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**DARKEST AFRICA**

It is difficult to believe that this is a scene in Africa. These are seven-story modern apartments built at Leopoldville in the Belgian Congo. Here is an illustration of the rapid progress that can be made in Africa once the Negro becomes acquainted with Western Civilization. This cover picture on Africa introduces a vitally important article on the controversial RACE QUESTION appearing on page 3 of this issue.

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## Heart to Heart Talk with the Editor

THERE is a commonly-assumed idea in the world that it doesn't make any difference what one believes, if he is sincere. One man's beliefs are often considered to be as good as another's.

The idea seems to be that it doesn't make so much difference *what* one believes, if he is sincere.

For example, there is the much-used admonition: "Attend the Church of your choice." Each church denomination holds to a combination of beliefs that differ from every other denomination. Yet the average church member considers that these differences are not of great importance. In fact, the average church member doesn't know what those differences are. He probably has only a vague and hazy idea of what his own denomination believes.

You hear the explanation: "All our church denominations worship the same God, and all are on the way to the same place. They are just taking different routes, going different ways—but all

lead to the same destination in the end."

Do you believe that?

Can you tell me where you can find any such teaching in the BIBLE? Yes, sadly, it is only too true that these different WAYS all lead to the same destination—but that destination is *not* what they expect!

There is only ONE WAY that leads to everlasting LIFE, and Jesus said "FEW there be that find it." Christ is that way. But Christ not only taught the condition of believing *in* Him—He also taught the condition of BELIEVING HIM—believing HIS GOSPEL that He brought from God.

The SALVATION Jesus preached is not a matter of *destination*—of geographical location. It is a matter of inheriting ETERNAL LIFE, instead of the eternal DEATH each of us has brought upon himself by transgressing God's spiritual Law. It is a matter of **WHAT** we are to become, not **WHERE**—although Jesus said the meek shall inherit THE EARTH, not heaven.

But the point I want to make is that it *does* make all the difference between death and life for eternity **WHAT** we believe, and **WHAT** we do!

Jesus was sent from God as the messenger of the New Covenant. He brought a definite MESSAGE, concerning the GOVERNMENT of God—being born into the FAMILY of God. His Message concerned a WAY of life—a way totally at variance with the ways of this world—a way based on living by EVERY WORD OF GOD. He said it is necessary to BELIEVE that MESSAGE!

Sin is the transgression of GOD'S LAW (I John 3:4). God *alone* decides *what* we must obey to be saved—to qualify to receive His precious GIFT of eternal life. But God made each of us a free moral agent. He decreed that each individual must decide for himself, *not* **WHAT** is right or wrong, but **WHETHER** to obey. God has not left any individual free to decide for himself **WHAT** is sin, but compels every individual to decide for himself **WHETHER** to sin, or to obey.

WHY are there so many sects and denominations professing the Christian religion? What caused all this division? What brought on this BABYLON? Why, different beliefs, of course!

Splits and divisions were beginning

before the New Testament was fully written. Jude, in writing about SALVATION, said it was necessary to write into the inspired WORD OF GOD that we should earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints. Not new and different ideas of men—but the faith, the truth, *once delivered*. It came FROM GOD. God had it *delivered* to mankind. It was delivered by his Messenger—CHRIST! It is recorded in the written Word, the BIBLE.

Why was this admonition necessary? Because certain men had crept in unawares—the church members were not aware of the deception — turning the grace of God into lasciviousness. Lasciviousness is license—permission to believe and do as a man pleases, instead of THE TRUE FAITH, as GOD DELIVERED IT.

Two cannot walk together except they be AGREED (Amos 3:3). A house divided against itself (in disagreement) cannot stand. When some in the Church departed from the faith *delivered* to men from God, and began to believe that which seemed right in their own eyes, they soon split off from the Church into a new group of their own. During the second and third centuries of the Christian era, some fifty "Christian" sects and denominations appeared.

Then, in the early fourth century, the Emperor Constantine assumed command over the professing Christian religion. He appointed the Council of Nicea. He commanded the church leaders to decide *among themselves* what would be the church doctrines and beliefs. What came out of that Nicene Council was a mixture of original *delivered* Truth and pagan error, as decided by these human ecclesiastical leaders. The police power of the state forced all to accept and believe this same thing.

Authoritative religion held sway over the western world for centuries. And during these centuries the Church remained UNITED—not in the TRUTH *once delivered*, but in *traditions of men*.

Then at last there rose up a leader powerful enough to oppose the Church belief and practise, and the LUTHERAN Church was founded. Soon other leaders arose with still different beliefs. New and different sects and denominations followed—the Wesleys, Calvin, Fox and

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# The RACE QUESTION

WHY are there different races? HOW and WHEN did they originate? Is racial intermarriage wrong? Is segregation Biblical? What should we do about the problem of integration today? Here is a frank, clear explanation revealing the TRUTH on this controversial subject!

by Herman L. Hoeh

No SUBJECT today stirs up more emotional animosities or is fraught with more DANGER—no subject is more challenging or more fateful—than the RACE QUESTION!

It can hardly be discussed openly without inflaming feelings of superiority or inferiority, or feelings of aggression and extreme dislike.

Yet the fate of this nation—and of THE WHOLE WORLD—is dependent not only upon the open discussion, but also upon the one and only right solution to this provocative question!

It is time we face this momentous subject and UNDERSTAND it. It is time we control our emotions and feelings and examine this question honestly and truthfully.

Let's have one fact understood! God condemns DISCRIMINATION. It is a sin! Unfair treatment because of race or color is always wrong. All can agree to that. *But does that mean that God approves social integration or racial intermarriage?* Does that mean God condemns segregation?

Exactly what is the difference between "segregation" and "discrimination?" Is segregation really wrong? What is God's way—the Bible way—of removing racial tension? These questions need answering!

## How the Controversy Began

Let's consider, first, the background of this whole problem.

The recent controversy over desegregation burst upon this nation as a result of the unanimous Supreme Court decision on May 17, 1954. In that decision racial segregation in the public schools was declared unconstitutional.

Notice: MEN have decided that integration will wipe out discrimination in public schools!

But is this GOD's decision?—is this GOD's way?

If man's way is right, then I ask you: WHY has the present program of integration in American public schools INCREASED racial tension throughout much of the nation? Is DESEGREGATION REALLY THE SOLUTION TO DECADES OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION? Will racial integration remove the root cause of the problem?

The Supreme Court decision, however, was merely the spark that set the race question afire.

For the past quarter century the problem has smoldered almost unnoticed. The real surge toward desegregation had already been artificially stimulated—by POLITICAL MOTIVES!

## Politics Behind Desegregation

Politicians know that elections today depend on *minority votes* in crucial areas. Control of such states as New York, Illinois and Pennsylvania depends upon control of the big city minority vote. If political aspirants are to be elected to office, or if they are to remain in office, they must make a play for the minority vote—the *minority vote of the Negroes* living in big cities in the North.

Politicians of both parties, abetted by the Supreme Court decision, have therefore campaigned for desegregation—not because they necessarily believe it, but because it will gain them the votes of colored people in northern cities! This clever, and all-too-often insincere political maneuvering to corner their vote needs to be understood by every Negro!

The present tension would never have arisen if politicians and jurists did not need the Negro vote! Desegregation—MAN'S attempt to wipe out discrimination—has become a cloak for political vote-getting.

It is the same old story of HUMAN NATURE in politics—first it involved currying the favor of the Catholic and

Jewish minorities, then organized labor. Now the Negro has been made the center of political turmoil.

Let's recognize it! The program for desegregation is stimulated by SELFISH and POLITICAL motives. It's an attempt to take advantage of the Negro!

But where is MAN'S way of solving the race problem leading us?

## A World-Wide Plot!

The race question involves far more than a mere domestic matter in the United States or in South Africa. It involves a question of international import. IT IS THE CENTER OF THE EAST-WEST STRUGGLE FOR CONTROL OF ASIA AND AFRICA—AND ULTIMATELY THE WORLD!

Power politics are involved. Here's why. Whoever gains control and the support of the immense non-white populations gains mastery of the world!

The controversy over race became a major issue as a result of the struggle BETWEEN WHITES to gain allegiance of Oriental and African masses. The colored peoples of Asia and Africa were at first innocent pawns.

But times are fast changing!

During and since World War II the colored populations awakened to their own importance in this struggle between the two major white powers, America and Russia. Today it is more than an ideological battle between capitalism and communism. The non-white nations have become a THIRD force that must be reckoned with. *Nationalistic struggles have developed almost everywhere to see if the non-white nations can wrest mastery from the whites and beat them at their own game!* Thus far it involves only the yellow and brown peoples of Asia and North Africa. But communist propaganda is spreading throughout the "Black Belt" of Africa.

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—Wide World Photo

An illustration of racial tension in America. Here is the flaming cross of the Ku Klux Klan, a traditional symbol of white supremacy. It is a warning to Negroes to move.

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Trouble is already brewing in Kenya and South Africa. Within another twenty years Negroes in the whole of Africa will be in ferment!

The problem will fast become an international contest, not only for international supremacy, but for racial supremacy!

MAN'S solution is plummeting us straight down the road to *RACE WAR!*

Idealists and social "do-gooders," without realizing it, have become helpless tools in the hands of communist propagandists inciting *RACE WAR* in the name of the *BROTHERHOOD OF MAN!* It is time we fully realize the tremendous implications lying behind the communist cloak of "HUMAN BROTHERHOOD." Western civilization is at stake!

#### NOT from the Bible!

Communist propaganda stirring up racial strife masquerades under the guise of a Christian-sounding name—"the brotherhood of man." But where did this doctrine of "the brotherhood of man" originate?

Jesus said to the Pharisees of this world, "If God were your father, you would love me . . . You are of *your* father, the devil, and the lusts of *your* father you will do" (John 8:42,44). *Only true Christians* called out of this wicked world have God for their Father

and belong to the true "brotherhood" (I Peter 2:17).

The people of this world are not brothers *spiritually* BECAUSE THEY DO NOT HAVE GOD FOR THEIR SPIRITUAL FATHER! The Bible nowhere teaches that all men from birth are spiritually brothers. Most men are ENEMIES of one another!

Then where did the doctrine that all men are spiritually and racially brothers come from? *Out of Moscow! And apostate Christianity!*

And no wonder. For all who are a part of this world—whether they are atheistic communists or professing Christians—have *one* father, the devil, and hence are in a sense brothers. Jesus said so!

The doctrine of the universal brotherhood of man and the Fatherhood of God is nowhere found in the Bible. God is NOT the Father of every person. Only through *conversion* do Christians become brothers and have God as their Father. Most professing Christians are not really converted, and God is not their Father.

We like to think we live in a Christian world. But the world does not preach or believe the teachings of Jesus Christ. The so-called Christian church denominations are all divided. They don't really live by the Bible.

#### Communist Plans to Divide America

So the program of racial integration is stimulated not only by so-called "Christian" politicians in America, but also by international communism!

The Asia-African bloc of states in the United Nations is the political front in this gigantic communist-inspired conspiracy. Communists are not really interested in desegregation. They are intent upon stirring up racial strife in America. They originally planned for a separate and independent Negro Republic in the South.

But the plan boomeranged.

The American Negro did not want to separate. The communists immediately changed their tune and called for total integration. They knew it would provoke white reaction. Once again politics reveals its ugly hand in this unnecessary controversy that is taking us straight down the road to *RACE*

*WAR!* But politics is only one factor behind the current racial tension.

#### How Evolution Influences Desegregation

There is another factor espoused by ministers and educators alike. This factor is *evolution!*

This theory, not the Bible, is the real basis of the recent Supreme Court decision. Let us understand *WHY*.

No theory has played a greater part in moulding the racial attitude of educators than has the theory of evolution. It has given a pseudo-scientific basis for the present trend in race relations.

Politicians, psychologists, jurists and educators—all have been swept off their feet by the fable of evolution. All their legal decisions on race relations are based upon *this unproved theory*.

Yes, *MAN'S* attempt to solve the race question is based on the atheistic theory of evolution, instead of the *inspired Scripture!*

Now let's understand the astounding connection between evolution and racial desegregation!

One hundred years ago it was fashionable to believe that white men had evolved further than the darker races. The primitive Negro in Africa, with his dark skin and broad, flat nose and his prognathous jaw was assumed to be similar to our "sub-human" ancestors. Some even claimed that only whites had "souls." All this made the white man feel smugly superior—he had reached the pinnacle of evolutionary development!

Or had he?

The past century witnessed rapid progress among the colored peoples. That's the reason tremendous changes became necessary in the evolutionist's

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concepts of racial history and race relations. Here is what happened.

Scientists admitted that it is *the white man*, instead of the Negro, who manifests the thin lips of the ape. It is *the white man* who manifests the ape's heavy brow ridges above the eye. It is *the white man's* hair that is like the ape's in structure! No ape has woolly hair like the Negro! The Oriental and the African—the evolutionists soon reasoned—must have "evolved" every whit as far as the white man.

Of course, *none* of these prove evolution true, nor do they demonstrate that one race is more "advanced" than another. *The Negro is no less human than the white man.*

But evolutionists would not admit they were wrong. They merely "altered their view of evolution" to please their intellectual vanity.

Now they went to the opposite extreme.

They began to teach that all races should freely intermix—since all were equally "advanced!" This would presumably wipe out color differences and leave no one to discriminate against. **HERE** is *MAN'S WAY* of creating the dream of **ONE WORLD**.

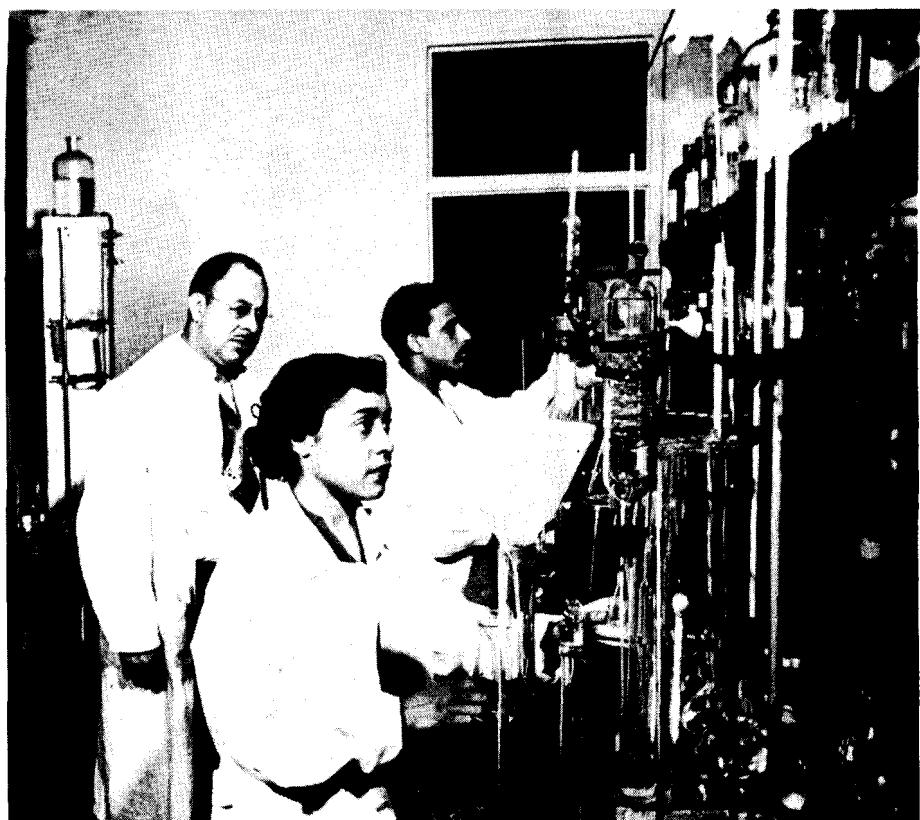
But is this *GOD'S WAY* of wiping out discrimination and making **ONE WORLD** a reality?

#### Intermarriage a Final Goal

Here is how **MEN** attempt to justify crossing the color lines not only educationally, but socially and maritally.

Competent leaders among American Negroes have generally discouraged racial intermarriage. More often than not, the plan for free intermarriage among the races is fostered by whites! It is a direct result of the philosophy of evolution being applied to social problems.

Here is how they reason: To quell racial tension and make "the brotherhood of man" a reality, the entire nation must first desegregate schools and encourage social intercourse between the races. This would provide sufficient social contact to allow both races to become mutually acquainted so that intermarriage may naturally follow. And with intermarriage freely permitted all our racial problems would be solved.



—Wide World Photo

Negro President and students at the Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee. Over half the Negro doctors in America are graduates of this institution. Here is what the Negro can accomplish through education!

There would be no one left to discriminate against. All that's necessary, reason our leaders, is to "cooperate with nature."

But will this plan work? Is this the way to genuine happiness? Will it bring tolerance and harmony? Or will it stir up racial tensions into *race war*?

What is God's way—the Bible way—of solving the problem of racial differences?

For the answers to these questions we must turn to the Bible. The Bible is God's revelation of essential knowledge. It is God's decision—not men's decision—that we want. What does *He* say?

#### Did All Races Spring from Adam?

Here is a question that has puzzled many! Is Adam the father of the Mongolian, the Hindu, the Negro and the White European? Or was Adam the father of only the Nordic people? Are Negroes and Orientals descendants of "pre-Adamites?"

Notice the plain, simple Bible answer: "The God that made the world and

all things therein . . . made of *one* [blood] every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth . . . having determined the bounds of their habitation" (Acts 17:24-27).

EVERY NATION sprang from *one man*. This is a "Thus saith the LORD!" Notice I Corinthians 15:45: "The first man Adam became a living soul." There were no "pre-Adamites." Adam was the first man. From him came Eve. Eve is "the mother of all living" human beings (Gen. 3:20).

The Scripture is plain. All nations and all races came from Adam. But what did Adam look like?

Adam was made by God. The God who made Adam was Jesus Christ. "All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made" (John 1:3). This is speaking of Jesus Christ, the Word, or active Spokesman of the Father. Now notice how Christ made Adam: "And God said: Let us make man [Adam] in our image, after our *likeness*" (Gen. 1:26). What is the meaning of "likeness?" The facial expression! So Adam looked like

Jesus Christ. Adam also looked like God the Father. God said, "Let US make man after OUR image." Both Jesus Christ and God the Father look alike.

When Jesus was on earth 4000 years later, He looked exactly like the Father. Jesus was "the express image of His [the Father's] person" (Heb. 1:3). But Jesus also looked like the average Jew! Judas had to kiss Jesus in order to point Him out among His disciples who were also Jews (Luke 22:48).

Since Adam looked like Christ and Christ looked like the average Jew, then Adam—the first man—must have resembled the Jew. Adam therefore was a *white man* as are the Jews! Jews are *not* Negroes, as a few colored people contend. The Jews are Whites.

Here is the testimony of archaeological science proving the same thing: *the most "primitive" Western man was not an ape-like sub-human but exactly like modern whites!* "How are we to account for this unexpected revelation?" asked the evolutionist Arthur Keith. "There are two ways: we may hold with the majority . . . and simply refuse to believe in the authenticity of these discoveries because they run contrary to our preconception of how and when modern man was evolved. Or . . . we may put our preconceptions aside, and . . . accept the revelations of these discoveries as facts, and alter our conception of man's evolution to harmonize with our facts" (from *Antiquity of Man*, Vol. I, pages 282-3).

Again the testimony of Scripture is corroborated. The Bible is true. The first men were "modern"—not sub-human, and the Bible reveals they were white! But how are we to account for the many colors among human beings today? Why is the Negro black? Why does the Mongolian have his particular countenance?

### How Races Developed

Let's notice, for a moment, the theory of evolution. Here is how *men* try to explain this mystery!

For tens of thousands of years, we are told, (notice that the Bible reveals it was less than 6000 years ago) the African CLIMATE influenced the selection of color in the skin and hair, and the shape of the nose and skull of men

inhabiting that region. The fittest and the blackest survived, say evolutionists, because they could better withstand the sun's rays. Everywhere men in tropical Africa became constantly blacker, according to this theory, just as men in

cooler Europe supposedly became constantly whiter by natural selection! Proof for this?—there is none. It is only a theory. It is wishful thinking. IT IS NOT TRUE.

Climate or other factors in the environment may tan one's skin. But this sun tan is *not inherited*. Acquired characteristics are not inherited. Just because male Jews are circumcised does not mean that Jewish boy babies will be born circumcised! Climate did not cause the change of color of a Negro's skin to black. Neither could natural selection make a Negro black. Natural selection could do no more than choose *what already existed*. Darwin's theory of natural selection can not bring anything new into existence.

Then how did the races develop their color?

There are two sources of information—the Bible and physical science. Notice first what the Bible tells us. Races differ not only in color, but in facial features and in size. Some races tend to be shorter than others. Now notice the first development of races in the Bible. The record is found in Genesis.

A race of dark-complexioned human beings of *gigantic stature* sprang from Adam before the flood, as well as from Ham after the flood (Gen. 6:4; Num. 13:33; Deut. 3:11). That race of dark-complexioned Hamitic-like giants has since perished.

But the question is, how did men of gigantic stature develop from Adam's family? The Bible says it *happened*. Those giants came from Adam—all nations came from one man, Adam.

But how?

### Many Varieties within ONE Kind

Now consider the laws God set in motion in nature as discovered by science. What laws have scientists found in operation—laws God set in motion—that gave rise to different races?

Have you ever noticed that all nature is filled with *varieties*?—varieties of sheep, or of cattle or horses, varieties of doves, chickens, and geese—or apples, pears and—well, the list is almost endless. *Every different KIND is divided up into many separate, distinct varieties*. The same is true with human beings. (Please continue on page 11)

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

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# The Prophesied "BEAST" Looms Up!

The dramatic fulfillment of what has been prophesied in the pages of this magazine for over 20 years is **NOW underway**.

Read these astonishing facts!

by Roderick C. Meredith

London, England

**P**ROPHECY was fulfilled in a meeting I attended the other night here in London! Plans were made. A campaign was launched!

As my wife and I beheld the launching of this movement—already pledged to co-operate with similar movements on the European continent—I realized that this entire scheme was destined to evolve into the prophesied "beast" of Revelation 17. Yes, this movement—working now with many others—is laboring feverishly in an attempt to bring about a *United States of Europe*!

All of our older readers know that this work has been warning our people for *over twenty years* of the *certainty* of this coming European Union—and of its **FEARFUL** portent for the British and American people. And now, it is almost *upon us*!

## Anti-American Attitude

True to its real nature and its *prophesied outcome*, this movement is starting out with an attitude of *hate* and *bitterness* toward America. And it will not be long until this same attitude is felt toward the British people as well! For prophecy says that this coming European Empire is the **FRANKENSTEIN** that will *destroy* Britain and America!

The meeting I attended—a meeting pledged to help create this European union—was addressed first of all by a member of the British Parliament, Sir Victor Raikes. He began his speech by stating that he was "proud" to be associated with this movement to form a *third force* in the world. Then he launched an attack on American policies and asserted that the European powers must now integrate in order to have sufficient strength to "go it alone."

But the principal speaker of the eve-



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The German army marches again! Adenauer himself admitted, "I am convinced that the German national army . . . represents a grave danger for Germany and Europe . . . The German nationalists [Nazis] are ready to go along with the Russians. Make the most of the time that I still live; once I am gone it will be too late."

ning was a great deal more radical in his statements and assertions. This man, Mr. Kenneth de Courcy, has for some time been known as an extreme rightist in minor British political circles. He stated that the United States has been a poor warmaker and even worse at making peace.

After more general attacks on American policy, he said: "I would hate to see the United States as the main western power in another war!"

Then, he got into the heart of his message—a plea for Britain to join in a United Europe, a *Third Power Bloc*

able to oppose either Russia or the United States if need be! He described the political, economic, and military advantages such a United Europe would have—and said he favored a *common European citizenship* for everyone! He also elaborated on the great opportunities in the European development of Africa and its untapped resources.

For **YOU**—for your family and loved ones—the really *significant* point in this is that these men and many of their counterparts in Germany and France—are **NOW** beginning to build the very power which God says will ultimately



—Wide World Photo

This is NATO's Southern European headquarters building in Naples, Italy. Notice the twelve flags representing the member nations whose European forces are now under German control.

destroy our people! And they are basing it on the *same* principles and describing it in almost the EXACT way that The PLAIN TRUTH has been warning you to *watch* for over the past *twenty years!*

Prophecy is future REALITY! It is NOW taking place before your very eyes!

#### A "THIRD FORCE" in the World

To advertise the eye-opening meeting just described, its backers purchased a full *half-page advertisement* in the stately, influential "London Times." Its banner headlines advertised the plan for creation of "The Third Force" in Europe. Clearly, such large-scale propaganda will do much to prepare the British people for the acceptance of a European Union.

Significantly, it was not long after until this subject again hit the headlines. But this time the proposals came from an *official government source*. The headlines stated that because of the Communist threat the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, had "urged Europe to unite in face of it." He said further: "It is absolutely necessary that the countries of Western Europe should come closer together so that their efforts

and resources can be used in the most effective manner."

But the most definite and dramatic headlines of all were those of a recent issue of the British "Picture Post" magazine—which is perhaps the largest and most popular of its kind in all the British Isles. These headlines proclaimed: "A UNITED STATES OF EUROPE" and continued, "The need of the hour is for action to create a powerful, integrated, United States of Europe. This would, at long last, forge into one strong political, economic, cultural, and strategic union the people who inhabit our great European cradle of Western civilization. It would transform free Europe, with its 300,000,000 people, into a powerful unit: economically as able to stand upon its own feet as the United States of America: as rich in human resources—not to speak of creative talent—as the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics."

This leading article continued: "The problem of uniting Europe is now inescapable. The time is desperately short. Furthermore, the issue transcends party and creed. And the events of the past few months must have convinced the most hesitant minds that the peoples

of Europe stand or fall together."

Yes, the paralyzing fear of Russia dramatized by the recent blood bath in Hungary is now bringing about what might have seemed impossible only a few years ago. The European nations are at last going to forget their ancient rivalries and *get together*. By this, they hope to build a Third Power Bloc even stronger than Russia or the United States.

True to their nature, the British are proving to be the most slow and stubborn people to sell on this idea. But as we have seen, a large-scale propaganda campaign is now being waged to win them over.

However, make no mistake about it, the British will NOT go all the way on *complete unification* with other European nations, and will probably pull out of any "Free Trade Area" agreement before this leads to the ultimate goal of *complete unification*. Prophecy says that Britain will not be in the final *United States of Europe*.

Rather, this European Empire is almost certain to be dominated by a revived, aggressive, rearmed **GERMANY!**

Referring back to the meeting to help build the Third Power Bloc which I have already described, I am reminded that near the close of the meeting the chairman laughingly remarked that one of the largest contributions they had received so far to help propagandize the European Union idea was sent over by none other than a *German businessman* who chanced to see their ad in the "Times!" If he could only foresee the ultimate *result* of Germany's interest in a United Europe, this chairman's laughter would quickly turn to sober *fear!*

#### GERMANY Will Dominate The Coming European Empire

Politically and economically, Germany has made an amazing comeback since the war. In many past issues of The PLAIN TRUTH we have described to you this amazing recovery.

The essence of it is that Germany is now stronger industrially, and in a better political bargaining position, than any other nation in Europe. She has received a tremendous "shot-in-the-arm" by receiving over **THIRTY BILLION DOLLARS** in aid from America.

The mighty German industrial machine—principally guided by the very same men who backed Adolf Hitler—is fast out-stripping every other European nation in the trade markets of the world. Alfried Krupp, former war criminal, is now being allowed to build military jet planes! And now Herr Strauss, Germany's new Defense Minister, is pressing for *atomic weapons* for the new German army.

Just last summer, a new Nazi party was formed in Frankfurt, Germany, under the leadership of Otto Strasser, a former henchman of Hitler. As one veteran newsman put it: "If anyone has a chance to rouse dormant Nazi feelings, Strasser generally is conceded to be the man."

Meanwhile, reliable reports from the Middle East revealed that the amazing success of Nasser's propaganda campaign against Britain and her allies is due to the sinister influence of four "Goebbel's" — trained Nazi propagandists. They are the brains behind the torrent of abuse and lies which pours endlessly from Nasser's "Voice of the Arabs" radio station. One of the four is Baron von Mildenstein, formerly chief of the

Near East Bureau in Goebbel's Propaganda Ministry.

The latest fantastic news on the German situation is that a former Nazi General who was Rommel's chief of staff in World War II is now being nominated to assume command of all the NATO ground forces in central Europe. He is Lt. Gen. Hans Speidel, who was named February 6 as commander of all U.S., French, British, Canadian, Belgian, Dutch, and German troops on NATO's first line of defense.

This paradoxical situation was summed up pretty well in a recent British cartoon which showed the troops of his former enemies, the allied nations, marching in review before Gen. Speidel, while he is pictured giving the "Heil Hitler" salute to an illusory image of his former commander, Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, and saying: "Desert victory at last, mein Field Marshal!"

#### What Prophecy Says Will Happen

God Almighty is the One who makes and unmakes nations. He is the One who—*hundreds of years ago*—foretold the soon-coming formation of a Ger-

**Lt. Gen. Hans Speidel, shown with his family, has recently been named commander of all allied land forces in central Europe. He was instrumental in counteracting the Allied invasion of Normandy in 1944!**

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Here are German soldiers being taught by Americans the use of weapons developed since 1945. Though Americans are used for instructors, the Germans do the actual running of their army.

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

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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 to give 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!

man-dominated United States of Europe which He would use to *punish* and *destroy* America and Britain!

We are God's people *Israel*—and He is going to *rebuke* and *chasten* us for our mounting SINS just as He does *every son* He loves—nationally and individually (Heb. 12:6). If you do not yet understand the amazing truth of our national identity, that we in Britain and America are the descendants—not of Judah—but of the so-called "lost" ten

tribes of the house of Israel, write immediately for Mr. Armstrong's *free* booklet, "The United States and British Commonwealth in Prophecy." The knowledge contained in this booklet is *vital* to a right understanding of Bible prophecy.

In Isaiah 47:1, God speaks of a "virgin daughter" of the ancient Babylon. He describes her future punishment: "Sit thou silent, and get thee into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called the lady of kingdoms. I was wroth with *my people*, I have polluted mine inheritance, and given them into thine hand: thou didst show them no mercy; upon the ancient thou very heavily *laid thy yoke*" (verses 5 and 6).

Remember that it was the ancient *Assyrians*—not Babylon—that invaded and conquered Israel. But here is pictured a "daughter" of the ancient Babylon to rise up in modern times and impose a "yoke" upon God's people Israel.

Notice that she is called "The lady of kingdoms," and that she says, "I am, and none else beside me; I shall not sit as a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children" (verse 8).

To understand who this "daughter of Babylon" is, we should not use faulty human reason, but *let the Bible interpret the Bible*.

In Revelation 17, we find this same false system described perfectly. *Study this chapter.*

The great "whore" pictured in this chapter has had an illicit relationship with the kings of the earth (verse 2). She also "reigneth over the kings of the earth" (verse 18). The "waters" where she holds dominion are "peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues" (verse 15). Truly, as Isaiah prophesied, she is a "lady of kingdoms."

Also, compare Isaiah 47:8 with Revelation 18:7: "For she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow."

Coming now to the time when this prophecy was to be understood in the latter day, we find that in this religious-political system "there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space."

Many prophetic students realize that

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this system is the Holy Roman Empire which dominated Central Europe for hundreds of years during the Middle Ages. The five main heads of this system were, in order, Justinian, Charlemagne, Otto the Great, Charles the Great, and Napoleon.

### The Final "Beast"

The head pictured as existing when the prophecy would be understood at the time of the end is the Mussolini-Hitler dynasty which was officially called—as the others had been—"The Holy Roman Empire."

In verses 11 and 12, we see that one more head is to rise up—one more *revival* of this system is to take place! Notice that the "ten horns" pictured on the original beast "are ten kings"—or *dictators!* They "have received no kingdom *as yet*; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast."

Here we see that ten kings or dictators are to rise up simultaneously and unite in pledging their allegiance and support to the final great military-political leader called the "beast."

Where would this last revival of the Holy Roman Empire be? Who would these kings and nations be?

The answer is abundantly clear! This empire has *ALWAYS* existed in Central

Europe. It is this ancient religious-political system which God is speaking of all through this chapter.

It is in *continental Europe* that this system **WILL** rise again! It is the very thing that many of *our tax dollars* are helping to pay for! It is some form of a *United States of Europe* which will undoubtedly be dominated—not by democracy loving Britain—but by a revived, rearmed Fascist-minded *GERMANY!*

Notice also in verse 14 that this system finally comes to its end in war against the "Lamb"—Jesus Christ in His second coming as King of kings. So the time for these things is *soon*—in **OUR** generation!

Prophecy is **DUAL**. God used ancient Assyria to punish Israel of old over one hundred years before the Jews were taken captive by Babylon (11 Kings 17:6).

In this time of the end, God is going to use the modern descendants of ancient Assyria—the *Germans*—together with the prophesied revival of the modern, Babylonish Holy Roman Empire consisting finally of a ten-nation **UNITED STATES OF EUROPE** to punish His wayward, sinning people, Britain and America.

Modern Israel is going to be *punished* for her sins just as surely as our ancestors were. And the Jews will receive their share of punishment at the same time.

There is a way of *escape and protection!* God is revealing it through the *same source* from which you are now receiving these prophetic warnings.

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

Watch future issues of The PLAIN TRUTH for more details of the revival of this final "beast" power. *Study* these things. This is *your life!*

### POUR NOS LECTEURS FRANCAIS!

Nous sommes heureux d'informer nos lecteurs que, petit à petit, les articles de Monsieur Herbert W. Armstrong sont traduits dans la langue française. Présentement, nous tenons à la disposition de ceux qui nous en font la demande une copie de l'article français, intitulé "Pourquoi Etes-Vous Né?"

## THE RACE QUESTION

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ings. There is only *one human KIND*, but there are many human varieties or *races*.

How did all the varieties originate?

God did not separately create each variety of animal. Adam named every *KIND* in a few hours before he saw Eve—but he couldn't have named every *variety* in a week's time! Neither would there have been room enough on the ark of Noah for every variety. Noah took in only the *Genesis KINDS*—not every variety. Then how did the original *KIND*—the cattle, for example—divide up into many *distinct varieties*?

The answer is very simple. God created the cattle kind in the beginning. A *KIND* will reproduce after its own kind. Cattle always reproduce cattle. (This is just one proof that evolution is impossible.) A *KIND* will never develop into a new and different kind—but it will divide up into many new varieties. That's why there are so many colors and sizes in each kind.

God intended that each kind should reproduce distinctive varieties **FOR BEAUTY AND FOR THE SERVICE OF MAN**. Imagine what kind of world it would be if we could only eat one variety of apple, or look at one only variety of rose, or eat only one variety of fish!

God knew what man needed. He solved this need in two ways. One, He purposed that *there should be natural variations in every creature or plant. No two things are exactly alike*. Two, He also purposed that distinct and totally new varieties should, from time to time, suddenly develop within an original kind. **THESE DISTINCT NEW VARIETIES WE MAY CALL MUTATIONS.**

Remember these two types of varieties. They are the keys to the difference between nationality and race. Races are mutations. Nationalities are, in general, natural variations.

But what is a "mutation?"

### Sudden Changes in Nature

*A mutation is a sudden change that occurs in the structure of reproductive cells of the parent stock. Such a change may give rise to a new variety. God*

planned it to be this way at creation.

*The Negro, as well as the Oriental, is a mutation from Adam's stock. Each is a distinct variety of man. The Negro reproduces after his own likeness, not after the likeness of Adam, who was white. The Negro is the result of a change in hereditary factors.*

Notice that mutations occur in *hereditary units* in reproductive cells. That explains why *each distinct new variety—the Negro and the Oriental, for example—reproduces after its own likeness*, rather than after the parent stock. The new variety has arisen from a *change in hereditary factors*.

God set this law in motion. He planned that certain limited changes would occur from time to time in the reproductive cells of plants, fish, birds and animals—including man. That is how the various races or distinctive varieties of human beings arose! It is a matter of *natural, physical law* God set in motion at creation.

Negroes, then, are not black because of Ham's sin.

Parent stock always reproduces after its own kind *except when a mutation suddenly appears*. That is why the white parent race of men always reproduces whites—after its own kind.

But you ask, *why do not whites still reproduce Negroid or Mongoloid mutations from time to time?*

The answer is again found in nature. Some plants and animals continually reproduce mutations. *Other kinds*, however, soon exhaust themselves. They can reproduce only a certain number of mutations. In other words, when all the possible changes in the reproductive cells have been expressed in new varieties *there are no others left to occur*.

That is what happened in the case of man! All the possible *racial variations* which *Adam and his immediate descendants* were able to reproduce *have already been reproduced*. That is proved by the fact that none are now appearing.

Of course there are visible non-racial mutations still occurring in human beings. Most of these are harmful or are



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**This Pigmy from the depths of the Belgian Congo stolidly sits for a "beauty treatment" in the African jungle. The lines on the face will become permanent scars.**

malformations, such as the sudden appearance of six fingers and six toes. *But no new racial mutations are occurring, nor have they occurred in the last two or three thousand years!*

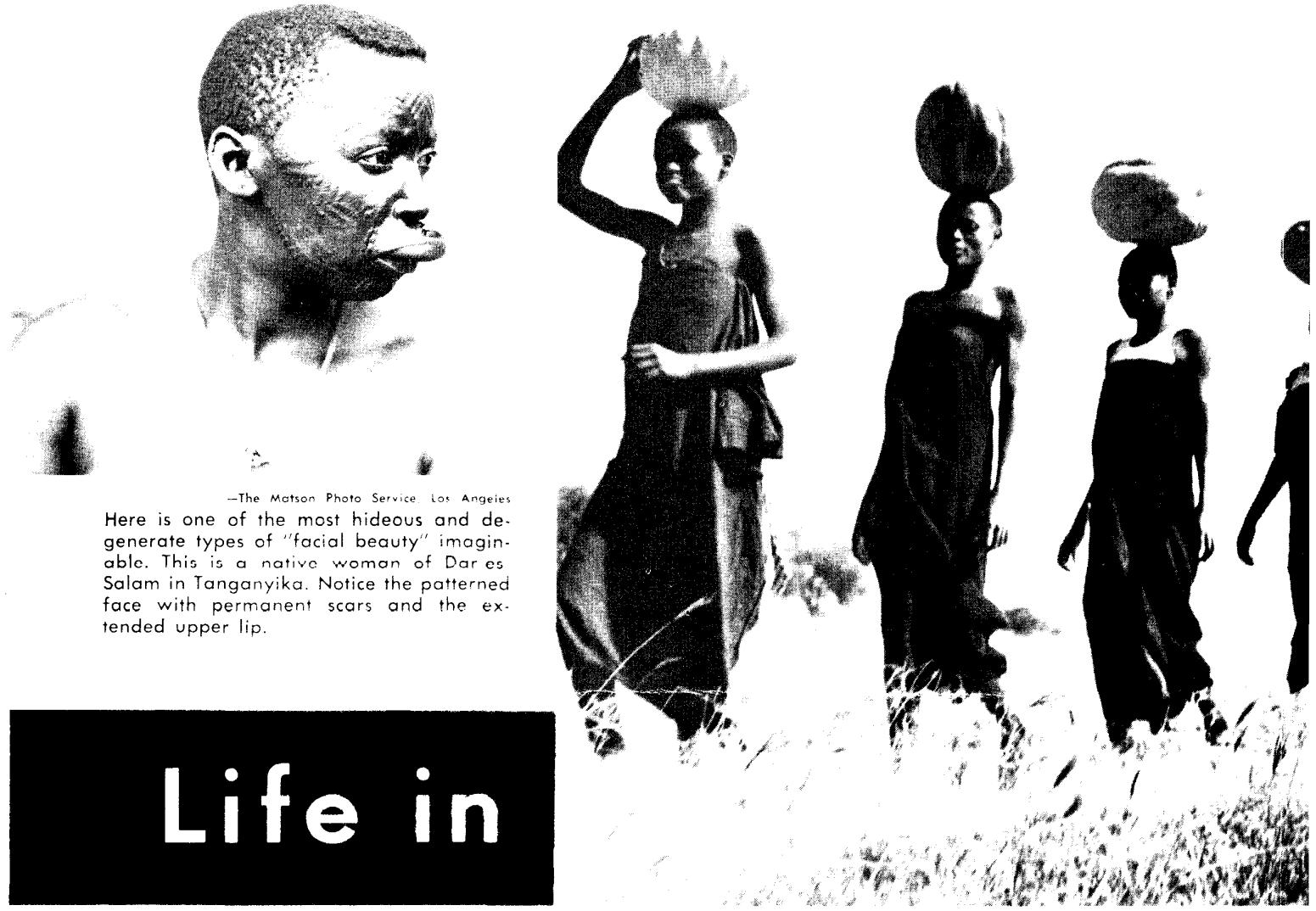
Science, of course, has not been fully able to discern the divine mystery *that causes mutations or new varieties*. How GREAT indeed is God! Even with powerful microscopes man cannot clearly see these changes which sometimes occur in reproductive cells of plants or the lower animals. It is still beyond science to learn *why* it happens. Science can discover only *that it does happen*.

### Races Before the Flood

*Human races arose before the flood. But how did the racial types pass through the flood if all were drowned except Noah's family?*

The plain and simple answer is that all racial types today developed from the *five strains* that passed through the flood (Gen. 7:7). There were Noah and his wife—two strains—and the three wives of the three sons of Noah, making five in all. These individuals inherited specific traits *which they passed to you and me today*. All nations arose from these strains.

From Shem, one of Noah's sons, arose the white Europeans as well as the  
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Here is one of the most hideous and degenerate types of "facial beauty" imaginable. This is a native woman of Dar es Salaam in Tanganyika. Notice the patterned face with permanent scars and the extended upper lip.

## Life in

Schoolgirls of a Mission in Tanganyika, East Africa, from the farm demonstration center. Here is a s



The two men you see here are extreme variations among the men of the world. The man at the right is a Bushman, the man on the left, a Hottentot. I have never seen such extreme degeneration of these two types of men. They are mutations from

Semi-civilized African natives, lower in their finery for Princess Margaret on her tour of Tanganyika. These natives, whose headgear included clumps of leaves, danced for the English Queen. What a great difference between those who finally learn Western ways and those who



In East Africa, carry home their crop of pumpkins. Here is a scene you would never see in America!

you see here illustrate the extremes among the Negroid stock. The one is a Bushman, the person at left. Notice the extreme contrast of these two tribal types. These extremes from the Negroid stock.



is, lower left and lower right, decked out in her African Tour in October, 1956. Her included horns of varying length, thick as the English Princess upon her arrival in Africa. There is among these natives and in her ways.

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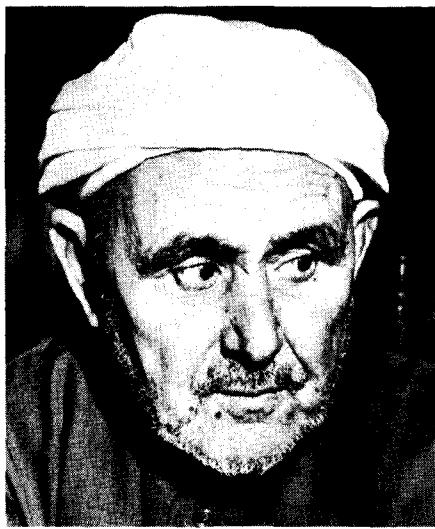


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A Negress from Nigeria dressed up in her best headgear. American Negroes, many of whom originally came from this region in and around Nigeria, look quite similar to this native.

# Africa

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Not everyone realizes that vast portions of North Africa are inhabited by non-Negroid tribes. Here you see Abd El Krim, leader of the Berber Riff tribe in Morocco. The Sahara—meaning desert in Arabic—separates these white tribes from the Negroes of Central Africa.

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Arabic Shemites. Shem is also the father of the brown men of India. Most of Shem's sons were *white*.

Japheth produced the Latin people of Europe and also the major portion of Russia. From him also sprang the Mon-

The public market in Kigezi in Uganda, East Africa. Each morning crowds of natives dressed in hides and carrying baskets of produce on their heads come to trade. This is an illustration of the primitive life lead by natives of Africa.

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goloid types throughout Asia. Over one half of Japheth's sons were white—the others were Mongoloid.

Through Ham many of the light people of North Africa arose. The black peoples throughout Africa and South-east Asia also descended from Ham. Only two of Ham's four sons were black.

In this article there is not sufficient space to trace the families of Noah mentioned in Genesis 10. But a sequel to this article will trace the migrations of the people throughout the world. In this coming article you will learn that *not* all black people are Negroes—you will discover where the American Indian came from. No story of fiction could be more interesting than to trace the origin of the nations that exist today.

#### Color Tends to Predominate

But to return to the races that escaped the flood in Noah's day. Did you ever notice that at the tower of Babel about three quarters of the human families were **WHITE**? **WHITE** was the parent stock. Only **ONE THIRD** was **NON-WHITE**. **BUT TODAY OVER TWO THIRDS OF THE ENTIRE WORLD IS NON-WHITE!** The color factor tends to be predominant over white.

Now the question arises: *why* were the different racial characteristics present in Noah's family?

Doesn't this imply that there must have been racial intermarriage before the flood? How else could Noah's three sons have passed on such divergent characteristics?

*Indeed it does mean that there was RACIAL INTERMARRIAGE before the Flood!*

That is exactly what brought the flood upon the world!

Consider. Prior to the flood God did *not* intervene to separate the races. They all had one language before the flood. God left it to men to *voluntarily* obey Him. But they refused! To continue His Plan, God chose Noah, an obedient man.

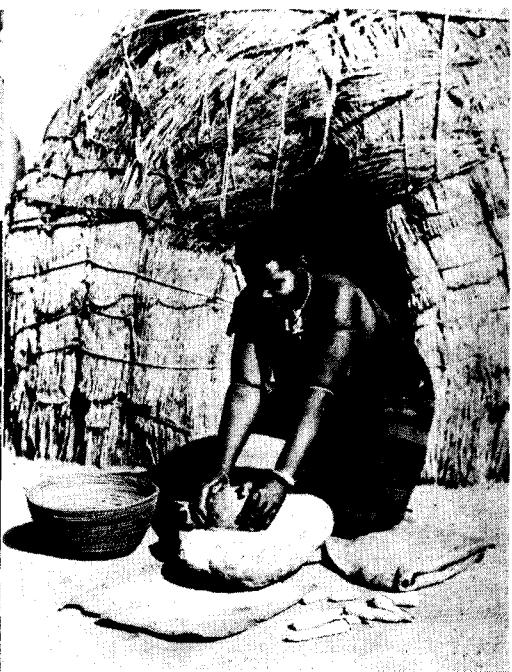
Noah was "perfect in his generations"—that is, *in his ancestry*. He came from a pure stock. He was not only spiritually "just," but physically "perfect in his ancestry" (Gen. 6:9). Few people understand this key verse.

Noah's family was of the original stock—though it seems that at least two of Noah's sons married women who were racial mixtures.

Notice: "For just as it was in the days of Noah, so shall be it in the day when the Son of Man cometh. For as in those

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Zulu Negress from South Africa grinding "mpupu" or flour on a sloping flat stone. The flour falls onto a grass mat, is then emptied into basket and ready for use.



# WHERE Did God Command YOU to Observe Lent?

Where and when did the custom of observing Lent originate?  
Here is an article revealing amazing FACTS hidden for centuries  
—facts that will surprise you!

by Herman L. Hoeh

**B**ELIEVE it or not, Lent was observed 4000 years ago! It was still being observed when Christ was born—during His ministry—and in the days of the apostles, yet Christ did not institute it and He never observed it! The apostles never observed it. The Church Jesus built never observed it.

The apostle Paul commanded the Gentile-born Christians to *cease* observing it! More startling, Christ commands us today to cease observing it.

How, then, did Lent enter the Christianity of our Western World?

Isn't it time we pause to ask ourselves *why* we observe the customs we do? We may have *supposed* Lent was taught in the Bible. But have we ever looked into the Bible to see what the Bible really says?

## WHY the Churches Observe Lent

The Lenten season is a period of 40 days abstinence, beginning on "Ash Wednesday." Do you know what the meaning of "Lent" is?

The word "Lent" comes from the old English word "Lenten" meaning the "spring" of the year. You can verify it in the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*. The Lenten celebration was originally associated with the *spring* of the year. But today it begins in the winter! Why?

Where did the spring-time celebration of Lent actually originate? When was the celebration of Lent changed from spring to winter? Here is the surprising answer!

Let us first turn back the pages of time till we reach the close of the second century. This was 100 years after the death of the last of the 12 apostles. Here is what Irenaeus writes to the Bishop of Rome about Lent at this time:

"For the controversy is not only concerning the day"—there was a controversy over the time to celebrate Easter—

"but also concerning the very manner of the fast"—the fast of the Lenten season. "For some think that they should fast one day, others two, yet others more, and some forty," reports Irenaeus, Bishop from France.

How did all this confusion originate? God is not the author of confusion! Then who originated this confusion over Lent?

"And this variety in its observance," continues Irenaeus, "has not originated in our time; but long before in that of our ancestors. It is likely that they did not hold to strict accuracy, and thus *formed a custom* for their posterity according to *private fancy*"—not apostolic authority or Christ's command! (From Eusebius' *Church History*, Book 5, chapter 24.)

Lent came into the Church through CUSTOM—through PRIVATE FANCY. The churches observe Lent, not because the Bible commands it, but because professing Christians adopted the custom from their Gentile neighbors.

"As long as the perfection of the primitive church [the inspired New Testament Church] remained inviolable," wrote Cassian, the Catholic prelate of the fifth century, "there was no observance of Lent; but when men began to decline from the apostolical fervour of devotion . . . then the priests in general agreed to recall them from secular cares by a canonical indiction of fasting . . ." (*Antiquities of the Christian Church*, Book 21, chapter 1.)

Fasting, or abstinence from certain foods, was imposed *after* the days of the apostles—by the authority of the priests!

Lent is not of apostolic origin! It did not originate with Christ! It entered the Christianity of the Roman World in the second century. It entered at the same time that Easter did! Lent is always associated with Easter! But when did Easter originate?

## What about Easter?

Here is what Socrates Scholasticus wrote in his *Ecclesiastical History*, not long after Emperor Constantine, in the fourth century after Christ:

"Neither the apostles, therefore, nor the Gospels, have anywhere imposed . . . Easter . . . Wherefore inasmuch as men love festivals, because they afford them cessation from labor: each individual in every place, according to his own pleasure, has by a prevalent custom celebrated [Easter] . . . The Saviour and his apostles have enjoined us by no law to keep this feast . . . just as many other customs have been established in individual localities according to usage, so also the feast of Easter CAME TO BE OBSERVED IN EACH PLACE ACCORDING TO THE INDIVIDUAL PECULIARITIES OF THE PEOPLES inasmuch as none of the apostles legislated on the matter. And that the observance originated not by legislation, BUT AS A CUSTOM the facts themselves indicate" (chapter 22).

Did you notice that? Easter originated as a custom of the people! And so did Lent. Lent is merely the introduction to Easter. Easter is the climax to Lent. (If you have not already read the TRUTH about Easter, write immediately for Mr. Armstrong's free booklet entitled "Easter." It will give you many astounding facts about the origin of Easter—and it will reveal what the New Testament Church observed *instead of Easter!*)

But from what city did the celebration of Lent really begin to spread throughout the professing Christianity of the Roman World?

Here is what the *Catholic Encyclopaedia* records:

"In any case it is certain from the 'Festival Letters' of St. Athanasius that in 331 [he] enjoined upon his flock a period of FORTY DAYS of fasting preliminary to . . . Holy Week, and second

that in 339 *after having travelled to Rome* and over the greater part of Europe, [he] wrote in the strongest terms to urge this observance"—Lent—upon the people under his jurisdiction.

Athanasius was influenced by Roman custom. It was *at Rome* that not only Easter, but also Lent, entered the Christian Church. Irenaeus wrote that Lent and Easter were introduced during the time of Bishop Xystus of Rome. This Bishop "did not permit those after him" to observe the practices of the apostles, but instead introduced the custom of Easter and of Lent.

But from where did the bishops of Rome obtain the custom of Lent?

### The Origin of Lent

In the early Catholic Church, Lent was always called *tessarakoste*, in Greek, or *quadragesima*, in Latin. These two words mean "count forty." Lent—though sometimes celebrated for only one or two days, or for several weeks—**WAS ALWAYS CALLED THE CELEBRATION OF FORTY DAYS!**

#### Why?

Why should a period of abstinence have gone by this name *even though it was not until the beginning of the eighth century after Christ that the final number of forty days was fastened on the whole Church?*

The answer is obvious—abstinence among the pagans was called by the name "count forty" because that is the length of time they celebrated their spring festival! Remember, Lent means "spring."

The historian Wilkinson, in his book *Egyptian Antiquities*, chapter III, p. 181, wrote that the pagans kept "fasts, many of which lasted from seven to forty-two days, and sometimes even a longer period."

The Christians, after the death of the apostles, were also divided as to the length of their periods of fasting!

But the original length of the fast, traced back to ancient Babylon 4000 years ago, was a "forty days' fast in the spring of the year!" (from Layard's *Nineveh and Babylon*, chapter 4, page 93). That is why it bore its name of "forty days!" Each nation gradually changed the length of celebration, but they all retained the name. The apostas-

tising Christians merely adopted the customs found in their respective countries—that is why they were divided as to its length from the beginning. It took the churches of the Western World nearly eight centuries to impose a total period of 40 days abstinence as had been the original custom at Babel!

Christianity today has turned to the pagan customs of Babel instead of the commands of God in the Bible!

### Where Mentioned in the Bible

Lent is nowhere commanded or mentioned in the New Testament. But it is mentioned in the Old Testament!

"Lent," remember, "seems to have been an indispensable preliminary to the great annual festival in commemoration of the death and resurrection of Tammuz"—the pagan Babylonian Messiah. The month of June was named in honor of the false Babylonian Messiah. Forty days preceding the feast of Tammuz (usually celebrated in June) the pagans held their Lenten season! Ezekiel describes it vividly in Ezek. 8:13-14:

"He"—the Lord—"said also unto me, 'Turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations.'" Notice that God calls what Ezekiel is about to see an ABOMINATION. What does the prophet see?

"And, behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz!"

They wept for Tammuz, the false Messiah of the pagans! That weeping preceded the pagan festival in honor of the supposed resurrection of Tammuz. Fasting was joined with weeping FOR A PERIOD OF FORTY DAYS before the festival in honor of Tammuz. The period of weeping and semi-fasting fell during springtime. That is why the word Lent means "spring!" Lent is a continuation of the pagan spring-time custom of abstaining from certain foods just prior to celebrating a fake resurrection! *And God calls LENT an ABOMINATION!*

That is why Christ and the true New Testament Church never observed it! Paul forbade Christians to observe these pagan "times" or "seasons" (Gal. 4:10).

### Jesus Christ Forbids Lenten Celebrations

Surely the people today are sincere—but so were the pagans!—they didn't

know better! Observe what God says He will do to those who refuse to repent of this abomination: "Is it a light thing . . . that they commit the ABOMINATIONS which they commit here? . . . Therefore will I deal IN FURY: mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: and though they cry in mine ears with a loud voice"—of course they pray to God—"yet will I not hear them!" (Ezek. 8:15-18).

But what if Easter and Lent are ancient pagan festivals. Isn't it still all right, if we use them to honor CHRIST? That's the way people reason today. Let God answer that question:

Jesus Christ—the Word of God—spoke to Moses to warn the people not to follow these customs of the heathen. Here is what Jesus Christ said: "Take heed . . . that thou inquire not after their gods, saying: 'How used these nations to serve their gods? even so will I do likewise.' THOU SHALT NOT DO SO UNTO THE ETERNAL THY GOD; FOR EVERY ABOMINATION TO THE ETERNAL, which He hateth, have they done unto their gods" (Deut. 12:30-31).

Here is what God says—it doesn't matter what we think—but it DOES MATTER what God thinks. He calls these pagan Easter and Lenten customs *abominations*. No wonder the apostles did not teach the early spirit-filled New Testament Church of God to observe these traditions of men!

Is it any wonder that Jeremiah was inspired to write: "Learn not the way of the heathen . . . for the customs of the people are vain?" (Jer. 10:2).

Jesus left us an example of what we ought to do—and that example is not Easter or Lent!

### A Fake Resurrection

Notice that Lent immediately precedes the celebration of a Sunday resurrection—supposedly of Christ! *But Christ was not resurrected on Sunday!* (For the astounding proof of this, write for Mr. Armstrong's shocking free booklet "The Resurrection of Christ Was NOT on Sunday." You will be amazed with what you will learn about Christ's resurrection directly from the New Testament.)

Nowhere does the New Testament command us to observe the resurrection

of Christ! We are commanded to observe the **MEMORIAL OF HIS DEATH**—"Do this in remembrance of Me," commanded Jesus! The early inspired true New Testament Church did observe *that* memorial, but it never observed Easter or Lent! God never commanded Easter in honor of the resurrection! Easter is in honor of the false Messiah—Tammuz.

Easter and Lent celebrate the resurrection of a false Christ. Paul warned that this very custom would develop—"For if he that cometh preacheth *another* Jesus, whom we have not preached"—and that is exactly what has happened (II Cor. 11:4). Lent celebrated *another* Jesus, a false Messiah from Babylon!

The celebration of a festival on Sunday in honor of the resurrection comes directly from **PAGANISM**. The pagans celebrated the resurrection of Tammuz, the false Messiah, immediately after Lent. This festival crept into the professing Christian world after the death of the apostles. The Christians began to neglect *the annual memorial* of Christ's death. They substituted a Sunday Easter in its stead. (If you want to know what the inspired New Testament Church really observed, also include in your letter a request for Mr. Armstrong's booklet "When and How Often Should We Observe the Lord's Supper?" It will give you the amazing answer.)

Notice that immediately after the Lenten observance, the prophet Ezekiel sees the people observing an Easter sunrise service: "Then said He unto me, 'Hast thou seen this?'"—the Lenten fast. "Turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see **GREATER ABOMINATIONS** than these." What does the prophet see: people bowing down toward the sun in the East. Easter sunrise services—the climax to the 40 days of Lent! (Ezek. 8:16).

God calls the sunrise service an **ABOMINATION!** — Sun-Worship! It is a sin! It does make a difference to God. He labels Lent and Easter exactly what they are—pagan festivals!

Your eternal destiny depends upon what God **SAYS**, not upon what *seems* right to you.

And don't delay writing for Mr. Armstrong's booklets. If you have not yet read them, request them *immediately*.

## Heart to Heart Talk with the Editor

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others. Differences of belief divided and re-divided these — new offshots continued, more and more denominations and sects arose, until today there are more than 400 different churches in the United States alone.

This is not harmony, peace, and **UNITY**—this is strife, disagreement, and **DIVISION**. What is the difference between one denomination and another? Different **BELIEFS** about either doctrine or practise or both.

Is this what God once **DELIVERED** to the true Church of God? No, these sectarian beliefs disagree with God's **TRUTH** which **GOD delivered** to His Church! What, then, is the real **BASIS** for each of these hundreds of Churches? Each one is based on its own peculiar **DISAGREEMENT** in part or in total with God's **TRUTH once delivered**.

What, then, must of necessity be the basic foundation that would identify the **ONE** and **ONLY true** Church of God,—if such exists today? Why, complete **ACCEPTANCE** of **ALL** of the *faith once delivered*—that is, believing, and obeying that Truth and instruction delivered from God to His Church thru Christ and thru His written Word!

That means a Church made up of people who have, first, *repented* of their *own* ways, beliefs and practises, and those of the world—and who have accepted, without reservation, the **WORD OF GOD**—people who now **LIVE** by every Word of God, which means they **STUDY** the Bible to be corrected, reproved, and instructed in **GOD'S ways**. It means people whose lives no longer are conformed to this world, but are transformed by the power of God's Holy Spirit into the pattern **GOD HAS DELIVERED** thru His written Word!

This means a Church composed of people who regard the Holy Bible as the **SUPREME AUTHORITY** over all lives—who actually *tremble* before this inspired Word—who *fear* to disobey it—who regard it as the sole source of **TRUTH** and the right way to happiness, peace, and eternal life. And in **OBEYING**

the instructions contained therein, they will be found carrying out the Great Commission of Christ — proclaiming with a **LOUD VOICE** *His* Gospel, just as Jesus brought it from God the Father, to all the world as a **witness**.

And when you find that Church, you will find **UNITY**, not in the various conflicting ideas and beliefs of men, but in **GOD'S TRUTH**. They will **ALL BELIEVE THE SAME THING**, because they must be people who have *repented* of their *own* ideas or convictions, or the beliefs and practises and customs of the world, and whose lives are now devoted to seeking **GOD'S truths and HIS WAYS**.

In the world you find men of conflicting beliefs **CLAIMING** that they seek to find God's Truth—but they are not fully honest in this. They usually refuse to accept God's Truth unless it is what they want to believe, or what their group believes. They do not always let Scripture correct them where they are wrong.

Here, then, is the **UNITY** you will find in God's true Church:

They will ". . . stand fast in **ONE SPIRIT**, with **ONE MIND**, striving together for the faith of the **Gospel**" (Phil. 1:27).

The **ONE MIND** is the **MIND OF CHRIST**, now in them by the power of the Holy Spirit. "Let this **MIND** be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 2:2).

They will be of the **SAME MIND, IN THE LORD**—not apart from the Lord (Phil. 4:2). Here is God's **WAY** to **UNITY**: "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be **NO DIVISIONS** among you" (I Cor. 1:10). If all these professing Christian denominations were in truth Christian, there would be **NO DIVISIONS**—but there are more than 400 divisions in America alone!

Just speaking the *same thing* is not enough. That is what the leaders at the Nicene Council agreed to do—but it must be the **SAME THING** as the **WORD of GOD**!

Here at headquarters of the Church of God, we do all speak the *same thing*!

Our ministers are men who have gone thru the *real experience* of conversion—who have been **CONQUERED** by the **Eternal God**, who have known what it is

to really **SUFFER** to have the self crucified, to have to *give up* their own way, and to be willing to *give up all* for Christ!

We have quit seeking our own way. Whenever there is doubt in the mind of any about some truth, doctrine, or God's way in any problem, we ministers meet together in council, asking GOD'S guidance and wisdom, seeking HIS truth! *There has never been any disagreement.*

God's Word instructs us: "In multitude of counsellors there is safety." So we meet and counsel together, seeking God's true understanding from His Word. God is always willing to give it. As long as each man is *yielded to God* in his heart, there will always be unity. Yet not one of these men would yield to the convictions of the others if he believed God's Word revealed otherwise.

Because this great work of God is growing, and more and more consecrated and trained young ministers are being ordained as they graduate from Ambassador College and otherwise qualify, I do not personally write all of the articles in The PLAIN TRUTH any longer. And a few of our readers, apparently reading something contrary to their own previous and well imbedded convictions, under the by-line of one of our ministers, have assumed that these men were writing *their own ideas*, contrary to what I personally believe.

Usually this has happened when it was known that I was in Europe or away on a trip. Letters have come asking me to check up on what some of our men are putting into The PLAIN TRUTH when I am away.

So I want to take this opportunity to tell all our great family of readers that we here do all have **ONE MIND**—the **MIND OF CHRIST**; and we do all speak the same thing, as God Himself reveals thru His Word! If any one of us comes up with something **NEW**, not previously understood and agreed to be the true revelation of God's Word, he does not speak it publicly, or write it in any article, **UNTIL** we ministers can all study independently into it, and counsel together regarding it, and all come to the same mind.

As a specific example: Some three or four years ago we discovered that two

or three of our young ministers had never as yet come to clear understanding of whether Satan is mortal, and in the future to be destroyed — to cease to exist. The others had studied the question and knew that the Scriptures revealed that Satan and all angels and demons are immortal beings who can never die or be destroyed. In many of our conferences we had this question on the agenda for complete study and discussion, but always it seemed other problems or questions were more immediately pressing. We never got to this particular question until our annual ministers' conference in January of this year. Each January all our ministers are called to Pasadena headquarters for a two weeks' study and conference together. Meanwhile, none of these young ministers expressed any definite convictions on this question. But when we went into it prayerfully with "multitude of counsellors" the truth became very plain to all.

There is a great deal more joy in finding God's way, even when contrary to our own previous beliefs or desires, than having our own way!

But now one last **CAUTION** on this matter of what we believe.

It is **ONLY** the TRUTH that shall make us **FREE**, and in which we may find eternal life. Does it make any difference

**WHAT** we believe? Yes, it may make all the difference between eternal **LIFE** and eternal **DEATH**!

BUT—and I want every reader to heed this!—remember GOD does *not* cram His precious TRUTH down any individual's throat! God made every person a free moral agent. Every one must decide for himself **WHETHER** to accept truth—**WHETHER** to obey God. DO NOT try to force your ideas or convictions—even tho you may be sure they are God's TRUTH—on any who is not interested and *desirous* of listening to you!

What should be our attitude toward those who have different beliefs? It should be an attitude of **LOVE**—of complete **TOLERANCE**. They have as much right to their wrong beliefs as you have to your right ones! God **ALLOWS** any and every individual to be wrong, or to do wrong! Of course they shall have to reap what they sow—but **GOD ALLOWS IT**.

So, above all, have a heart of **CHARITY**, tolerance, love, toward all others. **TREASURE** the Truth! Thank **GOD** for it! Give Him praise for His mercy in opening your understanding! **PRAY** for others, that their eyes may be illumined, too. But never argue with them—never debate—never enter into controversy or strife. Just have love and charity, and **PRAY** for others, being always ready to give an answer—if they *ask it*!

## THE RACE QUESTION

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days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, **MARRYING AND GIVING IN MARRIAGE**, till the day that Noah entered into the ark, and they knew not until the flood came, and took all away" (Mat. 24:37-38).

One of the **SINS** that led to the flood involved not only eating and drinking the wrong things, but **MARRYING AND GIVING IN MARRIAGE**! Marriage in itself is not wrong. So this must have involved the **WRONG KIND OF MARRIAGE**. Now turn to Genesis, chapter 6.

"The sons of God [not angels, but men] saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives whomsoever they chose . . . and the earth was corrupt before God, and the earth **WAS FILLED WITH VIOLENCE** . . .

for all **FLESH** had corrupted His way upon the earth" (Verse 2,11-12).

**VIOLENCE** filled the earth—very likely **RACIAL VIOLENCE**!

It may well have resulted from intermarriage between races. Men chose whatever women pleased them. They did not ask God's advice or counsel. They freely intermarried with those of other races, when they knew they should not have done so! God sent the flood to save the human race from itself!

Immediately after the flood the same **sin** developed. This is recorded in Genesis 11. The racial stocks at the Tower of Babel wanted to racially intermix. Leading the rebellion at Babel were Semiramis or Ishtar, a white woman, and her husband Nimrod, a black Cush-



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Here you see the four racial strains of mankind. Upper left are Germanic and Mediterranean types of the White Race. In the upper right are a Tibetan man and a Japanese woman illustrating the Yellow or Mongoloid Race. The two pictures in the lower left illustrate the characteristics of the Brown Race. The man is of the Sioux Indian tribe, the woman is a Hindu. The Sioux is an exception to the general rule that most American Indians are Mongoloid. In the lower right are the two major branches of the Black Race. The man toward the center is a Somali (of Cush), the other man is a typical Sudanese Negro.

ite. Nimrod, of course, was *not* a Negro. Nimrod came from Cush, but Cush is not the father of the Negroes. Cush begat the black people scattered throughout Southern Asia and into East Africa. Cush means black in Hebrew. *The Negroes descended from Phut, Cush's brother.*

God put a quick end to this act of rebellion. He intervened. He confounded or confused the languages so that each racial and national stock would thereafter remain separate. This whole account is made plain in Genesis 11. You should read the entire chapter when you finish this article.

*Very few realize that the flood came upon the world because of racial intermarriage.* The world has forgotten that fact. Today they are trying to repeat the

same mistake. "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the day when the Son of Man"—Christ—"cometh."

Now let's understand why God intervened at Babel to segregate the races.

#### God Separates the Races

God always allows men to obey Him voluntarily. After the flood He allowed men to voluntarily refrain from intermarrying between the races. "Remember the days of old"—just prior to Babel—"when the Most High gave the nations THEIR INHERITANCE, when He SEPARATED the children of men. He set the borders of the peoples" (Deut. 32:7-8). We already read in Acts 17:26 that God determined "the bounds of their habitation."

God gave the nations their separate

inheritances. Most people would not take their own inheritance. They wanted to intermarry after the flood and make their own kind of **ONE WORLD**.

They could have had one world then, with one language, IF THEY HAD BEEN OBEDIENT. But the people rebelled. They were not satisfied with separate inheritances. They did not want to be segregated. "So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence"—from Babel—"upon the face of all the earth. Therefore was the name of it called Babel; because the Lord did then confound the languages of all the earth" (Gen. 11:8-9). And what are the people trying to do today?—the same thing that God put a stop to at Babel! Why won't we learn our lessons!

Now we come to another startling

fact. Most people do not know the difference between "segregation" and "discrimination."

### Segregation Is NOT Discrimination

As it is used today, the word *discrimination* means evil treatment of individuals because of race, creed or color. Discrimination is a *sin!* We are to help people, not treat them evilly. Segregation is *not* discrimination. Segregation means separation. Separation is *not* discrimination! Discrimination has often been *mislabeled* "segregation." If men had followed God's ways in the first place, and if each race would have retained its own inheritance, there would be no discrimination today. If men had followed God's ways in the first place, and if each race would have retained its own inheritance, there would be no discrimination today.

God separated the races at Babel. In other words, God *segregated* the races socially and geographically at Babel. What they would not voluntarily do, He forced them to do. **GOD IS THE AUTHOR OF SEGREGATION.** But God is no respector of persons. He *does not discriminate*. He gave His own Son for the whole world—no matter what one's color is.

### How We Become ONE in Christ

*True segregation* would never lead to discrimination. In America, as a result of slavery, there is *geographic integration*—not total segregation—and discrimination is the inevitable result! God segregated the races *geographically* at Babel—to keep the world from discriminating because of race and color. *True geographic segregation* would have prevented discrimination.

**DISCRIMINATION IS A RESULT OF GEOGRAPHIC INTEGRATION!** It is not a result of Biblical segregation. *Man's* attempt to wipe out discrimination by educational and social integration is merely stirring up *more* trouble! It will never solve the problem. God knew this long ago! That is why He segregated the races geographically in the first place.

It seems that neither Whites nor Negroes have ever really understood this **MOST IMPORTANT** definition of Biblical segregation. Biblical segregation begins with **GEOGRAPHIC SEPARATION.**

The experience of the Negro proves that when you violate this principle and integrate the Negro geographically you introduce discrimination. *Geographic integration* in Egypt led to racial discrimination against Israel in the time of Moses (Exodus 1). God put an end to discrimination by separating or segregating Israel!

Many fail to understand this simple distinction between segregation and discrimination. This is usually due to misunderstanding Paul's statement in Galatians 3:28: "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus."

What does it mean to be "ONE IN CHRIST JESUS"?

Notice that Paul is speaking of being *divided outside of Christ*, but *united or one in Christ*.

Does it mean we cease to be males or females any longer? Of course not! Christians are still male and female in Christ—after conversion! Christians may still be racially Greeks or Jews—or Whites or Negroes—after conversion. The color of one's skin does not change upon conversion. Then what is it that makes us *one* after conversion?

Turn to James 3:16: "For where envying and strife is, there is *confusion* and every evil work." Did you notice that? Where there is jealousy, strife and envy, there is division and confusion!

Outside of Christ males and females are envious and jealous of one another. Outside of Christ freemen and bondmen are striving with each other.

*Outside of Christ* there is discrimination between White and Colored. *But in Christ our ATTITUDES are, through conversion, to become ONE!*

It is our ATTITUDE that changes at conversion! We all develop *one* attitude of mind—the attitude of love, which means OBEDIENCE TO GOD'S LAWS. "Love is the *fulfilling of the law*" (Rom. 13:10).

Men and women are *one* in Christ, but Paul did not permit a woman to teach or usurp authority. God's law commanded that! Whites and Colored are *one* in Christ, *but* we shall notice shortly that *God's law commands them not to mix socially or to intermarry*.

Due to migration and slavery Colored

and Whites sometimes met in the New Testament Church together—as we read in Acts 13:1: "Now in the Church at Antioch were prophets and teachers, both Barnabas and *Simeon, who was called Niger* [the Greek word for *Negro*], and Lucius . . ." Simeon was a Negro in the Church at Antioch. *Negroes could meet with Whites in the New Testament Church.*

God told Peter to "make no distinction" spiritually, in matters of church worship, over Gentiles in the Church (Acts 11:12). This was a hard lesson for Peter to learn (Gal. 2:12). But *social fellowship*, apart from religious fellowship, was not permitted! Here is the proof!

### God's Law Forbids Intermarriage!

Consider what God specifically says about social fellowship and interracial marriage. Speaking to Israelites about the sons of Canaan, the son of Ham, God said: "Neither shalt thou make marriages with them: thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son" (Deut. 7:3).

God did not want them to mix socially or to intermarry. The religion of the Canaanites was also involved, as well as their race. Marrying outside of one's religion is as bad if not worse than marrying outside of one of the primary races.

Notice God's command through Governor Nehemiah: "In those days also saw I the Jews that had married women of Ashod, of Ammon, and of Moab; and their children spoke half in the speech of Ashod [a Philistine city] and could not speak in the Jews' language . . . And I contended with them . . . Ye shall not give your daughters unto their sons, nor take their daughters for your sons, or for yourselves. Did not Solomon king of Israel *SIN* by these things . . . Shall we then hearken unto you to do all this great evil, to break faith with our God in marrying foreign women?" (Nehemiah 13:23-27).

Here again God stresses the same principle. It is *wrong* to mix socially or to intermarry between the races. Despite his wisdom, Solomon *sinned* by doing so. He married the daughter of Pharaoh, an Egyptian.



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Another view of the four racial strains of mankind. In the upper left are two pictures of the Black Aborigine inhabitants of Australia. At the upper right is a picture of a Black Wedda of India and a black inhabitant of the South Sea Isle of New Caledonia. In the center row are Brown and Yellow racial stocks. At the left, a brown Cushite woman from the island of Ceylon, at the tip of India. Next is a Polynesian from Samoa. The other two are of the Yellow race—the first is a Tungu, an inhabitant of Siberia, the other is a polished Chinese. In the lower row we notice different White stocks. At the lower left is a Spaniard, next comes a Greek. Lower right brings us to two Germanic types from Hesse and Baden, in Germany.

Notice the law God set in motion concerning mixing different kinds or varieties. "Ye shall *keep* my statutes"—most people want to forget God's statutes—"Thou shalt *not* let thy cattle gender with a diverse kind; thou shalt not sow thy field with two kinds of

seed . . ." (Lev. 19:19). Here is God's law. This is *not* Moses' law. These are "MY" statutes, God says. Do we believe Him?

He tells us not to let different kinds or varieties mix. In the Hebrew language, there is only one word meaning

both "kind" and "variety." The word "kind" here must mean varieties of the original Genesis kind. The original Genesis kinds can never mix. Cattle can never interbreed with sheep. They are of two different Genesis kinds. But this law means that we are not to allow

different kinds, that is, *varieties* of cattle to interbreed.

Every breeder of purebred stock recognizes this law. No breeder would allow his prizewinning purebred stock to degenerate by mating with any other than the purebred strain. He would have no pure strains left. Mongrels or hybrids would result, instead.

#### Retaining the Best Qualities of Each Race

God wants us to keep the strains pure—to bring out the *best qualities in each*.

For example, the Negro has a natural inborn resistance to many tropical diseases. Whites do not have this natural resistance. It is the Negro who was *made* to live in Africa. Even the very color of the skin makes it more tolerable for a Negro to withstand tropical climate. Whites were not meant to populate Central Africa. South Africa, however, does provide the type of climate suitable for Europeans. *And it was the Whites, not the Negroes, who reached South Africa first.*

Take the example of the Mongolians. Only in East Asia does the climate constantly vary from extremely hot to extremely cold. No other portion of the earth's surface presents such a variation in weather. The Oriental was made exactly for that climate. His blood vessels are not so near the surface of the skin as among Whites. Hence the color of his skin. Mongolians do not therefore notice the extremes in climate.

Next, take the example of the Germans. They are an energetic people. They form the very heart of Europe. That is why God led them there—so that the whole of Europe could be efficiently and thoroughly integrated in its economy. Similar parallels may be drawn with all peoples—races and nationalities.

Promiscuous intermixing of races prevents each human stock from developing its best qualities. As far as physical inheritance is concerned, "man has no pre-eminence above a beast" (Ecc. 3:19). Man, like other animals, degenerates with interbreeding.

Of course, *those of us who are mixed racially still can make the best of life.* We cannot help what we were born. SALVATION IS A SPIRITUAL MATTER.

#### IT IS NOT A PHYSICAL MATTER.

*Spiritual fellowship in the Church is permitted, but not social fellowship. Social fellowship is the first step in breaking down the God-erected barriers to interracial marriage.* The New Testament examples show this clearly.

God does not want to have the different races of human beings mix socially. That is why HE segregated them at Babel!

#### Nationalities Are NOT Races

*We should clearly distinguish between nationality and race.* Nationalities are basically natural variations and are generally to be distinguished from sudden and distinct variations due to mutations. However, some national stocks within a race—such as the Pigmy—are due to non-racial mutations.

Races are due to mutations. Intermarriage between the four primary races—white, yellow, brown and black—is sin. God says so. And it is God who determines what sin is. But within the races there are nationalities. God segregated the nationalities (tribal divisions within races) primarily for *political reasons* rather than racial reasons.

There are only four primary races, but dozens of nationalities exist. Each of the primary races is separated by *bodies of water, deserts or great mountain barriers.* This is to prevent intermarriage. Africa is almost totally surrounded by water. A great desert is in its northern half. The whites of Europe are separated from the brown men of Southeast Asia by mountain passes and from the yellow men by the central Asian deserts. And the brown and yellow peoples of Asia are separated by the greatest mountain barrier in the world—the Himalayas. Look at a map of the world and see how true this is!

This does not mean that there are abrupt changes in racial lines. The races are so placed that they shade from one into another. There is no hard and fast rule in the border regions.

Dark whites in North Africa can freely mix with peoples of Southern Europe as well as with the darker peoples of Central Africa. But for the extremes of Central and North Europe to mix with Central Africa is wrong. It is also just as wrong for Mongolians to

mix with Negroes. That is why God separated them so widely. But brown Mongolians may mix with brown Caucasians of India, for instance, or yellow Mongolians. Racial intermarriage is a matter of degree.

Nationalities, by contrast, are separated by *political borders.* Nations are political units. Some have natural barriers, but most are only arbitrary political divisions which permit easy crossing. No marriage is forbidden between different nationalities of the same race. There may be factors, at times, which would limit marriage within the nationality (See Numbers 36). But these factors are not racial. The different tribes of Israel were permitted to intermarry freely.

The very fact, however, that the nationalities or tribes remain separate units is strong indication that greatest happiness is found *within the nationality.* Even nationalities tend to differ emotionally and mentally. There is a great difference between the Negro and the black Pigmy or the Bushman, for instance. They are different tribes of the same race.

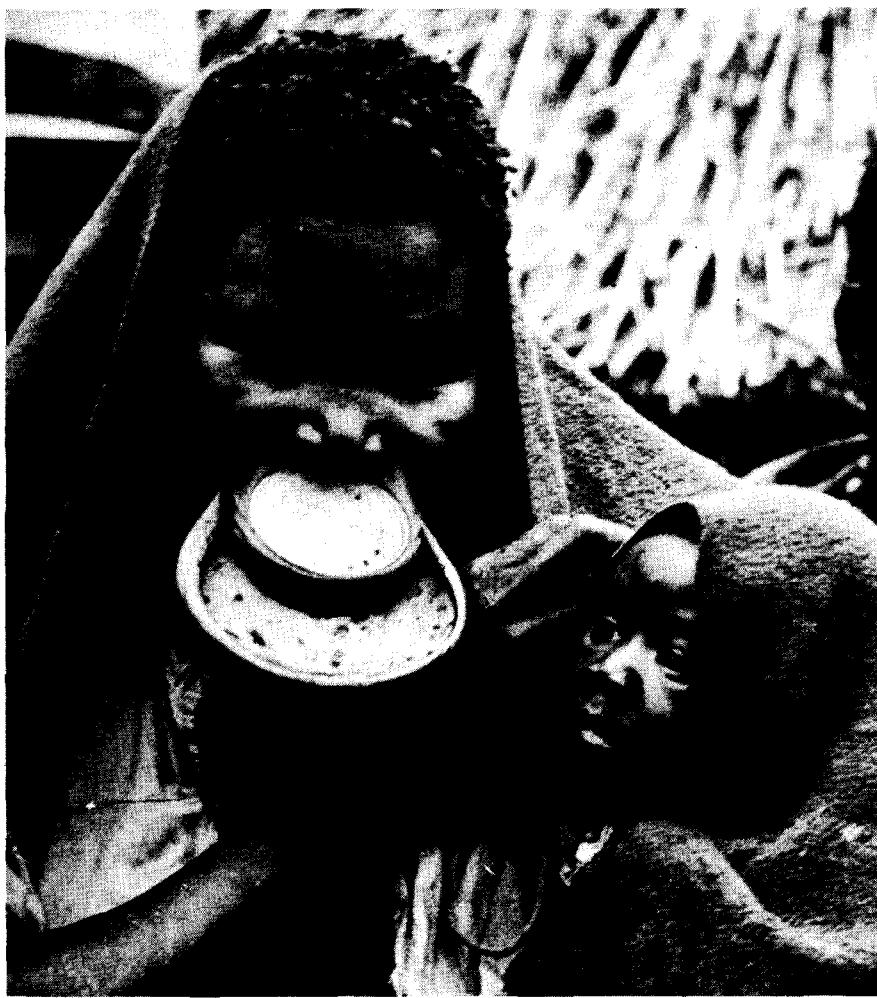
Negroes in Africa practice segregation with Pigmies and Bushmen. They recognize segregation as a natural law among themselves.

#### A Bible Illustration

The Bible contains a specific example of the **DISTINCTION BETWEEN NATIONALITY AND RACE.** Shortly after Moses fled from Egypt he married Zipporah, a Midianitess (Ex. 2:21). Zipporah's father was Reuel, a Midianite priest. He was also called Jethro (Ex. 2:18). Moses' wife was of the white race, but of a *different nationality* from Moses. Moses was of the nation Israel. Zipporah was of Midian. God did not object to this union.

About forty years after this event, Moses married *another woman.* Notice the account in Numbers 12:1. "And Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the *Ethiopian* woman whom he had married: for he had married an Ethiopian woman."

Here we find Moses marrying a woman of the black race. An Ethiopian is a Cushite—from East Africa. (This woman was not a Negress, for the Ne-



—Wide World Photo

A wretched African native and her little child. The Ubangi Negroes have prided themselves in atrocious forms of decoration. Both upper and lower lips have been cut and plates have been placed in them. Successively larger plates are placed in the extended lips as they gradually stretch.

groes come from West, Central and South Africa.) It was, however, wrong for Moses to have married this woman. Moses was not perfect. He made many mistakes, and this was one of them. His sister, and his brother Aaron knew God's law. They knew Moses made a mistake. But instead of coming to Moses in private, they made a *public* issue of it. Their sin was even greater in God's sight than Moses' sin was. God therefore punished them *publicly*, whereas He dealt *privately* with Moses.

This episode shows clearly the distinction between nationalities of the same race, and peoples of different races.

#### A Time of Reckoning Coming

No race problem would face America today were it not for the **SLAVE TRAFFIC** imposed on the Negro by our ancestors.

We are inheritors of *their* sins! The Negroes, especially, have inherited the consequences of slavery. They have been lorded over, discriminated against and made to feel inferior. They actually have been inferior due to degeneracy of their race for nearly four thousand years prior to being brought to the United States.

Slavery would never have happened to the Negro if they had not allowed themselves to stagnate and to become inferior. The pictures accompanying this article illustrate vividly the complete degradation to which the Negro sunk before coming to America enslaved. The astounding fact is that the Negro in Africa was often sold into slavery by his own tribal chief because he would not work for his chief!

After the Negro was freed from

slavery, *America could have solved the whole race question by providing a home in Africa and putting all Negroes back on their rightful, God-given inheritance*. Because the nation failed to solve the problem then, we have had nothing but trouble!

The South, after the Civil War, failed to provide the Negro with the moral and spiritual encouragement he sorely needed. Most of the South, perhaps without fully realizing it, continued to practice *discrimination* in the name of "segregation"—but it was *discrimination* just the same!

The whole problem would have been solved if the Negroes had been restored to their rightful inheritance in Africa.

The North after the Civil War did absolutely nothing to put the South on its economic feet so that the South, in turn, might aid the Negro to become better educated. Instead, the North sent its men into the South to take advantage of both the Whites and the Negroes—for selfish profits!

Most Southerners, let me repeat, have not realized that they have had a type of *integration* ever since they brought slaves to America. Slavery introduced *geographic integration*, which inevitably led to discrimination.

Southerners saw the natural differences between Whites and Negroes—due primarily to lack of education among the Negroes—and it made them feel superior. The feeling of superiority led unconsciously to discrimination.

If the South and the North would have recognized, after the Civil War, the importance of *geographic segregation* and would have practiced it—as God ordained in the first place—there would have been no discrimination against the Negro. The Negro should have been returned to his rightful inheritance in Africa, just as Egypt should have returned the enslaved Israelites to Palestine under Moses.

This nation has to *pay* for its racial discrimination. It cannot atone for discrimination by socially desegregating the Negro! That is not going to solve the problem—it is only fanning the flames of racial strife even further.

**WE ARE GOING TO BE MADE TO PAY FOR OUR SINS BY GOING INTO SLAVERY OURSELVES! That's prophesied! That**

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time of reckoning is fast approaching!

In the meantime, however, *we must all be subject to the laws of our land and to its court decisions. WE MUST NOT RESIST AUTHORITY. NEITHER ARE WE TO SUPPORT AND MEDDLE IN THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE ESPousing EITHER INTEGRATION OR DISCRIMINATION.* We must keep ourselves unspotted from the politics of this world!

God commands us to respect Government Authority. This means that we must submit to the *local* regulations of the different States. We are *not* to participate in boycotts in order to force officials to change their policy. If *local* administrators do not adhere to the ruling of the Supreme Court, it is the Government's responsibility—*not yours*—to enforce obedience. In the meantime we are to live at peace with our neighbors and submit to State requirements.

Also, in those areas when the local Government is extending integration in the schools, *we are not to resist.* "Whoever therefore resists the power [of Government], resists the ordinance of God"—because God allows Government to function (Romans 13:2).

#### A Better Time Coming!

Despite all the bad news today, there is hope ahead. Jesus Christ is coming to ABOLISH RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND VIOLENCE. Jesus Christ is going to bring peace between the races. He is not going to do it by integration and intermarriage, but by segregation. Notice the prophecy of the times of "*restitution of all things*" (Acts 3:21). That's when Jesus returns.

What are some of the things to be *restored?* Here is the answer: "Wait on the Lord,"—be patient till Christ returns—"and *keep His way*"—don't meddle in this world's attempt to solve the race problem, but *obey God*—"and He shall exalt thee to INHERIT THE LAND" (Psa. 37:34). But whose land?

Why, the land that God gave each nation and race in the first place! It is a time of RESTORATION. God "divided to the nations *their inheritance*" long ago, "when He separated the son of Adam" (Deut. 28:8).

The nations forfeited their right to



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An African Pygmy. These little people, often under 4 feet in stature, live in the dense African forests. They are an extreme variant of the Negroid race. Even in old age Pygmies give the appearance of being physically and emotionally child-like.

their inheritance at Babel, but Christ is going to restore what He gave them millenniums ago. They will each have their SEPARATE inheritances!

That is God's way of bringing peace to the nations. When they learn that lesson, all nations will be permitted to learn and speak *one language again* (Zeph. 3:9). They will communicate in trade and commerce peacefully. There will be no slavery and discrimination. Each will develop his own inheritance.

There will be no degeneration! There will be *progress and abundance!* Each will share with the other what he produces from his own inheritance!

Isn't that a glorious time to which to look forward? Peace between nations and races is coming—soon!

## COMING!

in the next issue

### How YOU Can Control Your Emotions

We regret that there was insufficient space in this number of The PLAIN TRUTH for this vital article.