robbed Thee?" And God replies, "In **TITHES and OFFERINGS!**"

Notice, we are not robbing Him in tithes *alone*—but also by neglecting to put into His work OFFERINGS besides!

But we've been taught tithing was done away—merely for Israel of old. It's about time we got back to the *Faith once delivered*! Is there a definite financing plan ordained in the New Testament?

God Working out a PURPOSE

Man was placed on earth for a PURPOSE. And always, from the very beginning, God has had on earth a PRIESTHOOD—a ministry representing HIM, making known His revelation, His will to man, carrying out God's mission.

HERE is another eye-opening article on a much misunderstood subject.

Some ask, "Wasn't tithing just for the Jews of a long-dead past?" Others, "Wasn't tithing done away?" Or, "Was it a form of national taxation in ancient Israel?" Or, "Was it to supply material needs to the poor?"

In the November-December number we gave you an article explaining the *principle* of tithing. In the present article, we give you the NEW Testament teaching for Christians—tracing the subject from the beginning. You'll find this article *interesting*, enlightening, plain!

It does cost money to carry on Christ's ministry. And today with super-powered facilities of radio and printing press, of rapid transportation to every part of the world—facilities making it possible to reach vast masses over great distances in short time—the carrying forth of God's LAST WARNING MESSAGE to a deceived world is a hurculean task of gigantic proportions requiring large sums of money.

Has not God, in His wisdom, provided for this financing? And in such manner that His true *called* ministers may be free to serve Him *alone*, carrying His Message **BOLDLY**? If so, the plan will be revealed in God's Word.

Christ's Office, NOW!

It is well recognized that the people of Israel, during Old Testament times, were required to pay tithes. That is, one-tenth of income—whether livestock, grain, or money. But the NEW Testament teaching on tithing is not generally understood.

Yet the subject is mentioned many places in the New Testament. But, since it is a *priesthood* subject—the financing of Christ's *ministry*—it's well to look first at the priesthood Book—Hebrews.

You hear a great deal of a *crucified* Christ—much preaching *about* a dead Christ. But you hear almost nothing about the *Message* He brought from God, and even less about the function of the resurrected *living* Christ of TODAY!

The Book of Hebrews reveals the Christ of the Twentieth Century—the work and office of our Christ TODAY—Christ the High Priest of God! And it contains GOD'S INSTRUCTION for financing the ministry of Christ! The 7th chapter is the tithing chapter.

Speaking of the Christian HOPE of eternal life (which hope *is* Jesus Christ), we

are told, beginning verse 19, chapter 6, this HOPE (Christ) has entered "within the veil"—that is, the very throne of God in heaven—"whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an HIGH PRIEST for ever after the order of Melchisedec."

The NEW Testament Priesthood

Jesus Christ is HIGH PRIEST now. Let's understand it. Jesus of Nazareth came as a *Messenger*, sent from God, bearing a MESSAGE to man. His MESSAGE is His GOSPEL—the Gospel of Jesus Christ—the Good News of the KINGDOM OF GOD.

After finishing His mission as Messenger, Jesus took on Himself the mission of *Saviour*, paying in our stead the penalty of our sins by His death on the cross. But it requires a living Saviour to impart to us the gift of eternal life! So God raised Jesus, by a RESURRECTION.

And thereupon Jesus ascended to heaven, to the very throne of God, where He sat down and continues today as our Everlasting HIGH PRIEST. That is His office, now. Soon He shall assume still another office, returning to earth in all the power and glory of God, as KING of kings—continuing His priesthood office as Lord of lords.

It is in His office as High Priest that Jesus sits as *living Head* of The Church of God, the true Body of Christ in this age. He is High Priest for this and all succeeding ages.

And as High Priest He holds a definite *rank*—a rank that outranks every priestly office—"After the order of Melchisedec"—or, in the plainer English of the Moffatt translation, "with the *rank* of Melchisedec."

And who is Melchisedec? This is one of the intriguing mysteries of the Bible! You'll find another interesting article in this number making the answer plain. Suffice it to say here Melchisedec was the High Priest of God during patriarchal times. And Christ occupies the same office now, holding the same rank.

But the Mosaic dispensation was a purely materialistic, fleshly dispensation. The GOSPEL was not preached in Israel, nor did their ministry carry it to other nations. Israelites formed a *flesh-born* congregation, not a Spirit-begotten church. The ministry consisted of rituals, carnal (fleshly) ordinances, substitute animal sacrifices and burnt offerings. This required of the priests much hard physical labor.

During those years a different priesthood of *lower rank* was in office—mere human

rank, vastly inferior to the spiritual and divine rank of Melchisedec and of Christ. The priests were the tribe of Levi. It was called the Levitical Priesthood.

A Tithe-Receiving Priesthood

Yet this lower-level priesthood had to be financed. God's financing Plan from dim antiquity, thru the Melchisedec priesthood, was the Tithing system. This system was *continued* thru the years of the Levitical priesthood.

Now coming to the 7th chapter of Hebrews, God's financing plan is explained. Notice the comparison between the two tithe-receiving priesthoods.

First read the first five verses, Hebrews, chapter 7: "For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; *to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all . . . abideth a priest continually.* Now consider how great this man was, *unto whom even Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils.* And verily they that are the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, *have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the LAW.*" (Heb. 7:1-5).

Let's understand it. This vital passage of Scripture begins to *compare* the two priesthoods. Notice, back in patriarchal times, TITHING was God's system for financing His ministry. Melchisedec was High Priest. The patriarch Abraham, it is written, knew and kept God's commandments, His statutes and laws (Gen. 26:5). And he paid tithes to the High Priest!

Then the statement is made in this passage that, during that dispensation from Moses until Christ, the priests of that time, the Levites, took tithes from the people BY LAW. It was a LAW, started in the beginning, *continued* thru the Mosaic dispensation.

Tithing, then, did not start with Moses!

It is God's system for financing His ministry, which **BEGAN** from the **BEGINNING**—from the dim antiquity of patriarchal times. It was a LAW. It did not *start* with Moses, it was merely *continued* on THRU the Mosaic period!

Tithing a LAW from Dim Antiquity

Many excuse themselves from tithing to-day on the *false* impression tithing pertained to the Mosaic period *only*. They think it was for Israel, *alone*. And that illusion has brought a CURSE on this whole nation!

The Old Covenant is gone—that's true. But its ending could not take away what it did not *bring*! Tithing was God's law hundreds of years before the Old Covenant started.

TITHING is revealed as *God's system* for financing His earthly ministry. *Prior* to the Levitical priesthood and the Mosaic dispensation, the ministry was under Melchisedec. And we see that ministry, from the

beginning, was financed by the tithing system.

Melchisedec, "having neither beginning of days, nor end of life . . . abideth a priest *continually.*" (Heb. 7:3). Yes, He was High Priest *from the beginning!* Even from Adam! And the ancient patriarchs from Adam down thru Abraham, Jacob, and on to Moses, financed this ministry of God on earth by the TITHING system!

Merely CONTINUED in Israel

Since tithing is God's permanent, continuous financing system, it had to *continue* thru the Mosaic dispensation. But when the priesthood was changed, during that period when the Levites were the ministers, their work and labors had to be financed. But God did not change his financing system. The Levites "had a commandment to take *tithes* of the people according to the LAW."

And notice, the very *subject* of this 7th chapter of Hebrews is the TITHING LAW!

Now continuing the 7th of Hebrews, the teaching concerns *which* of the two priesthoods—Melchisedec, or Levitical—is superior, to determine *which* priesthood should receive tithes NOW!

Christians of Paul's day did not need to be instructed that TITHING is an obligatory and permanent law of God. But they *did* need much teaching to make clear to them that the Old Covenant was dead—the Levitical priesthood gone, and replaced by that of Jesus Christ—the *Melchisedec priesthood restored!* The only question was as to *which* Priesthood tithes were to be paid, now!

To make this point plain, Paul proceeds to show the Melchisedec Priesthood is superior—has precedence *now*.

Notice the Scripture: "Now consider *how great* this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils . . . But he whose descent is not counted from them (the Levites), *received tithes* of Abraham, and blessed him (Abraham) that had the promises. And without all contradiction the *less* (Abraham) is blessed of the *better* (Melchisedec) . . . And as I may so say, Levi also, who received tithes, *paid* tithes in Abraham, for he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him." (Verses 4-9).

The Melchisedec priesthood is greater—superior! It has precedence! And it is again in force as God's Priesthood, under Christ! It, too, needs to be financed!

Now notice the conclusion:

"*For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also in the LAW.*" (Verse 12).

A NEW Testament LAW!

It does not say the law was abolished. The change in Priesthoods makes necessary a CHANGE in the law. What law was thus CHANGED? The very law this chapter is instructing New Testament Christians about—the TITHING LAW! "The sons

of Levi have a commandment to take TITHES . . . according to the law." (Verse 5).

So tithing, far from being abolished, is NEW TESTAMENT LAW! But, the Priesthood being changed to that of Jesus Christ—the Melchisedec Priesthood restored—that tithing law is also changed of necessity, so as to become God's system for financing the ministry of Jesus Christ!

Actually, the law is merely restored, as it was from the beginning!

How plain! Tithing is God's law—His system for financing His great work today; It's commanded, *now!* And this whole nation, says Malachi's prophecy, is under a divine curse because it disregards that law! Every individual who breaks it is under a curse! Let each one ask, "Does that mean me?"

(To be continued)

DEFINITION of Sin

I. The World's Definition

The way to act and live that gives those who dare to do it increased pleasure, fun, good time, enjoyment. The "forbidden fruit" that is sweeter, more desirable.

The concept, though unrealized, is that God is unjust and unfair, forbidding us really to enjoy life. As a consequence, sin is the desirable way forbidden, or at least frowned on, by respectable society under religious influence. If sin is to be enjoyed, it must be in secret unless one is to defy society or be branded with disgrace—or so it used to be, though society today is becoming broader minded, more tolerant of sin, permitting more and more what previous generations forbade.

This concept was aptly illustrated by the death-bed confession of an atheist. His daughter came to his bed-side and asked, "Father, now that you know you are going to die, tell me the truth. Which do you now think is best—your atheism or Mother's Christianity?"

"Well daughter," the dying man replied. "I still believe my way is the best way to live by, but I'll have to confess at last that your mother's religion is the best to die in."

There's the common conception. People unthinkingly have a picture of a God who is unfair—who expects people to give up the worth-while things of life, deny one's self enjoying life, and live a life of unhappiness in order to be "saved." And according to this view the way to cheat God is to live in sin and enjoy life, then squeeze thru at the last minute by a death-bed confession!

This concept is Satan's masterpiece delusion, fastened on an unthinking world! It pictures the god of Herbert Spencer's distorted imagination—a monster, who "saves" people thru FEAR of penalties unless they forsake more desirable ways for his narrow and unhappy way. It hides God's love, turns God's law of love into an evil thing, cheats human beings of the happiness, peace, success and joy that could be theirs thru a discernment of the TRUE values!

II. The Bible Definition

"Sin," defines the Bible, "is the transgression of the law." (I John 3:4). "The law is spiritual," (Rom. 7:14). "The law is holy, just, and good." (Rom. 7:12). "LOVE is the fulfilling of the law." (Rom. 13:10).

What is *righteousness*? "All thy commandments are righteousness." (Ps. 119:172). Sin is the transgressing of LIVING LAWS God has set in motion. Those laws are ALIVE. They are eternal, immutable, inexorable! (Ps. 111:7-8).

When we transgress them, there is a penalty. There is NO ESCAPE from the penalty! That is why God gave His only Son to pay that penalty for all who will accept it, in our stead. The LAW has been set in motion, and it is the most powerful, irresistible thing in all the universe! Relentlessly, it moves on, always claiming its penalty without fail! That law is SO STRONG—so *irresistible*—so immutable—it took even the life of Jesus, the very Son of the living GOD! It was STRONGER than He! It claimed His life, when HE took on Himself your sins and mine! When those sins of ours were upon Him—those "sweet" but forbidden fruits!—He came under the penalty in our stead; and then not

even the life of Jesus Christ was strong enough to prevent that inexorable law from claiming its penalty—DEATH!

Jesus did not do away with the law. The law did away with HIM—with His physical, earthly life! It is only because God raised Him from the dead by a resurrection that He now lives! He didn't end the LAW—no, the law ended His life! And the law will end *yours*, unless your sins are all on Jesus! The law is eternal, immutable—it moves irresistibly on!

Yet, the law of God is not evil, but GOOD! It is LOVE! It is the way to peace, to happiness, to joy! Keep it, and you are happy. Break it, and you suffer! It is God's greatest gift to mankind—given to make man happy, to lead him into the full abundant life, to protect his happiness and give him eternal life! Yes, eternal life comes through *keeping* the law! But you and I have broken the law—sinned—and death is the penalty. The blood of Jesus pays the penalty—takes away the past sin reconciles us to God. Then God gives us His HOLY SPIRIT—the Spirit of LOVE—the "love of God shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost." And *this* is the spiritual love, in us, which *alone* can fulfil, or keep, God's law! It is *only* those who keep the law—thru the indwelling of the Holy Spirit—who can be saved—inherit eternal life! All others are sinners, and the penalty is death! It is *only* those thus keeping the law who know peace, happiness, JOY!

Finally, the Bible reveals sin as the way that *seems* RIGHT to men! The way that appears attractive, enjoyable, desirable! But it's a snare and a delusion! Humans seek fun, pleasure, enjoyment. Sin usually gives a *temporary* sensation of pleasure, or exhil-

eration. But it's false as hell itself! Because always there's a kick-back! Sometimes it's the headache of the "morning after." It exacts an exorbitant PRICE always collected later—but it's a relentless collector! And its final price is DEATH! It's a mighty poor bargain!

Do most so-called Christians really *repent* of sin? How can they, when today's religion teaches God's law is done away—teaches sin is merely the transgression of human *conscience*! One's *conscience* troubles him only when he does what he *believes* is wrong! As long as he believes God's law is harsh, unjust, and abolished in Christ—as long as he believes the way that *seems* right is right—as long as he believes the world's definition of sin, HOW CAN HE REPENT OF REAL SIN—THE TRANSGRESSION OF GOD'S LAW? How can he repent of what looks RIGHT to him—of that which appears *attractive, alluring*?

Ancient Israel did what THEY thought was right. They continually did that which was evil in the sight of the Eternal, but it seemed right to them. And so the world continues today. Deceived as to right and wrong, it does wrong, and then wonders why it is so unhappy—why there's so much *suffering* in the world today!

GOD HELP US TO DISCERN THE TRUE VALUES FROM THE FALSE! God has revealed the right and the TRUE way! David loved that way, meditated upon it all the day! Paul said it was spiritual, holy, just and good! You'll find that way in God's LAW. It's the only way that will lead to peace, justice, success, happiness, joy—and life eternal!

Who is MELCHISEDEC?

ONE of the mysteries of the Bible is the identity of Melchisedec. *Who is he?* We read, in Hebrews 6:19-20, that Jesus Christ, after His resurrection, was High Priest "after the order of Melchisedec." Or, in the plainer English of the Moffatt translation, "with the rank of"—equal status with, Melchisedec.

First, Melchisedec was God's Priest. During a war between a number of ancient city-states, Abraham's nephew, Lot, had been captured and he and his family and goods carried off. One of their number escaped and told Abraham, who armed 318 of his own servants, pursued them clear to Dan and beyond, and rescued Lot and his family and returned them and their goods. On Abraham's return, he was ministered to by Melchisedec:

"And Melchisedec king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God. And he blessed him (Abraham), and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: and blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he (Abraham) gave him (Melchisedec) tithes of all." (Gen. 14:18-20).

Notice, Melchisedec was king of Salem—later changed to Jerusalem. Now Hebrew names have meaning. The meaning of the name "Melchisedec" is "King of Righteousness." In other words, translated into English, this priest's name was "King of Righteousness." And "Salem" means "PEACE." So He also was King of PEACE. And it

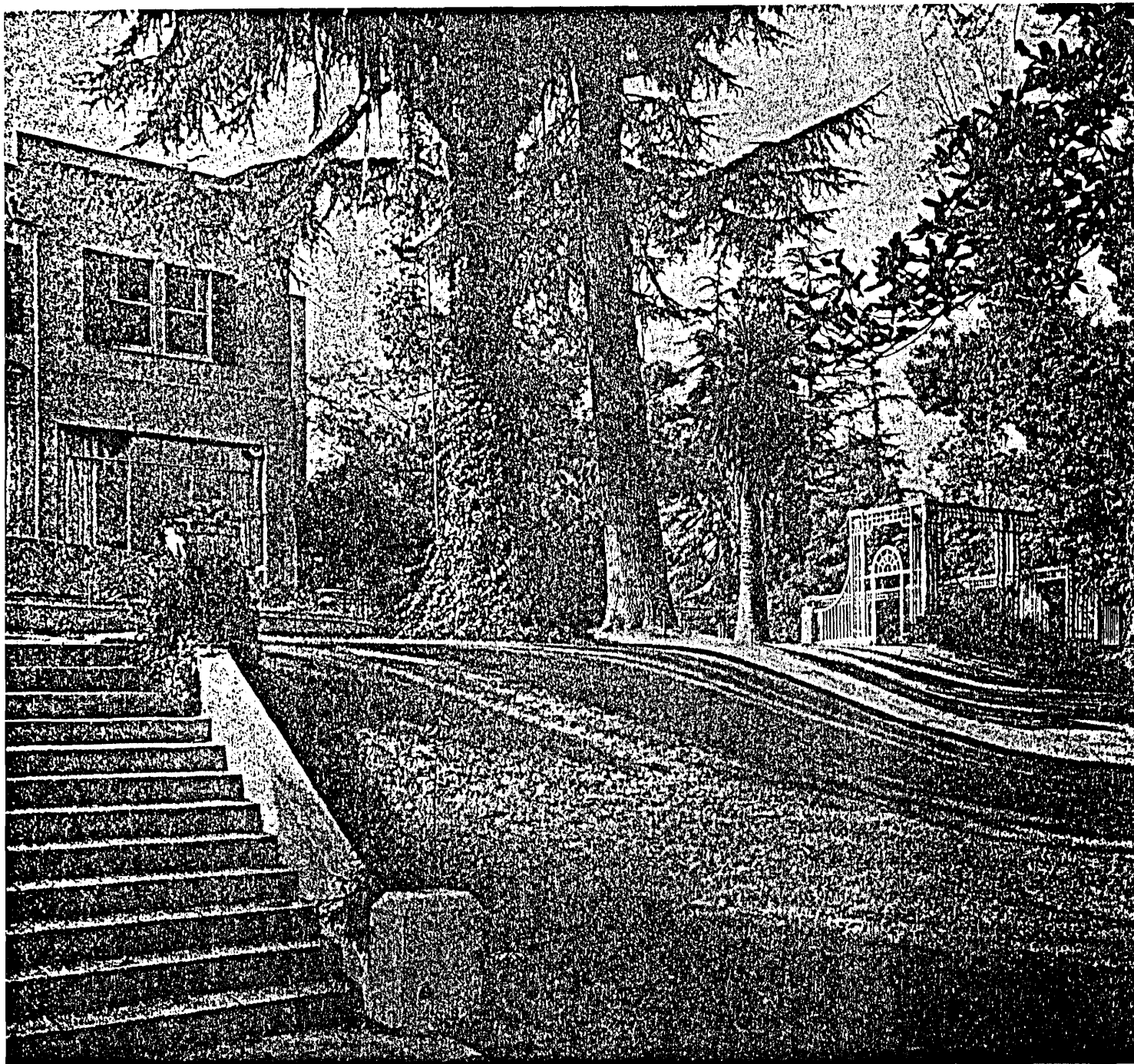
is stated He was the PRIEST of the most high God.

Melchisedec is mentioned again in Psalms 110:4. Speaking prophetically of Christ, it is stated: "The Eternal hath sworn, and will not repent, 'Thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.'" This is quoted in Heb. 5:6, 10.

Then coming to Hebrews 7, we find Melchisedec identified.

"For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first, being by interpretation King of Righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of PEACE." (Heb. 7:1-2).

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and *now...* OUR OWN NEW

*Above---*view of portion of
beautiful campus, corner of main
building, and tennis court of future

AMBASSADOR COLLEGE

Pasadena, California

THIS Year, September 22nd, our own new school, AMBASSADOR COLLEGE, will swing open its doors to students!

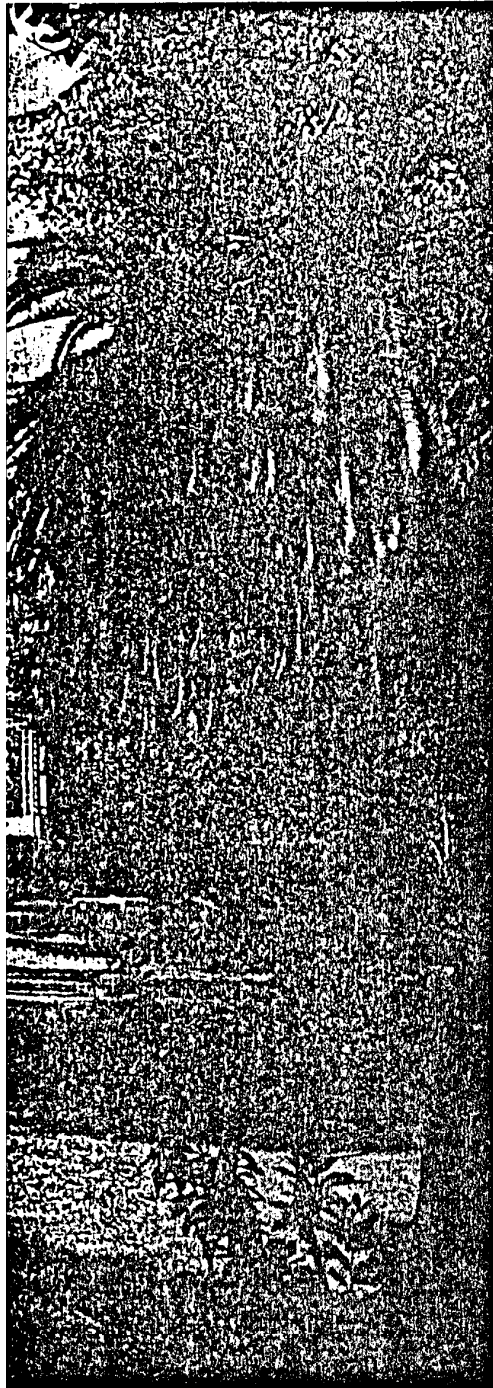
Late last November the splendid buildings and magnificent campus grounds, in beautiful Pasadena California, were purchased.

An amazing set-up has come into our hands that is unique, and, we believe, without parallel! Prospective students learning of the unusual program are thrilled!

Students are Fascinated, Thrilled!
Miraculously, we have been placed in po-

sition to offer students *most unusual* advantages and inducements. While we cannot, obviously, offer some of the *same* attractions possible at larger universities — such as large student bodies running into thousands; dozens of acres of grounds and dozens of large buildings with impressive laboratories, gymnasiums, athletic fields; yet, most agree the advantages offered by AMBASSADOR excell big-university attractions, or even those offered by minor colleges or private schools.

AMBASSADOR offers superior advantag-



unusual advantages for special technical courses, as well as a thorough, sound, complete Bible course under Herbert W. Armstrong.

There is no other college like AMBASSADOR. It is, in a sense, a revolutionary new-type college — *different* from those of today's world—a forward-looking, progressive institution built on soundest principles, having highest goals and objectives, yet employing the best of proved methods of administration, and maintaining highest academic standards.

Later in this article we will tell you the thrilling details.

A MIRACLE Has Been Performed

The vision of this new and *different* college, and its imperative urgent need, came like a revelation straight from God last spring. At first the idea seemed impossible, for us—almost fantastic.

But the Eternal our God is a miracle-working God who promises to supply every need. And literally, God has performed a miracle! When one knows the facts and circumstances, that cannot be doubted. Events have happened swiftly! Amazing developments occurred unexpectedly. The vision has become a definite reality. The opening of AMBASSADOR COLLEGE next September is assured.

WHY We Must Have a College

But why should we establish and conduct a college in connection with this, God's work?

The reasons are concrete and vital. Our calling is to proclaim the true living Gospel of the Kingdom of God to *all nations*; to WARN this nation and the British of the prophesied catastrophe God will send upon us in punishment unless our people "come out of Babylon" and turn to God and His ways; to convert souls and bring them to Christ; and to "feed the flock"—teach and lead them in true Christian living.

This great work to which God called us started, fourteen years ago, from *nothing*—except a knowledge of the truth, a rich and abiding faith wrought of experience, an utter submission to God and a zeal which inspired incessant hard work. God blessed and prospered the work He had begun. Always our efforts were blessed with rich "fruit"—a continuous harvest of souls, the Gospel going out with increasing power and ever-widening scope.

This work started with the personal efforts of Herbert W. Armstrong. For a few years the only active assistance was that of Mrs. Armstrong. After a few years a little secretarial help was added—part-time help at first, then more, until today a well-organized office staff of seventeen carries as much as possible of the work.

But the work has grown to a scope where *called*, consecrated, properly educated and specially trained assistants, ministers and evangelists to follow up this work in the field have become an imperative need.

The time has come when we must lay definite PLANS for carrying the true Gospel of the Kingdom of God into *all nations*, in *many languages*! Never, until now, could we foresee just how this was to be done. But the time has come, God has given the answer and moved miraculously to open the way before us!

The only answer was a COLLEGE of *our own*!

Yet, the active ministry is *different* from every other profession in one very important respect. No man ever should enter it of his own volition—by his own choice or selection by MEN. A true minister of Jesus Christ must be specially *called* of GOD. And how can we *know* whether one is really called? Experience has shown human nature to be such that most who *think* they are called are mistaken, and those who really are called invariably try to run from the calling! Jesus gave us the only test—"By their *fruits*," He said, "ye shall KNOW."

But "the fruits" are worked out by experience, and that requires time. For this very reason our college *cannot be a ministerial college*—though it *is* being designed so that, should we be fortunate enough to find one out of twenty really and truly called to the ministry, that one will have been prepared and properly trained.

But our commission also is to "feed the flock"—to teach Christian young men and women *how to live*! And true Christian living is, in a sense few have ever realized, a matter of EDUCATION! *Where*, when one knows the facts of this world's education, is such a young man and young woman to acquire a *right* education?

These considerations led naturally to the policy of making AMBASSADOR a general liberal arts institution for ALL young men and women, regardless of future vocation, occupation or profession.

The PLAIN TRUTH About Modern Education

Now let us explain the real WHY of Ambassador College—its purpose, goals, and policy—its urgent NEED as a general educational institution.

God's *purpose* in placing humans on earth, explained in the preceding number of the PLAIN TRUTH, is the creation of God's supreme MASTERPIECE—*righteous, holy, spiritual characters*! Redemption is merely the working out—the completing—of that creation.

God's great design, then, is to mold, fashion, *change* us from what we have made of ourselves into the noble characters He purposes to make of us. To "convert" a soul is to *change* that person into something different altogether. The true Christian is a *new creation*, created in Christ Jesus in true righteousness and holiness *unto good works*. (Eph. 2:10).

And while it is a spiritual matter, involving God's Holy Spirit, this *change* takes place in the MIND—and that faculty of

COLLEGE !

es in location, beauty of campus, nature of courses of study, high academic standards, special technical courses made available by arrangement with large neighboring universities,—advantages in our special recreational and social program, cultural advantages, physical education, *as well as in religious instruction*.

AMBASSADOR is to be a general liberal arts institution—not a Bible school, ministers' college, or theological seminary. It will fit students for all walks of life, offering a general and *practical* basic education, with

mind we call "the heart." The first step is repentance, and repentance literally means "a change of MIND." The second step, is acceptance of and faith in Jesus Christ as personal Saviour, takes place also in the mind and heart. The third step is something God does—placing within us the gift of His Holy Spirit. And the receiving of the Holy Spirit is the *renewing* of the MIND (Rom. 12:2; Eph. 4:23, etc.); and the Spirit of God is the Spirit of a *sound mind* (2 Tim. 1:7). Conversion is putting on "the new man, which is renewed in knowledge." (Col. 3:10). Only the "overcomers" shall be saved and overcoming is directed by the *mind*! True Christians must grow in grace and in Christ's KNOWLEDGE. (2 Pet. 3:18). True Christianity is *spiritual MIND-edness*!

Salvation IS Education!

In other words, though we perhaps never have thought of it in this light, real conversion is EDUCATION! Not the purely mental, materialistic, largely erroneous education of this world—no, not that kind at all—but *real* TRUE education, which is the renewing and enlightening of the mind, the feeding of the soul, the development of self-discipline and CHARACTER in true spiritual values! *That* is true EDUCATION!

That is the type of education to be taught at AMBASSADOR COLLEGE! Truly, it is something *different* in a materialistic world that has forgotten GOD!

Man is the highest mortal being God has created on earth. The MIND is the highest part of man—the faculty which, above all else, elevates man above dumb animals. Did not God intend our minds then, to be developed, trained, used to His honor and glory?

Can't we see that none glorifies God by ignorance, by *neglecting* this most precious heritage God has entrusted to man—the MIND? To fulfil God's purpose in our existence, our minds need *enlightening* thru the revelation of God's Word; they need to be trained, developed, cultivated, *used*!

What's WRONG with American Education!

Today we live in a confused, misguided, deceived, chaotic world. We find ourselves in a civilization started thousands of years ago by a God-rejecting man named Nimrod. Every phase of this babylonish civilization is established on principles diametrically contrary to the revealed principles and laws of God. This world is not happy. It's filled with strife, fear, ignorance, deception, injustice, crime, poverty, suffering, anguish, woe and DEATH!

And *this whole worldly civilization is BASED on a system of false education!*

And surveys have shown that even though 95% of freshmen entering college still believe there is a God, by the time they have absorbed four years of this world's "higher education" 95% of *graduating seniors have become agnostics or atheists!*

Modern education is almost wholly materialistic. It rejects the basic revelations of

God. It gropes in the dark amid its vain speculations, in the hopeless search for the acquisition of knowledge that can come only thru the very revelation it rejects! It wastes precious hours and years in the minute study of nonconsequential details and impractical and untrue theories, instead of teaching young men and women the BASIC KNOWLEDGE OF LIFE—what life is, why we are here, where we are going, and *how to live* successfully, usefully, happily, joyfully! Its proponents look wise and dignified, and speak learnedly of unimportant nothings. And they fill students' minds with much chaff, while their souls starve for the TRUE educational food!

Yes, something's **WRONG** with this world's education, as well as with its religion, its politics, its economics, and its society! And *wrong education* is a basic cause of ALL the world's wrongs today!

How it All Started

Where, when, and how did the present educational system start? How has it developed?

It all started at the very beginning. Let's trace it, just briefly.

Our first parents rejected the revealed KNOWLEDGE of God. To Adam and Eve God revealed certain definite facts, principles, laws. This knowledge they rejected. They spurned and disobeyed God's laws—four of the Ten Commandments were broken in the "original sin." They departed from God's revealed way of life.

Down through the centuries man has continued to reject God's revealed KNOWLEDGE. Contrary to God's ways, mankind soon was organized into competitive units of society, started by Nimrod at Babel, Nineveh, and the original city-states.

Ancient nations developed—all straying from the revealed knowledge, the laws, and ways of God. Groping in the dark, seeking to learn about "The UNKNOWN," the ancients speculated their way into the pagan philosophies that have come on down to us—the very philosophies which form the BASIS of modern education—the teachings of Aristotle, Socrates, Plato, Epictetus, Virgil, and finally in the middle ages, Dante Allegherie.

And today modern education still gropes in the darkness of "The UNKNOWN!" Rejecting the true God and His basic revelation, the world worships a false messiah it calls SCIENCE. Science may be defined as "organized knowledge." But there has been so much knowledge that was *missing*! So much of "the UNKNOWN!" And so science has become largely an attempt, thru observation, measurement, and REASON, to add by the natural processes and methods and speculations of man, to man's fund of basic knowledge.

Seeking to Know "the UNKNOWN"

You'll grasp the whole picture of modern science and modern education better, as it is so aptly illustrated by the exclamations of a man highly educated in this world's

universities. The subject of religion, as related to the college curriculum, came up.

"Religion?" the learned doctor exclaimed. "Yes, religion should be on the college curriculum. It's purely a speculative philosophy, of course—purely a speculative philosophy. Who can KNOW?—*who can KNOW?* We can know nothing of God—nothing of the hereafter. Yet every student should look into these matters for himself—he should *think* about them—he should *speculate*, and form a philosophy of his own that is satisfactory and acceptable to *him*."

The other day a net-work broadcast in the interest of the "March of Dimes" campaign was discussing certain progress made by medical science. In regard to the treatment and cure of a certain disease, a doctor of national reputation admitted that little is known as yet about certain phases of this disease.

One reads and hears a great deal of this sort of thing. "Science" is delving into the UNKNOWN, groping around in the dark with the wrong methods and tools, seeking to KNOW "The UNKNOWN."

As this general system of pagan philosophy came down thru the centuries to us it was realized there was a serious "missing link" in the chain of man-devised "knowledge." How was CREATION to be accounted for *without a CREATOR*? The world's science, education and philosophy was leaving GOD out of the picture. And CREATION is the PROOF—the very EVIDENCE of the existence of GOD!

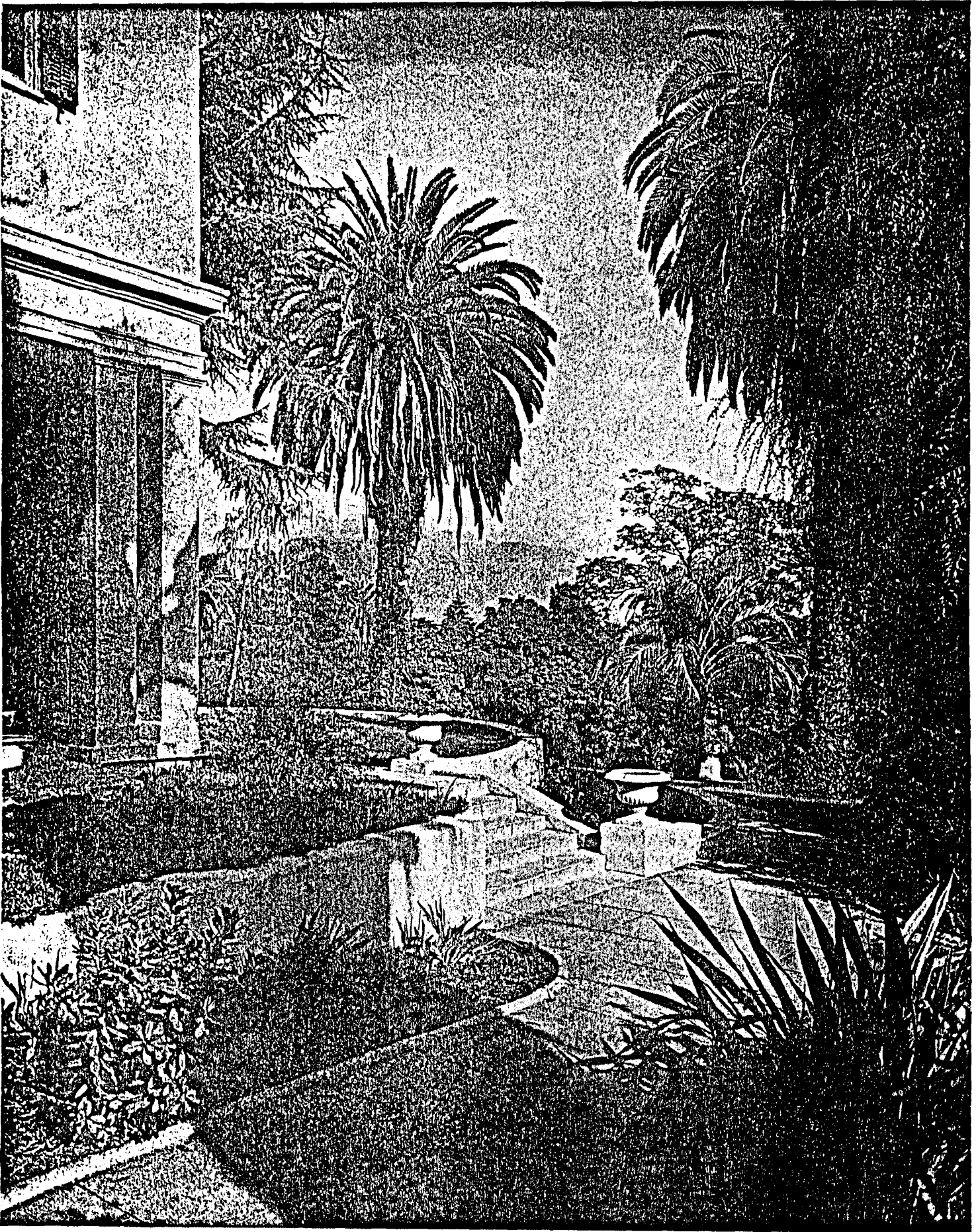
This led eventually to a man-devised theory which has become today the BASIC CONCEPT upon which the entire structure of modern science, philosophy, and education is founded—the theory of EVOLUTION! But "Science" the false messiah finds itself in the ridiculous and embarrassing dilemma of *still* having to search for a "missing link."

What Evolution Really Is

Evolution, in plain language, is the atheist's explanation of creation *without a Creator*! Many attempts have been made, especially in religious colleges, to accept the popular doctrine of evolution and at the same time profess a belief in the Bible, by a futile effort to harmonize the two. Some therefore profess a belief in what they call "theistic evolution." But this requires a distortion and alteration of the plain revelations of the Bible, as well as a certain compromise with pure "evolution." The real fathers of evolution were atheists, every one. The real thorough-going died-in-the-wool evolutionists admit frankly it is impossible to believe in both evolution and the Bible.

"Evolution," says one frank exponent, "throws the Bible out of doors." "Evolution," says another, "makes it impossible to believe in God."

Then, too, the popular acceptance of this theory has led to the "modernist" school of



Another view of AMBASSADOR'S magnificently-landscaped campus

religionists and churchmen. These reject the Bible as the inspired Word of a personal God. They reject, with "scientists," all Biblical miracles, such as the flood, a special creation in six days, the virgin birth, the resurrection, the ascension. They accept some of the *teachings* of Jesus, while dismissing other parts of His teachings as idealistic but impractical platitudes. They, human men, take it upon themselves to decide what portions of the Bible they shall accept, and which portions to reject.

And so it is that "Science" gropes in the dark, produces speculations out of human imagination, and teaches as fact its adopted theories! And, in modern education, unless the student accepts the current fad in "scientific belief" he is ridiculed out of school! It's a mark of intellectual distinction to believe in these accepted theories. And most students have too much intellectual pride in their human nature to want to be made a laughing-stock! So, like sheep the students fall in line and are inoculated with this educational POISON!

This, we know, is plain talk! But it's also PLAIN TRUTH. And it shows the *need* for AMBASSADOR COLLEGE!

CAN We, Then, KNOW?

Now see where all this leads us! Here is bewildered, deceived, unhappy suffering humanity groping in the dark, seeking by human speculation to come to a knowledge of the UNKNOWN!

WHO can KNOW? Yes, who?

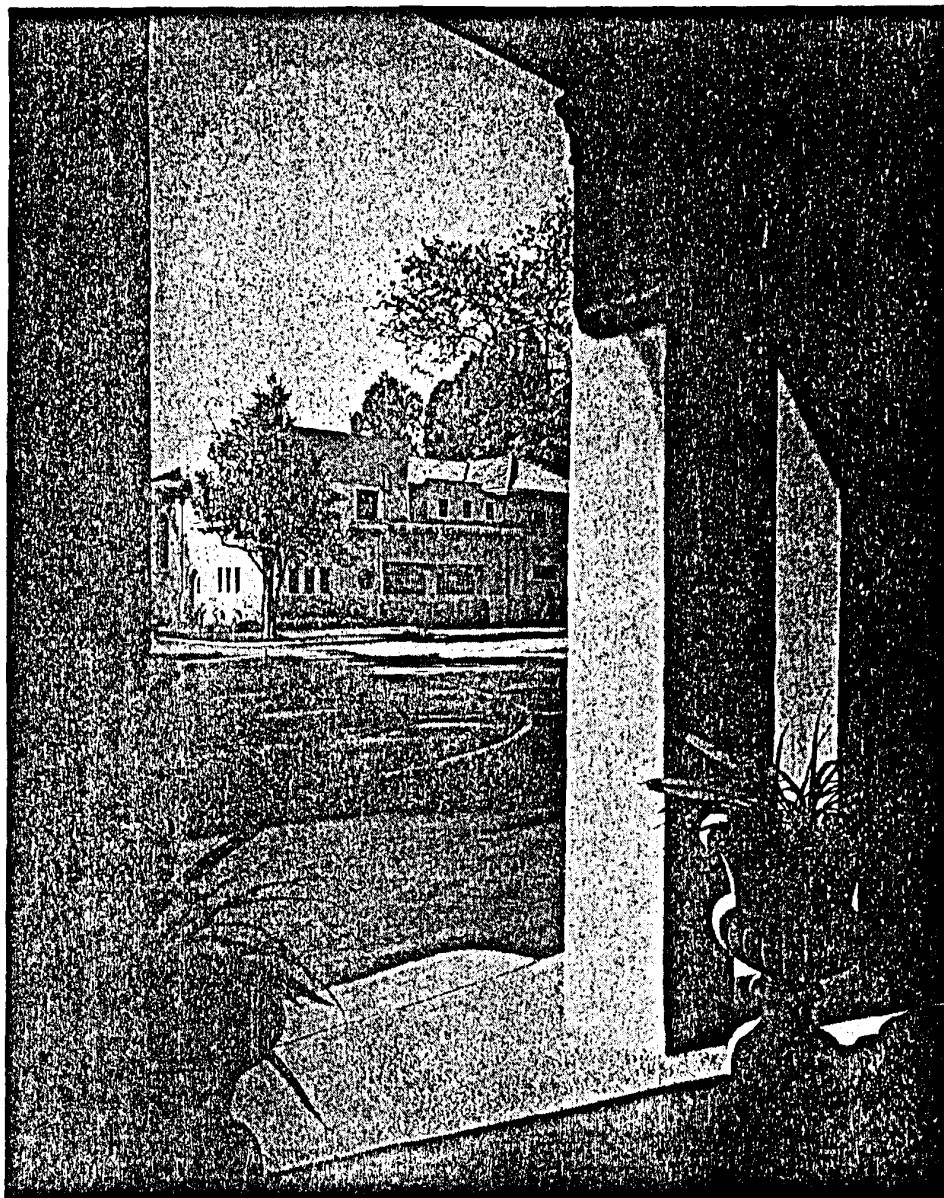
If there *be* a GOD, would He have left mankind so hopelessly in the dark? WHY must man be in the dark about such vital, basic knowledge as creation—the very accounting for the presence of things that exist; of what life is, whence it came, why it is, where we are going, what is the purpose of our existence, what of the hereafter?

Almost *no one*, it seems, has been able to learn what The Holy BIBLE really is!

The Bible is GOD'S REVELATION TO MAN!

It is God's means of communicating to man the BASIC KNOWLEDGE man needs! Thru it as His vehicle of information, God reveals to man KNOWLEDGE of facts, of laws, of purposes, of events both past and future—all of which man *has no other way to know!*

In it God *reveals* "The UNKNOWN!" BASIC knowledge man is unable otherwise to discover. Now, to illustrate: Man is able, of himself, to build laboratories, to experiment thru test-tubes. Man is able to invent and build telescopes and learn about the stars; microscopes and learn about infinitesimal particles of matter. Therefore God did not reveal in the Bible the laws of physics and chemistry, the distance of the sun, the moon, and various stars from the earth. God left it for Newton to discover and reveal to us the law of gravity. *MANY* things man is able to discover for himself. Those things God has left for man himself to find out.



Looking across campus from the entrance of AMBASSADOR'S main building—The smaller 12-room Administration building.

But "The UNKNOWN," which man *needs* to know, God has *revealed* thru the Bible as a *foundation* for knowledge. That is the BEGINNING! And *from* there God has left it for man to go on and explore, examine, observe, and measure—and ADD to the basic store of knowledge with which God started him out! It is RIGHT for man to ADD all he can to this basic revealed knowledge. God gave us eyes to see with, ears to hear with, hands to work with, minds to think and to reason with.

Not All Worldly Knowledge is False

THINK what a wonderful fund of knowledge man *might* have had today, had he proceeded from the beginning as God intended!

We do not say everything taught in this world's educational institutions is erroneous and false. On the contrary, *MUCH* of it is true, accurate knowledge. Insofar as scientific men have stuck to pure observa-

tion, measurement, laboratory tests and definite practical experiments, they have been most cautious, conscientious and accurate. It is where they have mixed human speculation of "The UNKNOWN" in *with* observed and known facts—rejecting the revelation of God—that they have gone into gross and ridiculous error.

Such exact sciences as mathematics, much of chemistry, astronomy, anatomy, physics, etc., are merely what man has been able to discover, and God has left him to learn for himself. These will be taught at Ambassador just as anywhere else. But in the realm of religion, philosophy, much of biology, geology, and kindred "sciences," so called, man has groped in the dark, rejecting true revelation.

The True BEGINNING of Knowledge

Therefore the BIBLE is the very FOUNDATION of TRUE KNOWLEDGE!

And so "The fear of The Eternal is the

beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all they that do His Commandments." (Ps. 111:10). And Jesus said, "Ye shall know the TRUTH, and the TRUTH shall make you FREE." Notice—"Ye shall KNOW"—knowing is KNOWLEDGE—EDUCATION!

Ignorance, and a false education in error has enslaved the human race in poverty, fear, inequality, discontent, unhappiness, sickness, suffering and DEATH! It is *only* the TRUTH, that can now set men FREE!

And what is TRUTH? "Thy Word," Jesus said, "is TRUTH." The BIBLE is God's Word! It reveals the way to WORLD PEACE. It leads men out of fear into FAITH; out of the bondage of sin into the freedom of GRACE; out of sickness into HEALTH; out of suffering and death into LIFE! It reveals the LAWS OF LIFE which alone can lead to peace, prosperity, happiness, joy and eternal life!

But this precious fund of KNOWLEDGE the wise of this world REJECT! God's laws and ways they flout and disobey!

Instead, the learned of this world have become so steeped in the fables of a God-rejecting materialism masquerading falsely under the attractive names of "rationalism," "modern science," "higher education," etc., that it has become impossible to UNlearn these deceptions and come to a knowledge of the TRUTH!

That's why so many of the highly educated are agnostics or atheists!

That's why so FEW of those educated in this world become converted, truly "born again," living truly spiritual Christian lives!

Today the TRUTH appears mere FOOLISHNESS to the highly-educated of this world! "Howbeit . . . we speak not the wisdom of this world . . . but we speak the wisdom of God . . . which none of the princes of this world knew . . . For the wisdom of this world is FOOLISHNESS with GOD!" (1 Cor. 2:6-7; 3:19).

Detailed, But Brief Facts About Ambassador College

Location

Pasadena, we believe, is the most desirable location in all the world in which to establish a college.

As one educator stated it: "The United States is the best country on earth for a college. California is now recognized as the most progressive and forward-looking state in education. Pasadena is the best part of California in which to establish a college. And AMBASSADOR is in the finest location in Pasadena."

Pasadena, in our opinion, is the most beautiful city in America. And we've seen most of America's cities. To people from other parts of the country many of its better districts seem more like a beautiful dream than a reality. And AMBASSADOR is located in one of Pasadena's finest, if not its very finest, districts.

Pasadena is one of the most cultural centers of America. Its atmosphere is quite different from that of Los Angeles, Hollywood, or

Beverly Hills. No movie stars live there. It is cultural, substantial, permanent.

In, and near Pasadena, are to be found all the supplementary advantages such a college will need—great libraries, two world-famous astronomical observatories, famous galleries and museums, several colleges and universities of highest rank where great research projects of world importance always are in operation—such as California Institute of Technology (Cal Tech), just across town; University of Southern California in Los Angeles, and U.C.L.A. in Westwood. This location thus gives us many extra-curricular advantages, of which more will be explained below.

This part of California enjoys the world's finest climate—sunshine most of the year. AMBASSADOR COLLEGE, incidentally, is on high ground—in no danger of flash "floods."

Some of the critics call the southern California area "artificial." True, some of its mountains are barren. The whole district once was arid, barren waste. But is it not to man's credit that by intelligence, artistry and long toil he has turned this desert into a productive, breath-taking panorama of beauty? Isn't this one thing, at least, that man has done as God intended?

Southern California is one of the most progressive spots on earth. Here one drinks plenty of orange juice, eats appetizing salads of mixed greens, learns what "out-door living" is, imbibes plenty of fresh air and health-producing sunshine, sleeps soundly thru cool nights, arises refreshed and full of energy for a successful day.

It's a *miracle* that the home for AMBASSADOR was opened to us in Pasadena—it's another *miracle* that the only place opened to us was a millionaire estate with buildings of solid concrete, hardwood-finished interiors, gorgeous grounds and expensive landscaping such as only millionaires can afford, offered us at a fraction of its original cost and on a basis within our reach—it's a *miracle* that this, of all the estates in Southern California we have seen, is just about the only one which *looks* more like a college than a home, ideal for our purpose—and which has grounds perfectly designed for a college campus; and it's a fourth *miracle* coinciding with all the others in one and the same place that this is the *only* estate so far as we know in all Southern California zoned to permit the establishment of a college—and it's a fifth *miracle* joined to all the others that this zoning to permit a college covers just exactly the adjoining estates and ground which AMBASSADOR will in due time need to acquire and which, it now develops, we shall be able to acquire, ultimately increasing our grounds to a total of 7 to 10 acres, with enough buildings to house a college of up to 500 or more students; and it's a sixth *miracle* that all these other *miracles* were performed at the *exact time*, and the offer opened up and came at the precise *time* of our need. Two weeks before it was not for sale. One hour later it would have been sold to another for spot cash. We heard of it, were led to it "out of a clear sky."

Perhaps you may think all these facts are coincidences which could have just HAPPENED, all together in the way they did at the precise time they did. We prefer to call it a special divine miracle and give GOD all the credit, the praise and the glory! And even this is not all! An even *more* thrilling, amazing, almost fantastic development may be a reality and ready for announcement in the next number!

Courses Offered

As stated in this article, AMBASSADOR will be a general liberal arts college. In this article we have outlined its purposes and goals—its basic concept.

In many ways it is to be a new-type, revolutionary educational institution. We are not OF this world, and therefore not bound by its traditions, but unfettered and free to intro-

duce *new* ideas, courses, and methods where they are sound and practical. But we shall employ all the methods of administration and ideas of orthodox American education which are right, sound, practical, and efficient in achieving our purpose. Academic standards must be the HIGHEST.

To some extent AMBASSADOR will offer the same courses common to liberal arts institutions. Exact sciences, based on definite observation, measurement, experimentation, laboratory tests alone, unmixed with erroneous speculation, are TRUTH.

But at AMBASSADOR we shall strive, first of all, to educate the student for the practical, successful, abundant LIFE—for accomplishment. It is to be a CHARACTER-building institution, where students are taught how to live successfully, usefully, happily, joyfully—trained and fitted for their particular field of life endeavor. Some of our courses will be new and different—pioneering in a new field.

A course is being worked out on "HOME BUILDING." By that we do *not* mean HOUSE-building—carpentry. A house is not a HOME! This course will teach students how to build a happy home. The home is the very basis of a successful, happy, enduring society. The basic Commandments of God are designed largely to protect the HOME—the FAMILY LIFE! This course will instruct in the relationships of husband, wife, child—of parental relationships, child training.

Another course we hope to have available is an entirely new-type course in Physical Health—an understanding of the human body, the laws of health, the basic nature and causes of sickness and disease—a study of proper foods and diet, care of the physical body, which is the TEMPLE of God's Spirit. In other words, a course in how to avoid breaking the physical laws of health. This is most vital to successful, happy living. It will be a common-sense course, avoiding new fads, extremes, or crackpot notions, but daring to face, accept, and practise the TRUTH.

The curriculum is not as yet worked out, except in general principle. There will be courses, however, in such subjects as English composition, Public Speaking, a required Government course, Foreign Languages, History, Music.

Special Technical Courses

Special arrangements are being made under which Ambassador students may take special technical courses at other institutions possessing superior facilities, such as Cal Tech, Occidental, Southern California, UCLA, etc., and the credits will be transferred to Ambassador. These courses include, among others, astronomy, chemistry, domestic science, radio, architecture, etc.

In some technical courses not requiring laboratory facilities, guest instructors will conduct classes at Ambassador—instructors noted in their fields, so far as possible.

Recreational and Social Life

We believe in bringing out and developing all the PERSONALITY God has endowed one with. Ambassador will seek to offer inducements excelling the recreational and social and athletic activities of large universities by a very special program of our own. We realize life at Ambassador must be made *attractive to the student!* We shall strive to make it enjoyable, interesting, literally thrilling! The buildings and grounds offer the ideal set-up for this purpose. We shall devote considerable intelligent attention to the social life—directed not toward just "fun" alone, or worldly pleasures, but toward personality and character-development, the acquisition of that portion of culture which includes the graces of politeness, courtesy, kindness, gentleness, self-restraint, selflessness. We shall avoid the evils of the ordinary frat life—such as snobishness and a feeling of class distinction.

The beautiful campus-grounds of the college were designed at great expense for delightful evening parties out-doors. The grounds are flood-lighted. There's a small orchestra or band stand in just the proper place. There are upper and lower grounds. An "Italian garden," and an outdoor fireplace, beautiful fountains and pools. And the grounds are secluded and private from the streets. These facilities Ambassador students will use and enjoy.

There is a full championship tennis court on the grounds. There will be a special recreation room. Later, a swimming pool will be installed. In due time we expect to erect a most modern gymnasium, with latest equipment, full size basketball court, ample gallery space for our size college.

Future Building Program

What we have now is only the basic beginning. But what a beautiful, lovely, perfect beginning it is! Adequately, perfectly adapted to the purpose.

But already first overtures are being made, and plans laid, toward the acquisition as soon as funds permit, of beautiful adjoining estates, bringing the campus to 7 acres, later perhaps more. This will provide us with excellent men's and women's dormitories, space for the gymnasium, and space for the erection of three new ultra-modern classroom buildings.

We do not want any to gain the impression we are embarking on any grand splurges of extravagance. On the contrary, everything that has come into our hands so far has been at amazing, almost unbelievable economy and low price. In the conduct of the Gospel work, under God's direction and blessing, we have been able to achieve such efficiency and economies that now 2,000 precious souls are reached with the Gospel on every dollar spent! We expect to continue that same policy of efficiency which produces big results, highest quality, with *stringent economy!*

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION: The standards at AMBASSADOR will be kept high. It is to be a *character-training* institution. Academic requirements for admission are high school graduation. Full credits should be submitted. There will also be requirements as to intelligence, character, purpose, etc.

INCORPORATION: We have not wanted to incorporate this work. Until now it has been carried on under the scriptural name, RADIO CHURCH OF GOD, an unincorporated Gospel association. Now, however, in order to assure exemption from income tax, in order to insure complete protection to our co-workers whose tithes, offerings, and special gifts make this glorious work possible, and in order to make it now possible to create special funds and endowments for AMBASSADOR COLLEGE, it has become necessary to incorporate. We are, therefore, incorporating under the laws of California as the RADIO CHURCH OF GOD, a religious corporation organized and conducted NOT FOR PROFIT. The incorporation already has been approved at the state capitol and will undoubtedly be filed and completed by the time you read these lines. Thus we are prohibited under penalty of law from permitting any profit of any kind to accrue to anyone connected with this work. Our books are rigidly inspected and audited by a certified public accountant. Even in the unthinkable event of dissolution of this work, none of its assets whatever could go to anyone connected with it. Frankly, we believe our co-workers have full faith in our personal integrity for the conduct of this work. But to doubly assure them, we have now voluntarily put this additional guarantee upon the financial integrity of the work. This does not, of course, give the government any rights or voice whatsoever in dictating to us *what* is preached and taught. It does not restrict us in any way, or limit our freedom boldly to declare the true GOSPEL!

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THE BIBLE ANSWERS

Short Questions

FROM OUR READERS

HERE'S a new department in The PLAIN TRUTH. Each month you will find here the Bible answer to short questions which can be answered briefly in short space. Many questions require full-length articles to explain. They will have to await space. SEND IN YOUR QUESTIONS. We will endeavor to answer all that are vital and general, as soon as possible.

Where Did Cain Get His WIFE?

This is one of the most common questions we receive. If Adam was the first man, directly created by God, and Eve the first woman, also a direct creation, and only three sons are mentioned—Cain, Abel, and Seth, it is but natural that many ask, "Where, then, did Cain get his wife?"

Did Cain have a wife? Yes, it is written in Gen. 4:17: "And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch." Cain had a wife, and a son.

For that matter, where did Seth get a wife? Seth is a direct ancestor of Noah, of Abraham, of David, and of Christ. So both Cain and Seth had wives.

The answer is found in the genealogy of Adam, in Genesis 5. It is written in verse 4, "And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters: and all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died."

There is the answer. Adam begat sons AND DAUGHTERS. God had blessed Adam and Eve, and said unto them: "Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth." All human life started from them. How could they be fruitful and multiply, unless they had BOTH sons and daughters, and their sons married the daughters?

The answer is simple. Both Cain and Seth married their sisters. There undoubtedly were many of them.

Adam and Eve, as God had proposed, were fruitful! After the birth of Seth Adam lived EIGHT HUNDRED YEARS, and "he begat sons and daughters." The sense of the passage is that he *continued* begetting sons and daughters. That is a long time—

as long as though some man and his wife living back in the middle ages—way back in the year 1147—had continued to live and continually bear children ever since, clear up to now—1947! Adam was 130 years of age when Seth was born (Gen. 5:3). After that—after he was 130 years of age—Adam continued begetting sons and daughters eight hundred years!

It's almost impossible for our minds to grasp, in this fast-moving short-lived world of one or two children to a family, how many children Adam and Eve probably had during their great span of life, nearly a thousand years. It's hard for us to realize that Adam lived almost ONE-SIXTH of all the time from his creation until now! Yes, there must have been *plenty* of young women for wives for Cain, and Seth, and all their many other brothers, as the hundreds of years dragged along!

Back in those ante-diluvian days, when people lived, seven, eight, and nine hundred years, they did not age as we do today. They were able to continue bearing children, undoubtedly, for hundreds of years. After the flood, due to human dissipation and living contrary to God's revealed right laws of living, the life-span became shortened. By the time of Abraham, Sarah was considered too old to bear children at age 90, and Abraham thought it impossible for him to become a father again at the age of 100 (See Gen. 17:17). Isaac was born as a direct miracle. But back before the flood, and in the days of Adam, it was different—and would be today, had not men departed from the laws of living revealed by God. May God help us to STUDY to learn those laws and start living by them today!

WITH THE EDITOR

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mars God's beauty.

We don't know it—we don't want to believe it—but we are a generation of degenerates, because we and our forefathers for generations back to Adam have been feeding ourselves the WRONG KIND OF FOOD!

Our bodies are weak, sickly, anemic, full

of stored-up toxins and poisons, because we have utterly lost sight of God's natural laws of health and of natural health-giving foods. And it seems today nothing is so sure to offend, as to volunteer knowledge of this fact! People, it seems, *don't WANT to know the Truth!* Eminent physicians estimate 90 per cent to 95 per cent of all sickness, disease, and deaths are caused by stuffing our stomachs with wrong foods and drinks.

And our MINDS today are no less impaired, sick and diseased—and for *identically the SAME REASON*—faulty educational food, or lack of sufficient mental food!

Physical deficiency, illness or disease is always classified by the physician who knows as one of two basic things: either it is a *deficiency*—a lack of nourishment, or deficiency in one or more necessary elements; or it is a toxin or poison—which means the presence in the system of something that does not belong there, as the result of faulty, improper, or poisonous food.

Often, as in the case of my salad tonight, one may feed on the very best of natural food, and yet cause injury to his stomach and system by the *addition* of something improper.

It is the same with *mental food*.

The MIND is the highest, noblest, most important part of man. It is the supreme Masterpiece of all God's physical creation. It transcends everything else physical. But God created it to be developed!

God's PURPOSE in the human race is a *still greater* Masterpiece than the physical, fleshly, carnal mind. It is the creation of CHARACTER! And character is the *changing*, and the *development* of the mind along right, spiritual lines. GOD INTENDED HUMAN MINDS TO BE USED DEVELOPED, IMPROVED! That is the *prime purpose of human existence*.

One never glorifies God by *neglecting* the mind. Like a starving body, receiving insufficient food or virtually no food, the unfed, untrained mind gradually shrivels up and dies—at least to usefulness! Especially is this true of those past 40.

People who have neglected their education, who never study, never give their minds exercise or feed them with educational food and the exercise of reason based on continually-acquired knowledge, begin to deteriorate mentally by the age of 40. By the time they are 60 their minds are of less use than they were at 40—just as an arm muscle neglected and not given exercise after 21 will not have the strength or usefulness at 40 it had at 21. And by the time they reach 70 such people who always avoided mental "work," mental "exercise," and STUDY, begin to grow old before their time, and their old age is spent in helplessness; often they are a mere burden upon their children, relatives or society!

Can this kind of neglect glorify or honor GOD, who gave us our minds to USE? The stern truth is, *your mind* is your most precious heritage from GOD, and the God who entrusted you with it *will hold you accountable* for what you have done with it in the judgment!

A national SIN is the more or less common assumption that education is only something we get at school when we are young! You don't stop *eating* when your body reaches the age 21, do you? Then why should one stop STUDYING when he is thru attending school? The MIND is capable of growing, developing, improving,

long after the body grows weaker and less active!

But then again, just as we can eat the very best of natural health-producing foods and still wreck a stomach or impair health by mixing with these foods some unhealthy concoctions, so it is with our minds. The education-food of this world is just as polluted, poisoned, and perverted as the physical food you find in the average restaurant today!

The basic concept from which nearly all modern school education is developed today is the theory of EVOLUTION. Evolution is the atheist's explanation of a creation without a Creator. It is mental and educational POISON of the most deceptive kind. In school and college today the average student gets this poison either full strength, or in modified doses so cleverly mixed in with portions of truth that his entire rational outlook is perverted. He becomes so hopelessly deceived it is impossible for him ever to be freed from the poison virus that has infected his mental cells. It holds him a mental SLAVE!

Jesus Christ said, "Ye shall know the TRUTH, and *the Truth* shall make you free." Again He defined Truth: "THY WORD," He said to God, His Father, "is TRUTH." Jesus Himself is the Word. The BIBLE is the written WORD! It is TRUTH! It is the sole sound BASIS of all TRUE education—all healthful mental growth and character development.

I rejoice, tonight, in the realization that God not only has revealed to me His will that we now found and build an educational institution based upon TRUTH—upon *healthful, wholesome* educational food—but He has performed a real miracle in placing within our hands and within our means the buildings and grounds for that institution! What an interesting, thrilling task it will be to work out all the many, many problems connected with getting it started on its CHARACTER-DEVELOPING mission!

The Great Teacher also said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by EVERY WORD OF GOD." Men shall actually LIVE by the words of the Bible! We are commanded to STUDY! Study, commands God's Word, for the purpose of showing ourselves approved unto God. The Word of TRUTH—the Bible—is profitable for doctrine, and for CORRECTION, and RE-PROOF. Not only to instruct us in knowledge and wisdom and righteousness and the ways of happiness, prosperity and joy—but also to correct and reprove us where we are traveling the *opposite* direction! To rescue us from going the way that leads to unhappiness, discontent, bitterness, fear, and spiritual (and perhaps material) poverty!

Your MIND is a precious heritage. Thank God for it! Put it to work! Use it! Start STUDYING more, no matter what your age or past education! No mind is too old to STUDY! Study diligently. It becomes INTERESTING. It makes life

Who is Melchisedec?

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Since God names people what they are, that, then, is what this man is: "KING OF RIGHTEOUSNESS."

Think of it! KING of Righteousness. Jesus Himself said, "there is none good but one, that is, God." Human self-righteousness is, before God, as filthy rags. None can be Righteous, but God—or one *made* righteous by God's power—Christ in him! And certainly none but One of the Godhead could be KING of RIGHTEOUSNESS! Such an expression, applied to any but God would be blasphemous! No human could be King of Righteousness, for all humans have sinned!

And note, too, this man was King of PEACE. Salem, from which Jeru-salem was named, means "*Peace*." And remember, Jesus is called the Prince of Peace! No human could be KING of Peace.

Notice further: Melchisedec was "without father, without mother, without descent." He was not born, as humans are. He had no descent from another, but is self-existent—"having neither beginning of days, nor end of life;" therefore He has always existed—from eternity to eternity! He was not even *created*, like angels, but is eternally self-existing! And that is true only of GOD!

Yet Melchisedec cannot be God the Father. He is the "*priest of the most high God*." Scripture says no man has ever seen the Father, but Abraham saw Melchisedec. He cannot be God the Father, but rather, "*made like unto the SON of God*, abideth a priest continually."

And there it is! In the days of Abraham, He was not the SON of God, for He had not yet been BORN of the virgin Mary—but He was made *like unto* the SON of God.

Notice again: Melchisedec, this Scripture reveals, ABIDES—that is, remains, permanently, continuously, a PRIEST. God the Father is not the Priest of God, but Christ the Son *is*! Yet, in the days when the apostle Paul lived and wrote, shortly after Jesus ascended to heaven as High Priest, the Scripture states that *even then* Melchisedec "abideth"—which means *does now abide*—"a priest continually." The Moffatt translation states it: "*continues to be priest permanently*." Even while Jesus is High Priest! And so Melchisedec is still High Priest today, and will be forever! And at the same time CHRIST was then, is today, and shall be forever, High Priest!

Are there two High Priests? No! IMPOSSIBLE! The conclusion is inescapable! Contrary to many a cherished man-thought-out idea, Melchisedec and Christ are ONE AND THE SAME.

Continue, verse 4: "Now consider HOW GREAT THIS MAN WAS."

worth while. In the judgment you'll have to account for what you've done with your MIND! Start it to work on self-improvement, NOW!

Those words constitute WORSHIP! Notice a Bible definition of worship in Rev. 13:4—how men worship the "Beast"—the Roman Empire—by saying, "Who is like unto the Roman Empire? Who is able to make war with it?" Such words constitute worship!

But here, inspired by the Holy Spirit in Scripture, we find this exaltation—this WORSHIP—accorded Melchisedec! Such language could be used in Scripture only of one of the God-head. Christ is worthy of WORSHIP—even the angels worship Him! But neither angels nor archangels may be worshipped. So Melchisedec is greater than an archangel—of the same rank, or station, as Christ!

Yes, of course! For He and Christ are one and the same Person!

Our New College

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ENDOWMENTS, SPECIAL FUNDS: The new AMBASSADOR COLLEGE will need to raise endowments, create special funds for special purposes, and to receive special gifts, and bequests, all in addition to tithes and offerings for the ever-increasing expense of this constantly-growing and wonderful work of evangelism for Christ. Many, we believe, and pray, will wish to will their property to this work of God, that, in event of their death, it will be used to God's honor and glory.

TUITION: It is too early to determine the amount of tuition. Most colleges are not self-supporting by tuitions, but sustained largely by gifts, endowments and special funds contributed by the public, alumni, or church members in the case of denominational colleges. State colleges and universities are largely tax supported. Ambassador's policy on tuitions will require further study and research, and will be announced later.

This much we can say, definitely, now. The ambitious, deserving student who qualifies will be given every assistance in working his way through if necessary. And definitely we can say that regardless of the tuition policy adopted, Ambassador will need as many special gifts of whatever sum our co-workers are able—it will need soon to start raising endowments, special funds for special purposes—student-aid, acquisition of additional grounds and facilities, laboratories, etc.

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Coming! in the Next Number

The offer broadcast in one of the radio programs to pay \$100 to anyone who could produce any text in the Bible giving any promise that anyone now living could ever go to heaven—the heaven of God's throne—has provoked a flood of interest.

Apparently many of our listeners want to go to God's heaven, and a lively effort has been made to find a promise of this in the Scriptures. Many different Scriptures have been submitted purporting to show this. They are just beginning to arrive in number as we go to press—too late to permit time to prepare, or space to publish an article on this fascinating subject, explaining each Scripture submitted, in this number. These will form the basis for a most interesting article in the next number. Don't fail to read it!

We are receiving hundreds of letters on the subject of divorce and re-marriage. We regret space did not permit an article on this vital question in the present number. We realize, too, that such an article strikes home in about one family out of every four or five. God has called us to proclaim His Truth, and His commission is "Show my people their sins." God helping us, we can do no other. A fearless and plain-spoken article will make the revealed Truth of God PLAIN in the next number.

PALESTINE is, as we go to press, the number one focus of world news. Another thrilling article explaining the real truth of this trouble will appear in the next issue. The editor has interviewed the men in charge of Palestine relations for the Arabian government, and the British government. The attitude of each, the facts of the controversy, and the amazing Bible background, will form a thrilling article.

At the San Francisco conference the editor witnessed a most significant event, almost unnoticed in the newspapers, which was the REAL BEGINNING of World War III and the threat to the existence of the United States and Great Britain. The germ there planted is springing up today in Europe as the most significant post-war world development. Out of it will emerge The BEAST! A daring, straight-from-the-shoulder article in the next number will boldly expose this plot for world-rule. It is, we believe, the most sensational disclosure we have ever made. It cannot be broadcast. Look for it in the next number.

WHERE ARE WE HEADED?

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Zion, and the Word of the Eternal from Jerusalem. And He shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, NEITHER SHALL THEY LEARN WAR ANY MORE!" (Micah 4:1-3).

It is when people are undeceived—when GOD'S LAW goes forth—when people begin to seek God's laws, and live by HIS ways—and when, thru Christ and the indwelling of God's Holy Spirit, by the decision of each person and by the power of God, even HUMAN NATURE IS CHANGED, that we shall have PEACE — PROSPERITY — HAPPINESS, and JOY!

But you and I have the precious WORD OF GOD now,—the guide to TRUTH, the road-signs that direct us, now, to peace within ourselves, to successful lives, to happiness, joy—and ETERNAL LIFE thru Jesus Christ!

Yes, you and I who have this saving knowledge now have our decision to make HERE AND NOW! We ourselves must make, each, his own decision! Repentance of sin—acceptance of the blood of Christ for the remission of sins—acceptance of Christ as personal Saviour—being baptised into Him — receiving God's HOLY SPIRIT, and, thru constant prayer, Bible study to learn how to live, self-effort mixed with living FAITH for God's power to overcome self — all this will lead to happiness and abundant living now, and preparation for a wonderful and joyous responsibility in God's world-ruling KINGDOM:

"To him that overcometh," said Jesus, "will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I overcame, and am set down with my Father in His throne." (Rev. 3:21). "And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give POWER over the nations: and he shall rule them!" (Rev. 2:26-27).

WHY THE PLAIN TRUTH HAS NO SUBSCRIPTION PRICE

So many ask: "How can you publish a magazine, without subscription price, and without advertising?"

The answer is simple. The GOSPEL must go to the whole world, and it must go FREE. It must not be sold like merchandise. "Freely ye have received." Jesus said to His disciples whom He was sending to proclaim the Gospel, "Freely GIVE." Without money and without price, is God's way. We proclaim a FREE salvation. Therefore we cannot put a PRICE upon The PLAIN TRUTH.

We have been called of God to conduct this work. It is not our work, but God's. We have set out to conduct God's work God's way. We rely, in FAITH, upon God's promises to supply every need.

God's way is the way of LOVE—and that is the way of giving, not getting. God expects every true child of His to GIVE of tithes and offerings that His work may go FREE—that His true ministers may GIVE the precious Gospel to others. We simply TRUST GOD to lay it on the minds and hearts of His people as a gift of their tithes and offerings that we may be enabled to GIVE the good things of God's Word to the hundreds of thousands who hear the Message over the air, and the scores of thousands who read The PLAIN TRUTH.

Many times our faith has been severely tried, but God has never failed us. We must not fail HIM!