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"When I was in Denver, Colorado, as an exchange student from Japan, I listened several times to *The WORLD TOMORROW* and wrote for a subscription to *The PLAIN TRUTH*; however, my foster family in Denver said it was very fanatical and wouldn't let me read it or listen to the program any more. But I still remember the three or four messages I got to listen to were such an inspiration and blessing to me and now that I am back home in Tokyo, I am writing you for a monthly subscription to the magazine. If you have any subject you need prayer for, do let me know, too."

Japanese Exchange Student

- There is something that this young man can pray for. That is to have the doors to Japan opened to *The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast!

Wants to be Reinstated

"I quit receiving your magazine because I didn't agree with you on some things, but I still listen to your program. I find that I miss your magazine and the truth that is in it. They certainly don't tell *the truth behind the news* on the news programs. Would you please renew my subscription."

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- There's a man who learned his lesson!

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Personal from the Editor

ONCE AGAIN, you are holding an enlarged, improved PLAIN TRUTH in your hands. This time, *four* more pages have been added, with—at last, after 29 years—a heavier full magazine-weight cover!

While the next, or February, number will be the 29th anniversary of *The PLAIN TRUTH*, this present number comes at the time of the 29th anniversary of the WORLD TOMORROW program, and of this Work of God. And so this 52-page heavier-cover edition is our 29th anniversary gift to you.

With the June, 1961 issue, I revived this personal talk in *The PLAIN TRUTH*—then called "Heart to heart Talk with the Editor"—after an absence of a few years. With that number we went up from 32 to 40 pages. In my personal talk with our readers at that time, I took our readers behind the scenes, and into various editorial, production, and mailing offices, to show you how this magazine is produced today. There were pictures of 23 of our editors and staff officials.

Then, eleven months ago, with the February, 1962 number, *The PLAIN TRUTH* was again expanded up to 48 pages. In that number, I gave our readers a brief history of the founding and development of this magazine, with pictures of some of the equipment in the *Ambassador College Press* building.

In the June, 1961, number, I mentioned that we planned only one more big improvement—a heavier cover, adding four pages to the 40-page edition which began with that issue. When we were preparing the 28th anniversary number for February, 1962, we found that we could add eight additional pages of the regular weight paper for about the same cost as adding a 4-page heavier cover. Therefore we gave you the full eight additional pages at that time—and the heavier cover had to wait.

Now, however, the present 52 pages brings us to the maximum number of pages that we feel, as of now, we shall

ever find it advisable to publish.

The popular commercial magazines contain from 40% to 60% or more of advertising. A magazine of 108 to 140 pages will, on an average, have only about 52 pages of actual reading. Often part of that is fiction. Actually, 52 pages of *solid* reading, such as the articles in *The PLAIN TRUTH*, is about all the average reader can read and digest in any one issue. Therefore we have at last, with this number, reached what we plan to be the permanent maximum size of *The PLAIN TRUTH*.

But we do envision *one more* BIG IMPROVEMENT *still!*

This probably will not come for another year or so. But, just as most of the higher class magazines today are printed in multiple full color, so we hope, finally, to make this big further improvement in *The PLAIN TRUTH*. It is now a two-color magazine. Personally, I hope that, perhaps about a year from now, we may be able to give you—and of course I mean *give you*—a beautiful magazine in FULL COLOR!

Meanwhile, I hope you will enjoy this heavier cover, adding more thickness and weight, and the full maximum 52 pages of solid reading and illustrations!

There is no magazine like *The PLAIN TRUTH*. We feel that it is the most important and valuable magazine ever published. It started from smallest and humblest beginnings—without advertising, and without subscription price. It has now grown to full size and weight. It is *quality*, from cover to cover. There is nothing inferior or "cheap" about it. Our next goal is to make it as attractive as any magazine on earth. I hope we can make it so attractive—*so interesting*—so important, that no one will ever let a copy hit a wastebasket! Even now, the very rare copy which does find its way into a wastebasket is invariably picked out by someone else,

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OUR COVER

A Spiral Nebula—the great galaxy in Andromeda. This is the largest nearest large system of stars comparable with our own galaxy. Its distance is about 750,000 light-years. A few smaller galaxies are nearer. Man talks about conquering space—yet he has never yet really left the atmosphere of this earth, much less penetrated the solar system—which is only a part of *our* galaxy of thousands of stars. But here you see a gigantic galaxy hundreds of thousands of light-years beyond our own Milky Way. All of which ought to demonstrate to human beings the absolute GREATNESS of the God who created the whole universe.

who becomes so interested that he requests a year's free subscription!

Mrs. Armstrong and I really do rejoice, in deep gratitude to the living God, that we are, after all these years, able to place this present 52-page copy in your hands—and those of a million other interested readers!

Written November 21
in Luxembourg—

DID YOU ever stop to ask: "How far may I safely go, in doing what I *want* but know I *ought not?*"

In this column, where I can talk *personally* with our readers, I like to discuss things which give us something to *think about*. At this moment, as I write, I happen to be in Luxembourg, in the heart of Europe. I have an appointment over at the station with the general manager of the powerful Radio Luxembourg in forty-five minutes. But a thought just flashed to mind, and I want to get it down on paper for you—or at least started so I won't forget it—before I leave the hotel.

Do you remember reading about an Old Testament character by the name of Balaam, who, as you read in the Book of Revelation (second chapter), in the words of Christ, made ancient Israel to sin?

A totally new and most interesting thought about him suddenly came to mind. I had been reading a manuscript by one of our professors in Ambassador College in England—he is called a Lecturer in England. This article, which we may publish, brought out some new facts about this Balaam, which the author had dug up in some technical research.

Balaam, it now appears, was in his time successor in office to Nimrod (Genesis 10), founder of the world's pagan civilization. Balaam was the greatest prophet of the time—in the pagan religion—the Pontifex Maximus of the pagan world—the chief oracle of paganism.

Does it, then, seem strange that he prayed to God and appeared to be a servant of God?

When King Balak of Moab sent emissaries to hire Balaam to put a curse on the people of Israel, Balaam asked the emissaries to remain over-

night, so he could go aside and pray, and ask God if he might go with them. If he was the chief *pagan* prophet, actually sitting in SATAN'S SEAT, as head of Satan's religion on earth, WHY would he pray to God about it?

I feel quite sure that most people who have read this account have supposed Balaam to be a prophet of God—not of Satan. Did he not do *right* in consulting God? Surely Satan would not do that!

Take just a quick look at the incident.

The children of Israel, under Moses, had pitched camp in the plains of Moab, on the east side of the Jordan river, near Jericho. The King of Moab, Balak, saw what these Israelites—there were at least two or three million of them—had done to the Amorites. He was struck with fear. The Moabites were far outnumbered.

So King Balak sent messengers to Balaam, who lived at Pethor in Mesopotamia—far distant, near the Euphrates River. They took with them the fees for divination, to hire Balaam to curse the Israelites. "They are too mighty for me," was Balak's message to Balaam, "for I wot that he whom thou blessest is blessed, and he whom thou cursest is cursed."

When the elders of Moab and Midian, Balak's messengers, delivered the message to Balaam, notice what he said:

"Lodge here this night, and I will bring you word again, as the LORD shall speak to me: and the princes of Moab abode with Balaam" (Numbers 22:8).

God said to Balaam, "Thou shalt not go with them; thou shalt not curse the people: for they are blessed."

"And Balaam rose up in the morning, and said unto the princes of Balak, Get you into your land: for the LORD refuseth to give me leave to go with you."

Again King Balak sent messengers to Balaam—this time more noble princes of higher rank, and more money. Again Balaam asked them to remain overnight, "that I may know what the LORD will say unto me more" (Verse 19). This time God allowed him to go with them, but forbade him to curse Israel. Yet the angel of God stopped Balaam's donkey on the way. WHY?

Now doesn't all this sound as if Balaam were GOD's prophet, not Satan's?

Yet, see what we read in the New Testament!

Peter speaks of false prophets "following the way of Balaam, . . . who loved the wages of unrighteousness" (II Peter 2:15).

Jude writes: "Woe unto them! for they have gone the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward . . ." (Verse 11).

Jesus Christ says to the Church of the Pergamos era: "But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel . . ." (Revelation 2:14).

So Jesus Christ, Peter, and Jude all tell us Balaam was a *false* prophet. When we research into his actual identity, we find that Pethor, where he resided, was the headquarters of the highest priest of the pagan Babylonian Mystery religion. In reading through Numbers 22, 23, and 24, one might suppose Balaam was just some ordinary fellow of no consequence. Yet here was the king of a nation. He passed up his own highest priests, magicians and astrologers of the pagan religion. He sent his highest princes, with rich rewards and highest fees. He sent them a great distance, to Pethor, near the Euphrates, in Mesopotamia. He would not have sent them to any but the most powerful practitioner of divination.

Other Scriptures show that these higher magicians of divination were often demon-possessed. This Balaam could have been DEVIL-possessed, so that it was actually Satan himself in possession of the human Balaam, working in and through him. WOULD SATAN CONSULT GOD ABOUT DOING THIS?

The answer has just now come, sharp and clear, to my mind!

Satan himself *would* consult God, precisely as Balaam did, under such circumstances! Biblical "scholars" and commentators have assumed Balaam had been a true prophet of God originally. This is not true.

The answer is found in the first two chapters of the Book of Job. Satan himself is here pictured in conversation

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This World—1963 . . . and what's prophesied for TOMORROW!

This world has never been so close to nuclear extinction as during the recent (and still unresolved) Cuban crisis. Now see what's prophesied for this year and the next twenty!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

HERE YOU are, just as if on a giant jet plane, streaking at approximately the speed of sound, through the year 1963.

Your grandparents never travelled at such speed. Not only were means of transportation tortoise-slow by comparison, the whole panorama of world events moved by at the same relative snail's pace.

Columbus traveled at four miles an hour to discover America. The *Mariner II* zoomed toward Venus at 25,000 miles per hour. No past generation ever lived in times like these.

But what's going to happen to you, on this unprecedented flash through the year 1963? Are we going to *crash*? Or will we survive until the still faster trips whipping through world events of 1964, 1965, on into the 1970s?

This Year, 1963

First, take a quick look at the world you are living through *now*—1963! Then we'll take a flash glance into the world *tomorrow*!

All eyes have been on Cuba and war by Chinese invasion in India.

The United States neglected its big opportunity to free Cuba of Castro and Communism totally and once for all. Of course there was the fear that America would be accused of aggression. But we couldn't be much worse thought of around the world than we are, anyway. And we should have then been *really* respected! However, the Cuban crisis did raise U.S. prestige considerably around the world.

Present U.S. strategy for CUBA: An economic squeeze. Under Castro, Cuba has undergone alarming economic decline. Food production is dropping steadily. It had doubled in twenty years *before* Castro. Wages, in relation to living costs, have dropped around 50%.

Industrial production now is in serious crisis. You remember that Castro took over, and confiscated American industrial plants. Now they are wearing out. Castro can't get replacement parts. Stealing U.S. privately owned factories has boomeranged.

Formerly Cuba was a tourist attraction. Tourists brought more than 60 million dollars annually to Cuba. That is all gone now. Transportation is a basic, vital index to prosperity. Cuban trucking is off 25%, railroad operations have declined 45%. Cuba's main industry has been sugar. It has dropped 16%. Cuba's foreign exchange balance is virtually wiped out. Boycott of Cuba is spreading.

Castro is still in power—*locally*. But Castro is no longer a hero to other Latin-American countries. He has been reduced from a world figure to head of a small and declining country, without influence.

The U.S. strategy, instead of having gone into Cuba with an invasion and cleaning Communism out, is to put increasing pressure on an economic squeeze, cutting off supplies to Cuba wherever possible. This leaves Cuba pretty much dependent on Khrushchev—and if the Kremlin supports Cuba's losing cause, that helps drain Russia of resources.

Cuba Like Canaanites

Nevertheless, the United States *could* have sent military forces into Cuba, and totally driven Castro and Communism out. But *should* this have been done?

Consider what God ordered ancient Israel to do under similar circumstances. Some of the circumstances are different—especially in the fact that God had *given* the land of Canaan to the Israelites, and He has not given Cuba to the United States. Yet, these Canaanite

nations were actually trespassers, squatting there illegally. And Castro and his Communism took over Cuba in a wrong, deceptive manner. They surely are there illegally in God's sight.

God commanded the Israelites to drive out all the inhabitants of Canaan—and to destroy their idols and places of false worship. That is a pretty close parallel to the U.S. driving Castro and anti-God Communism out of Cuba.

"But if you will not drive the inhabitants of the land from before you," said God to Israel, "then it shall come to pass, *that those which ye let remain of them shall be pricks in your eyes, and thorns in your sides, and shall vex you in the land where ye dwell*" (Numbers 33:55).

Is that prophetic? Is the United States going to find that, having left Castro and Godless Communism on the American doorstep, it is going to continue causing us every kind of trouble and harassment?

1963 Around the World

Now look at INDIA: It seems to be up to the United States to save India from a Communist invasion and takeover from Red China. Can the United States save India? How much will *this* undertaking *sap America's strength*?

Look at RED CHINA: A report from Hong Kong in *U.S. News & World Report* of December 10 says Mao Tse-tung is frustrated, filled with FEAR. China is sick. Pretending to show the rest of the world a better and more prosperous way of living, Red China can't even feed its own people. This report says Red China is far sicker than has been realized. It is beset with farm failures, and has been notorious for its famines. The analysis given in this report is that the setting up of military check-points on the Chinese border by India brought great FEAR of India en-

couraging a revolt in Tibet. In FEAR, the Chinese struck at India. Once started, the realization came of the cost in resources and manpower to China, if the war extended into the vast Indian plains. Then FEAR seized them, and they withdrew. They also FEARED the United States and Britain would intervene.

Whether this analysis is true or only part true, the heads of many nations around the world—including Mao Tse-tung and Khrushchev—are in true fact living in real FEAR! They have never learned the WAY to PEACE, contentment, prosperity, and happiness.

Now look at RUSSIA: Khrushchev, too, lives in FEAR. There has been big friction between him and Mao Tse-tung. Satellite leaders have dared defy him—and, like an underworld gangster leader, a Dictator dares not allow any under him to show defiance; otherwise his own head is in danger!

Khrushchev has his troubles internally at home. The Russian economy is in trouble. Russian living standards are pitifully low—have not been improved by Communism—and the people are getting restless and are wanting something better than empty promises for the future. Other powerful leaders in the Kremlin are secretly maneuvering to knock off Khrushchev and take his place. He FEARS he does not have the unswerving loyalty of his top men.

Khrushchev was forced to show the whole world that he would back up and retreat when his bluff was called, by the Cuban crisis. He lost a lot of face in that.

Now, suddenly, it becomes known to the whole world that United States nuclear and military power is overwhelmingly superior to Russia's. In long-range missiles, the U.S. is now vastly superior. The world now knows that, despite boasting and bragging, Russia has not kept pace with the U.S. The Cuban crisis proved what we have continually said in *The PLAIN TRUTH*—the Russian Bear will back up and retreat when faced with a really fierce and angry lion ready to spring on him.

Look at BERLIN: As we enter 1963, Khrushchev is still threatening to bring about a show-down in Berlin—but he has not set dates or issued ultimatums. The ugly WALL has brought criticism

around the world. Tunnels are being built under it, through which East Berliners are still escaping. As the Communists discover and block up many of these—and shoot to kill any East Berliners found escaping—longer and longer tunnels are being dug at great cost, from basements on the West side, to basements several blocks from the wall on the East side.

But many of the Berliners engaging in this new and expanding operation are expressing their lack of confidence in the United States in ever solving their difficulties with the Communists.

Look at FRANCE: The French, customarily unstable as water, as God says of them in the Bible—normally having a new government every few weeks or months—seem to have found a MASTER in De Gaulle. De Gaulle is moving toward ever closer partnership with Germany, and the coming United States of Europe. France is now turning its back on the past. The French don't want to fight again against the Germans. They want to UNITE. De Gaulle probably aspires to become supreme DICTATOR of the new U.S. of Europe—the resurrected ROMAN EMPIRE. This resurrection is definitely prophesied—but the name of the man to head it is not. Therefore we cannot know, at this writing, who this coming "BEAST" of the Revelation will be. It does not appear that it can be De Gaulle. More likely a German.

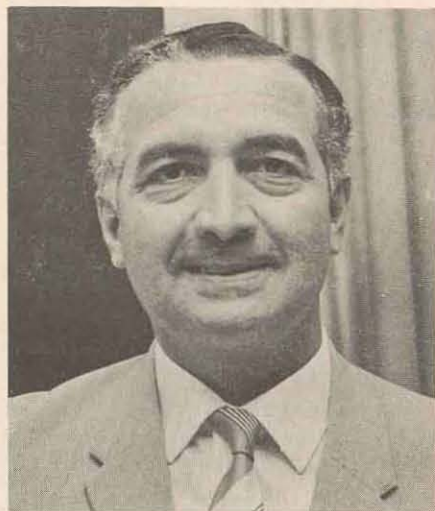
Look at GERMANY: Adenauer is slipping. He is approaching 90 years of age. Opposition is gaining. He has promised to step down during 1963. Recent excitement in Germany, over the arrest of editors of the weekly news magazine *Der Spiegel*, has stirred up political activity in a manner that may produce this coming German "super-leader."

Adenauer was forced to maneuver to drop Defense Minister Franz-Josef Strauss. Still, there is some prospect Strauss could, after all, come back as the future "Strong Man." It appears likely that Economics Minister Ludwig Erhard may succeed Adenauer. Then, in the background, is the dark horse Intelligence Chief General Reinhold Gehlen.

Watch for these things: Germany's political parties dissolving, and the

Christian Democratic Party becoming the sole political party, leading to a Dictatorship. Possibly a weak man replacing Adenauer for a short time—as the Weimar Republic followed von Hindenburg, preceding the rise of Hitler. Men to watch: in addition to those mentioned above, Foreign Minister Schröder, Erich Mende, Hans Globke.

Actually, while world attention is fo-



Wide World Photo

Erich Mende brought pressure to have Chancellor Adenauer retire within one year.

cused on Russia, India, Cuba, the BIG NEWS, unrecognized by most men, is happening in Germany and France and Italy—especially at the Vatican.

Look at ROME: This Ecumenical Council of the Roman Catholic Church is destined to become a crucial and pivotal event in the final grand smash CLIMAX at the CLOSE of this present world. A nine-month recess was called. The present Pope, John XXIII, had a temporary but possible significant illness. When resumed, in all probability the ground will be laid for the Vatican's role in resurrecting the "Holy ROMAN EMPIRE"—the coming United States of EUROPE.

For 29 years we have been proclaiming to the world this uniting of Europe which will astound the world—and produce a third World Power equal to or stronger than Russia or the United States.

The nations of Europe want to unite. They are trying to unite. The Common Market is merely the first step. But there are problems—seemingly unsurmountable. (Please continue on page 21)

Three Years Ahead of Schedule... The UNITED STATES of EUROPE!

Here is an on-the-spot report by the Director of the Ambassador College News Bureau. It reveals the quickening march toward political, military and religious unity in Europe.

by Gene H. Hogberg

FOR THE past month and a half I have been in and around the capitals and major industrial centers of Europe. I am now, as I write this, in Rome, accompanied by Mr. Frank Schnee, the manager of our new office in Düsseldorf, Germany. Mr. Schnee is a reporter for our German-language edition of *The PLAIN TRUTH*.

Just a short drive from our hotel the greatest religious conclave of the century is being held, the Ecumenical Council of the Roman Catholic Church. I will have more about that later. But first, let's take a look at what is happening elsewhere in Europe.

A Continent Reborn

One has to see Western Europe with his own eyes, just as I have done, to fully comprehend what has happened—and what *is* happening on this continent. Europe lay ravaged by history's most devastating war just 17 short years ago. The Western European countries, especially those comprising the six-nation European Economic Community, or Common Market, have recovered so remarkably that a visitor actually has to hunt for war ruins in most places.

No Europeans, least of all the German people, would possibly have believed, in 1945, that they could be where they are right now. I talked, for example, with one lady whose husband is a very high executive in a Ruhr steel company. She told me that at the war's end, as she viewed the wreckage about her, she said to herself, "My children, what can their future possibly be?" Today those children, together with the other millions of the younger generation of West Germany, are *enjoying a prosperity never before equaled in the entire history of their nation*.

As I rode through the streets of Düsseldorf, it was almost impossible

for me to believe that the bustling Rhineland metropolis of 700,000 had been 70% destroyed, that at the war's end the streets were so filled with rubble that only enough room for single-track streetcar service could be plowed through at first. Today one finds not more than a half dozen war relics in all of Düsseldorf. Instead, one looks down beautiful, broad, modern thoroughfares. One of these, for example, the famed Königsallee, with its long tree-lined waterway in the center, is considered by many to be the most beautiful avenue in all of Western Europe. I certainly can't disagree.

Throughout West Germany I was amazed to see the amount of construction going on. One would think the national tree of the country to be the building crane! Almost everywhere I looked in the urban areas there were three or four of the spindly structures within each sweep of the eye. Periodic pronouncements of a slowdown in the economy are deceptive—they are made purely in relation to past super-boom years. An economy such as Germany's that is clipping along at an approximately 5% annual increase in its gross national product is still booming in any economist's language.

Tearing Up the Timetables

West Germany is by no means alone in the field of economic resurgence. All the countries allied with her in the Common Market are experiencing the same phenomenal results. "The European Common Market," reported *TIME Magazine*, in its November 9, 1962 issue, "is racing so swiftly toward its goals **EVEN ITS MOST OPTIMISTIC PROPHETS HAVE HAD TO TEAR UP THEIR TIMETABLES.**" The EEC is such a fantastic success, that "The Six" are now expected to completely eliminate their internal tariff walls by January 1, 1967—THREE

YEARS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE!

Daring new plans for monetary reform and economic planning are on the drawing boards. These will so inextricably mesh the economies of The Six, reports *TIME*, that they will "clear the way for the *final goal* of a **POLITICALLY UNITED EUROPE**" (emphasis mine throughout article).

Do these words sound familiar? If you have been reading the pages of *The PLAIN TRUTH* for the past months or years, they should. Mr. Armstrong and his staff have been *consistently* warning readers of this magazine and listeners to *The World Tomorrow* of the colossus rising right now on the Continent—and of the danger it holds for the peoples of the United States and the British Commonwealth.

Mad Rush to Join

The staggering success of the Common Market is causing the fringe countries on the perimeter of Europe to sit up and take notice. As tariff walls within The Six tumble, permitting freer internal trade, a common tariff barrier around the Community rises commensurately, effectively constricting trade with non-member nations. While talks between the Brussels-based Six and the British and Scandinavian countries are bogging down in the mire of political complexities, still other countries whose economic lives depend upon maintenance of trade with the EEC are scrambling for some sort of accommodation.

Greece has already been admitted as an associate member. An official of the Greek national power network told me while on a plane to Belgrade, Yugoslavia, that his country is aiming toward full membership in about ten years. This gentleman, incidentally, was just returning from a "shopping trip" to Paris. He explained that France and Germany sup-

ply the bulk of the heavy electrical power equipment used in Greece. Good quality at lower cost is the reason.

The Republic of Ireland is also angling for full membership. She is willing "to go all the way, giving up as much of her sovereignty as may be necessary" to an eventual United States of Europe, reported *America*, July 14, 1962.

South of the Pyrenees, General Franco is recognizing the "imperative necessity" of finding a place for Spain in the new Europe. He has made several changes in his cabinet, installing men very favorable to European integration. A governmental release of July 17, 1962 reported that "Spain reaffirms its European vocation and is ready to participate more and more actively in the process of *economic and political cohesion* which is developing."

On a flight from Düsseldorf to Brussels, I had the privilege of sitting next to the president of the largest ice cream dairy in Spain. Commenting on the political and economic conditions in his country, he said he was certain of Spain's eventual successful integration

within the West European combine. The future of a Spain linked to the EEC is, in fact, so bright that the *London Daily Mail* predicted that we "*shall soon see a SPANISH MIRACLE comparable to the Deutscheswunder and the great French, Italian and Japanese industrial booms.*"

Turkey Also Wants In

The list of EEC aspirants just keeps on growing. A recent communique from Istanbul reports a favorable reaction in Brussels to a Turkish plea for entry into the Common Market. Turkish officials believe their country must enter the EEC or be isolated from Europe both economically and politically. If left out of the burgeoning combine, Turkey's economy would be faced with disaster—*nearly half of her exports go to the EEC!*

Magnetic Pull Toward the East

The Common Market is making such a widespread impact that even independently Communist Yugoslavia has made the shocking bid to reach some sort of accommodation with it, much

to the howling dismay of the Kremlin and other Eastern bloc capitals.

A traditional bridge between East and West, Yugoslavia is being backed into a corner. Wishing to remain neutral and extract benefits from both sides, she is finding it increasingly difficult to do so.

Over the years Yugoslavia's economic picture has changed so that the bulk of her foreign trade is now with the West. *And the most formidable chunk of this—30%—is with the Common Market lands.* This she cannot afford to lose! Otherwise her already weak economy would suffer irreparable damage!

Right after Yugoslavia's first overture to the EEC, I flew down to Belgrade to inspect firsthand the living conditions of the people. I found the standard of living to be extremely low by Western standards—the average male worker earns 40 to 50 dollars a month, with half of all wives working to supplement the family income.

Intelligent Yugoslavs know this and are beginning to see they have little more to gain in even a loose association with the Eastern bloc. When I



German soldiers marching to church in Mourmelon, France. Sign points to the Catholic chapel. Once bitter

enemies, France and Germany continue to draw closer together in the military field.

Wide World Photo

asked a hotel attendant in Belgrade what the Yugoslavs thought of the Russians, he leaned over the counter and said softly so that no one else could hear him, "In Russia, things are bad, very bad. Here the people live well. We're Communists, and we're Socialists, but we're entirely different, entirely different."

The Common Market is such a powerful drawing card that businessmen in the Red-ruled satellites only wish they were as free to act on their own as the Yugoslavs. Due to many urgent pleas from the Czechs, Poles and Hungarians, Soviet Premier Khrushchev has had to reluctantly relinquish some of the earlier ironclad prohibitions on trade with the West. Not to do so would be to risk restiveness and even possible revolt on the perimeter of the Red Empire.

Another Onlooker

There is still another government looking closely at this massive, awesome power coalescing in Western Europe—the Roman Catholic Church!

As I mentioned at the beginning of this report, I have been in Rome for the past few days. Roman Catholic cardinals and bishops from all over the world have convened here at St. Peter's in the Vatican at the behest of Pope John XXIII for the first general conference of the church in over 90 years—a truly momentous event! Just what does it all entail?

The Ultimate Goal

Regardless of all the smaller, more immediate objectives of the Council, we need to understand that the one great, over-all, ultimate goal is the reuniting of all Christianity into one cohesive unit under one head—the Roman Pontiff—in an attempt to bring to the world the Catholic concept of peace. THIS PLAN ENVISIONS THE FULL USE OF THE NEW EUROPE!

Public opinion is definitely on the side of the church in its professed desire for world peace and unity. In the opinion of many, the Ecumenical Council could not have been better timed. The average man-on-the-street here in the Italian capital knows that something must be done to bring the world back from the constant brink of world cosmo-

Take a pencil and a map of Europe. Put a dot in the Barents Sea, at the northern tip of Norway. Then draw a looping line south and west around the United Kingdom.

Loop the line around the British Isles, Spain and Portugal, France, Italy, Greece, Algeria and Tunisia. Then draw a line back across the Mediterranean Sea, north along the eastern coast of Africa. Keep going north along the coast of the line along the eastern coastline of Sweden to the point where it meets the Gulf of Bothnia.

This is no pointless exercise. It is a drawing of the boundaries of what someday may be the United States of Europe.

Inside the pencil line are 21 nations, all of them with their own languages, their own histories and traditions. This is where Western civilization was born, and also where civilization was nearly destroyed in the agony of two world wars. And this, the heart of the West, in an almost unbroken line of music, is rising again.

Greece will soon be a member of the Community. Denmark, Norway and Sweden have applied for full membership. Spain and Turkey have applied for association leading to full membership. Austria, Sweden and Switzerland have applied for full membership. And many other nations have indicated a desire to join.

If Spain even joins, the Community would probably become the largest in the world. And in the treaty which creates the Community, provision is made for an association of sorts for countries like Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco and Libya, eventually with these two North African nations.

Trade Barriers Fall
In addition, 19 African nations—former colonies of the six European nations—already are in loose association in the Community.

What is the result of this? The Communists often are very successful in economic matters. But the Communist theory of the state and of capitalism, and the resulting economic chaos, have been a disaster. France and Italy would not have been in the chaos following World War II. It didn't happen, largely because of United States aid. Now, these countries

For the United States, the importance and impact of the Common Market today is largely economic. Soon there will be trade barriers anywhere in the six nations. Goods, workers, and money will be free to move across the borders.

Behind this wall will soon be the biggest trading area in the world. Last November, President Kennedy

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foreign minister, Robert Schuman, proposed that French and German coal and steel production should be pooled under a common over-all authority.

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Just a few of the many headlines received daily in our Ambassador College News Bureau on the rising might of Western Europe.

cide. "Can the Catholic Church now succeed," he asks himself, "where the politicians have failed?"

No less an authority than the Pope himself—the very person who called the Council—outlined clearly the aims of the world-wide conference. One month before the opening session, he revealed that the Council would seek "to cure and heal the wounds of the two conflicts (world wars) which have profoundly changed the face of all countries." Then the Pontiff said—and notice carefully his words—"The church, mother of all, without distinction, will raise once more the plea which rises from the depth of the ages . . . that it may spread abroad in a prayerful precept of peace—a peace that prevents armed conflicts. . . ."

On the second day of the Council, the Pope added, "It is time that something decisive was done."

A reunited body, with Orthodox and Protestant "separated brethren" back in the fold, powerful enough to intervene in and actually direct the affairs of all nations of the world—that is the goal of the Roman Catholic Church, that is the ultimate objective of this largest religious conclave of the century!

Whether this ultimate goal is reached in the next few months, or just the groundwork is laid, the objective nevertheless remains the same.

Can't Do It Alone

The Vatican knows the Church cannot accomplish this massive task alone. She is fully aware that no organization could possibly attempt to carry out such a plan unless it had the power to crush all opposition certain to arise. The Church itself has no such power—but this is where the new Europe comes in! It will soon have the power necessary

United States of Europe Nearing Reality

A Colossus Grows in Europe

United States of Europe Looms

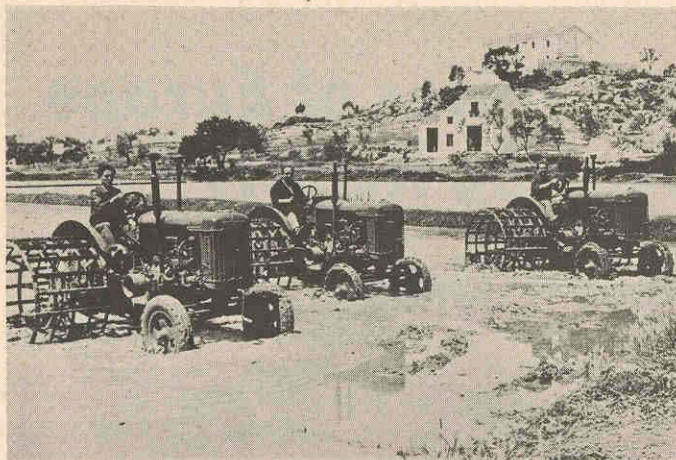
United States of Europe becomes more probable

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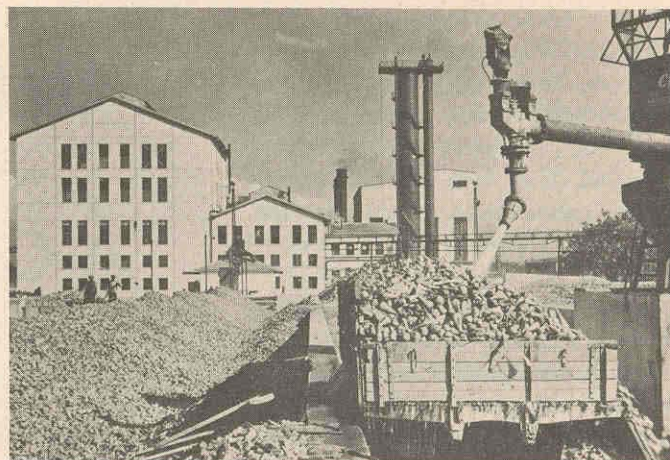
REVIVING THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE?

Market a Holy Roman take-over, he declares



Wide World Photo

Tractors plowing a rice field in Spain. Generalissimo Franco is orienting sluggish Spanish economy toward eventual EEC membership.



Wide World Photo

Modern sugar factory at Adapazari, Turkey. Disaster faces Turkish economy, say officials in Ankara, unless hook-up with Common Market can be secured.

to do it! The expanding Common Market countries, as we have reported in past issues of *The PLAIN TRUTH*, will not halt their steamrolling progress at mere economic or even political union. They are out to become a military might all their own—no, not just by acting in concourse with the United States, but by actually having full possession of their own, independent NUCLEAR strike force.

The recent Cuban crisis proved only one thing to the Europeans—the urgent necessity of attaining this goal. As the influential "Le Monde" of Paris put it, "The crisis . . . shows that powers like Great Britain and France who still have illusions about their weight in the world actually played no role at all. . . . It's quite clear that ONLY A UNITED EUROPE . . . WITH ITS OWN ARMAMENTS will be powerful enough to really influence events."

Yes, the Europeans saw the Cuban crisis in a far different light from the Americans. They felt no great relief in seeing America make her long-awaited firm stand. They only saw mirrored their own military vulnerability.

We have to realize the cold fact that Europeans just do not trust the United States to defend them. They have seen altogether too much U. S. vacillation. As a cab driver in West Berlin thundered at me while we were driving to Tempelhof Field, "I JUST CAN'T UNDERSTAND why you Americans, the wealthiest, the most powerful military might on earth, take all that abuse from that cow-farmer Khrushchev! WHY do you DO that? I

just CAN'T understand it! Khrushchev comes to the U. N. and pounds the rostrum with his shoe! Then he utterly SHAMES your President! WHY do you let him do that? I JUST CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT!"

The Germans respect FORCE and POWER, but ONLY if the nation possessing such might is willing to use it!

I wish all of you could have heard the tone and the volume of this man's voice—a man who had been a World War II prisoner of war in Russia for eleven long years—from 1945 until 1956. Then maybe you could realize as I do why the Germans, and the rest of the European nations living under the shadow of the Russian Bear, are bound and determined to have their own weapons. *Their newly-acquired prosperity is at stake!*

It is this sure-to-come military power that is attracting the Vatican's eye. It is tailor-made for her plans—a hard-core Catholic-populated bloc, with other fanatically Catholic countries such as Spain and Ireland begging for admittance. "If the 'Pact of Rome' {which created the Common Market} had been signed within the Vatican walls it could not have favored the church more," reported England's weekly news magazine *TOPIC*.

Top European political figures also realize that what is developing just over the horizon is a powerful church-state combine. Even France's Charles de Gaulle "sees Europe as a solid Roman Catholic bastion, and that evokes in his mind memories of Charlemagne times. He has a strongly historical sense." So wrote Geoffrey Fraser in the *Bolton Eve-*

ning News (England), August 13, 1962.

Charlemagne was an emperor of the old Holy Roman Empire!

In Spain, reports Thomas M. Frank in the *Vancouver Sun*, "Catholic leaders cannot but regard the drawing together of Catholic France, Italy and Western Germany as a historic fulfillment of the mission of Pax Romana, THE UNITY OF THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE."

Others opposed to the rising union are also beginning to recognize it for what it is. The British paper, the *Wolverhampton Express-Star*, of October 2, 1962, contained this startling article:

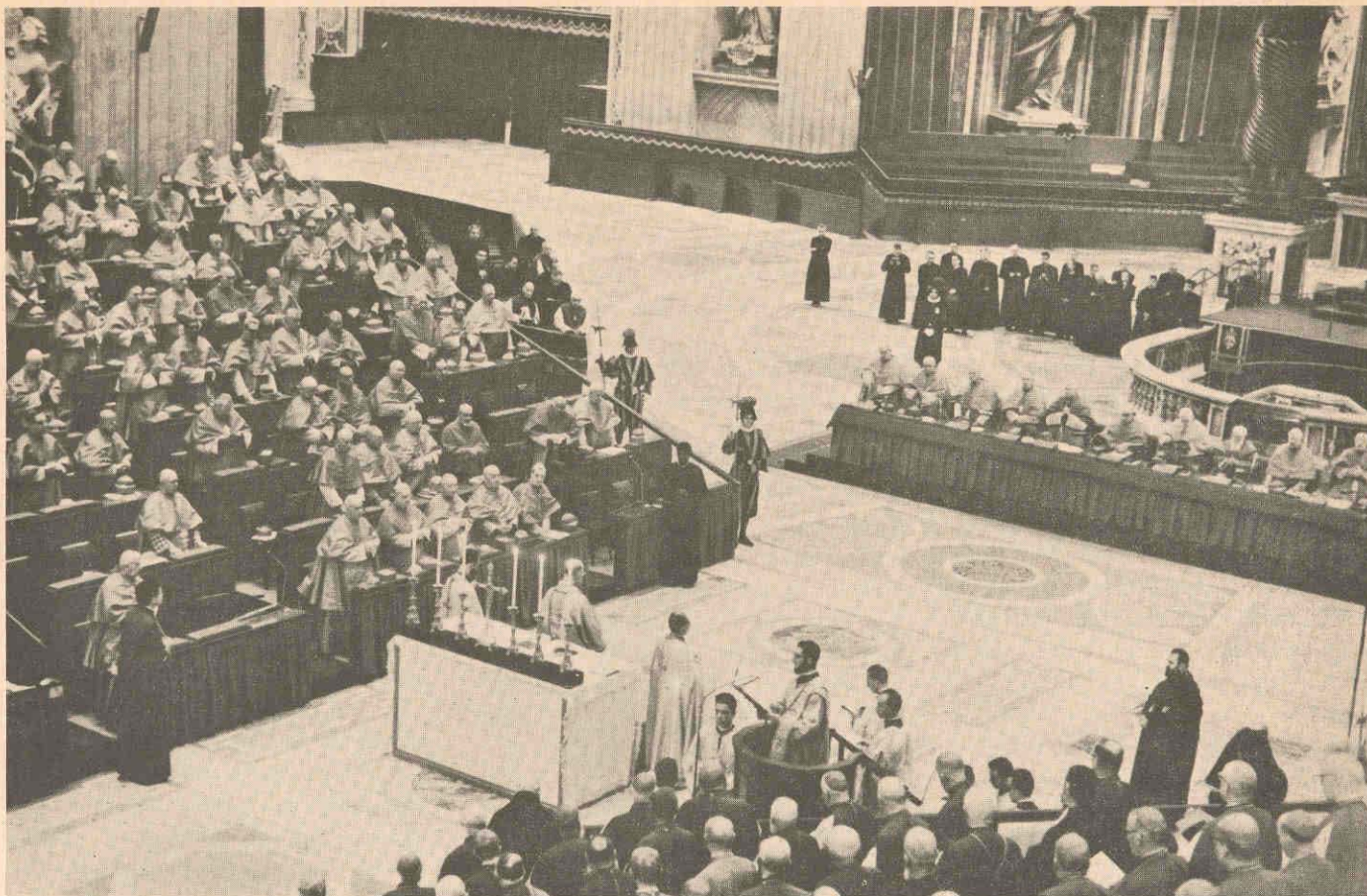
"Britain's entry into the Common Market would be a betrayal of the people, and surrender to a 'take-over' bid by the Roman church, says the Rev. R. W. Cartmel, rector of Aldridge . . . in his parish magazine . . .

"Five of the six Common Market countries are essentially Roman Catholic in government and culture. THE PROPOSED FEDERATION IS CLEARLY TO BE REGARDED AS A RESURRECTION OF THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE OF THE MIDDLE AGES."

Amazing! Yet this is precisely what we have warned our readers of for years. And, what's FAR MORE IMPORTANT, it is exactly what your BIBLE foretold centuries ago!

Told to Watch!

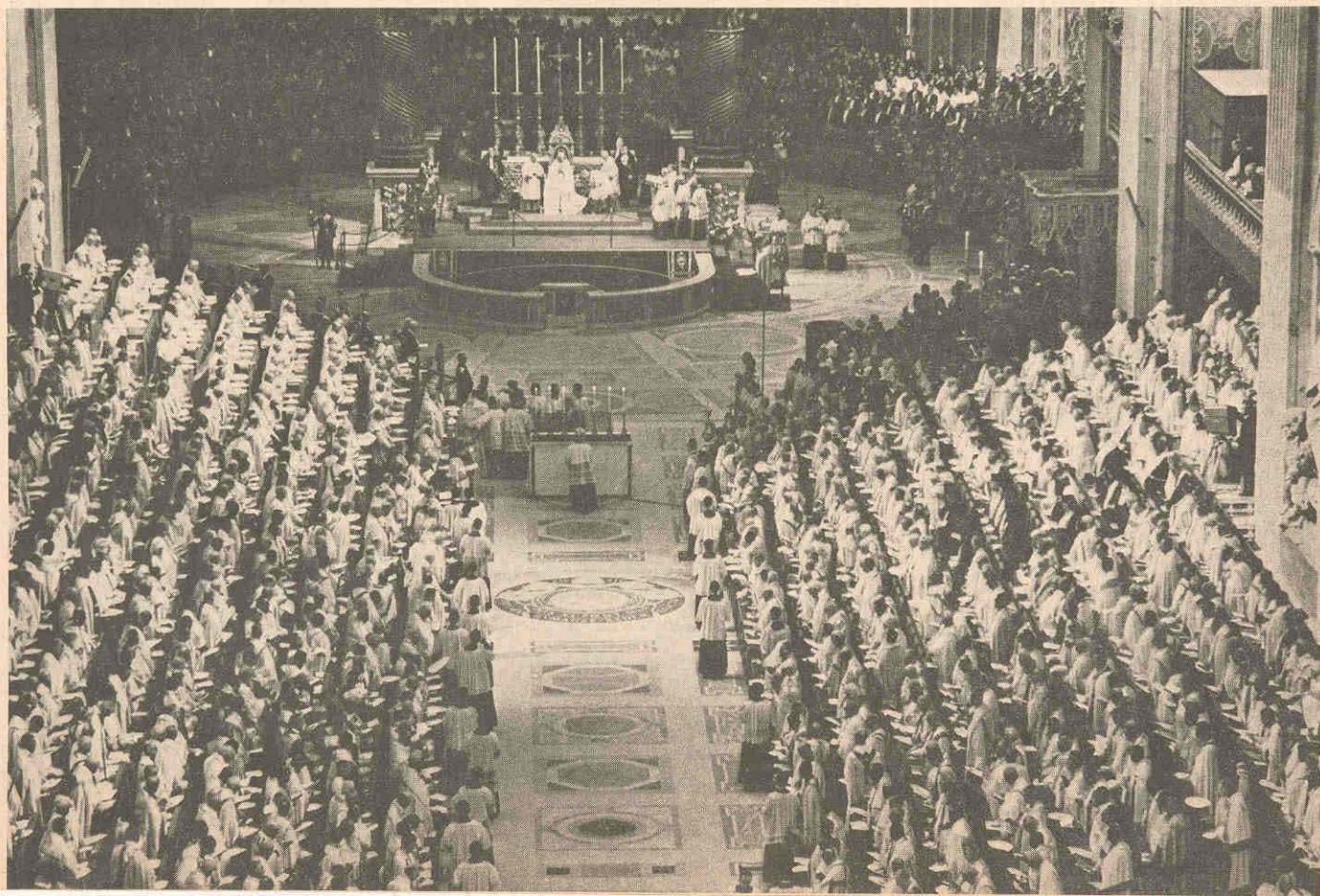
Jesus Christ, when He was here on earth, commanded us to watch and comprehend world news so that we could
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Above, opening of the Ecumenical Council in St. Peter's, the Vatican. Attending council proceedings are a number of observers from Protestant and Orthodox faiths—an invitation never before extended.

Below, view inside St. Peter's Basilica as the second Vatican Council—Roman Catholicism's greatest assembly of prelates in history—is opened October 11 by Pope John XXIII.

Wide World Photos



Personal from the Editor

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with God concerning the righteousness of Job. God *allowed* Satan to afflict Job—but God placed a limit on *how far* Satan could go! God is SUPREME RULER of the universe. At first, God allowed Satan to take all Job possessed, but not to harm Job's person. Job failed to crack under the test. Satan argued that a man would give up all he possessed to save his own life—but if only he could afflict Job's *person*, Job would turn against God. So God now gave Satan permission to go this much further—but to spare his life.

In like manner, the Satan-influenced (or Satan-possessed, as the case may be) Balaam well *knew* God had set limits to his powers. Satan is the god and invisible ruler of this world—yet God is SUPREME RULER over all. Every ruler has authority and power *only* within his own boundary lines or jurisdiction. There are NO boundary lines on God's rulership—but there are on Satan's. And he well knows it!

This high priest of Satan's religion—notice that even Satan's ministers talk about God, and masquerade as His ministers—this high priest of Satan knew that Israel was God's own nation, under God's protection. This divine protection set a boundary line on his power to harm God's nation. Satan is well aware that there are limits set on his powers.

Balaam would have been overjoyed to be able to curse, harm, or destroy Israel. But he *knew*—he was *fully aware*—that doing this was beyond his power—*unless*, as God allowed Satan to go further than originally allowed in afflicting Job, the Almighty would now allow him to curse and harm Israel. Balaam *wanted* to curse Israel. He *wanted* the fee!

Now, with this in mind, notice what Balaam said. When the highest princes of Moab came, on the second visit, he said: "If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, *I cannot go beyond* the word of the LORD . . ."

(Numbers 22:18).

It was not a matter of Balaam being willing. He was willing to harm Israel. It was a matter of *having the power* to do so. After he went with the emissaries of Balak, he said to the king:

"Lo, I am come unto thee: Have I now *any power* at all to say anything? the word that God putteth in my mouth, that *must* I speak" (Numbers 22:38—RSV).

Later, Balaam said that God had blessed Israel, "and *I cannot reverse it*" (Numbers 23:20). Of Israel, Balaam said, "The LORD *his God* is with him, . . . there is NO ENCHANTMENT against Jacob, neither is there *any divination* against Israel" (Verses 21,23). Notice, God is the God of Israel—HIS God—not Balaam's God. Balaam practised divination and enchantment—and God did not allow it AGAINST ISRAEL.

Balaam *wanted to go JUST AS FAR in the wrong way* as he dared.

That is Satan's way!

Now just *how far* may YOU safely go, in doing what you *want*, instead of what you *ought* to do?

Haven't you often compromised on this? Haven't you often *wanted* to do something you knew you really ought not? And haven't you sometimes gone at least *part way*, thinking that perhaps if you didn't go *all the way* in doing wrong, you might "get away with it"?

How many, under temptation to commit fornication or adultery, go *part way*—perhaps just a little "necking"? And how often does that lead to going just a *little* farther—and then perhaps just a little farther still? Going that first *part way* is already committing the act *spiritually*—according to the spirit or intent of the law! When you have done that you were already GUILTY in God's sight.

Of course Satan was *restrained*, and UNABLE to go farther than he did against Job. Balaam was *restrained*, and UNABLE to go farther than he did against the children of Israel. You may be ABLE, *if willing*, to go farther in sin or wrong ways. You are a free moral agent. But to go as far as you dare IS THE WAY OF SATAN, NOT THE WAY OF GOD!

GOD'S WAY is to go, sincerely, wholeheartedly and earnestly, just *as far* in the RIGHT direction as possible.

God's way is to do MORE than is required of you.

Jesus said: "Doth he (a master) thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I trow not. So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do" (Luke 17:9-10).

If you do not even go as far in the wrong direction as you feel safe—if you do what is commanded—what God, through His Word, shows is YOUR DUTY, but do not go *even farther* in the RIGHT direction, doing MORE than your duty, Jesus Christ says you are an UNPROFITABLE SERVANT! Plainly, Christ expects us to do MORE than duty in the *right* direction!

And what happens to the unprofitable servant?

In the parable of the talents, Jesus said of the one who kept what he had, but did not grow in knowledge and grace—did not overcome—did what was his duty and no more—" . . . and cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matthew 25:30).

The Christian life is a life of growing, improving, in character—of overcoming—of becoming more and more like Christ!

HOW YOUR PLAIN TRUTH SUBSCRIPTION HAS BEEN PAID

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

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

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

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

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

There is a REAL HELL FIRE!

A leading Protestant theologian recently said, "It is doubtful whether many educated Protestants today believe in 'heaven' and 'hell' as literal physical places. . . ." Yet to many millions hell is frighteningly real! Is there a real hell, a real fire, a real torment—what does the Bible say?

by David Jon Hill

ADMITTED—the *modernist*, the *agnostic* and the *atheist* do not believe in a real hell—but then, they don't believe in the Bible or the plain statements of Scripture either!

Even among theologians who claim to recognize the final authority of God's Written Word there is much disagreement about hell.

Most agree that hell and its fire are for the *punishment of sin*. Yet beyond this point they differ—sometimes *violently*!

WHY?

Some quote scriptures as proof that God uses hell for the purpose of inflicting *never-ending* torture on the damned; while others also quote scriptures as proof that hell is the instrument God uses to *destroy* the wicked, body and soul!

Do These Scriptures Contradict?

Does one scripture contradict another? NO! God's Word plainly says, "... *scripture cannot be broken!*" (John 10:35.) How can one set of scriptures be used to "knock in the head" another set of scriptures then? The answer is, it CANNOT BE DONE—*honestly*!

Unfortunately millions have been *deceived*! Some scoff, and shrug off the whole idea of hell. Some say the very idea of a *loving* God making people suffer the torment of fire *eternally* is not logical. Yet others say God *will punish sin forever*, that the sinner well deserves every pain of hell and more!

It is the habit of those who quote scriptures on the subject, to use only PART of the verses pertaining to the subject—they read a false meaning into them. By subtle *half-truths*, by vivid

pictures, by peddling *popular*—not Biblical—teachings, they shackle Christendom to *unreasoning fear* or insult the intelligence of the educated into *complete disbelief*!

We *must not* read our inherited or desired meaning into any particular passage of scripture—"no prophecy of the scripture is on any private interpretation," (II Peter 1:20)—but each passage is interpreted by, and in the light of, *other texts*! The only way to get the TRUTH ABOUT HELL is to understand ALL THE SCRIPTURES on the subject—straight from God's Word, not distorted by popular, but unproved belief, for "*Thy word is truth!*" (John 17:17.)

Common Concept of Hell

First, let's read what is the generally accepted common belief in our Western world about hell. Here is the terse and brief summation of this popular belief, quoted from the *Encyclopedia Americana*:

"... As generally understood, hell is the abode of evil spirits; the infernal regions ... whither lost and condemned souls go after death to suffer indescribable torments and eternal punishment. . . . Some have thought of it as the place created by the Deity, where He punishes with inconceivable severity, and through all eternity, the souls of those who through unbelief or through the worship of false gods have angered Him. It is the place of divine revenge, untempered, never ending."

Did this idea of hell come from the Bible? Did Jesus teach that lost souls are going to suffer eternally in hell's fires?

What about the verse, which some quote, that reads: "And ye shall tread

down the wicked; for *they shall be ashes* under the soles of your feet?" (Mal. 4:3.) And what about the scripture, quoted by some, saying, "the *soul* that sinneth, *it shall die*"? (Ezek. 18:4.)

How do you reconcile these verses with Jesus' statement, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into *everlasting fire*"? (Mat. 25:41.)

You need to *know* the answers to these questions! Don't *kid* yourself! *There is a real hell fire!* Let's look into a few of the most commonly used scriptures on this subject, and UNDERSTAND THEM in the clear light of *God's Own Word*—let's see what they REALLY SAY!

What About Lazarus and the Rich Man?

The 16th chapter of Luke has been used universally by those who believe in an *eternally-torturing* hell.

If you will carefully read the chapter beginning in verse 19 and reading through to verse 31—the entire parable of Lazarus and the rich man—you will notice there is *no mention of time in the entire description!*

Since this is so universally *misunderstood*, and there is not the space here to cover the background needed to *thoroughly* discuss the subject because of the need to answer many other questions, I will put down here a brief excerpt from the very core of a booklet we have on the subject. This booklet goes thoroughly into this particular subject of Lazarus and the rich man—you may have the entire booklet FREE, upon request, just write and ask for the booklet, "*Lazarus and the Rich Man.*" The following is an excerpt, only *part* of what is contained in the entire book-

let covering the subject thoroughly:

The Fate of the Rich Man

Now let's see what happened to the rich man—and *when!*

Jesus said of him: "... the rich man also died, and was buried" (Luke 16:22). Jesus did not say the rich man was taken immediately *at that time* to an eternally burning hell. He did *not* say the *body* was buried but that the rich man himself was plunged immediately into a burning hell. He said the rich man *died*—and the *rich man*, himself, *was buried*.

Now one would hardly say of one being put into the burning caldron luridly described as the imaginary hell that the act of throwing one into that burning region was a BURYING of the person, would he? One is not *buried* unless he is *covered up*.

People are *buried* in a grave, and covered with earth. But the imaginary hell that was invented by Dante Alighieri accepted by the Roman Catholic church and later by most Protestants is never pictured as a place of BURIAL! But this rich man died and *was buried*! He, *himself*, *was buried*—not a "house" he had lived in. JESUS SAID SO—read it in your Bible! The rich MAN *was buried*!

What Kind of Hell?

In the next verse, Jesus said, "And *in hell* he lifted up his eyes" (v. 23).

So the rich man was in a place called "hell," after all, wasn't he? And *in* this hell he "lifted up his eyes." His eyes had been *closed*, in death, and now there came a time when they opened—he "lifted up his eyes!"

What kind of "hell" is this?

Startling though it may be, the rich man was *buried* in the *same kind of "hell"* Jesus *was buried in*! Yes, Jesus died and was buried—and *in "hell!"*

In the first inspired sermon preached by Peter on the day the New Testament Church started, Peter said: "He [David] seeing this before spake of the RESURRECTION of Christ, that *His soul was not left* IN HELL, neither his flesh did see corruption" (Acts 2:31).

Jesus, too, died and was buried. And in "hell" He, too, *lifted up His eyes*—WHEN HE WAS RESURRECTED!

Now let me explain that, and make it plain!

The New Testament was written in the Greek language. *Your Bible* is a translation in the English language. In the English language your Bible probably reads "And *in hell* he lifted up his eyes." However, in the original Greek in which the New Testament was written there are three different Greek words, each having a totally different meaning, but all three of which were translated into the "King James" and Catholic translations by the English word "hell."

One of the Greek words is "*tartaros*," which refers only to the present condition of darkness, or perversion, and of restraint, of the fallen angels, or demons. Another is "*gehenna*," a place at the bottom of a high ledge at the south end of Jerusalem, where garbage, refuse, and bodies of dead animals and the worst criminals were dumped over the ledge to be *burned up*. Down below, the fires were kept continually burning. They *burned up*, or *consumed*—*totally destroyed* the bodies and refuse dumped there. This is the word Jesus used when He spoke of being finally DESTROYED IN "HELL FIRE."

But this rich man was not buried in *that "hell."* He was not in "*gehenna*." The third, and most commonly used Greek word was written here by Luke—"bades." And "*hades*" means THE GRAVE—a place of BURIAL in the ground!

When the King James translation of the Bible was made, Englishmen spoke commonly of "putting their potatoes in *hell* for the winter." They buried them in the ground!

This is the "hell" Jesus was buried in—the "hell" His soul was not left in—the grave, or tomb, from which He was RESURRECTED! And *this, bades*, was also the "hell" in which the rich man was BURIED! . . .

What Is This Flame?

But when he is resurrected, he sees a *flame* which torments him. What is this?

Now Jesus did, on other occasions, speak of *perishing* and being *destroyed* in "*gehenna* FIRE." What is this? It is described in Rev. 20:14-15, as a "*lake*

of fire."

"Scripture everywhere describes the final fate of the wicked as being burned up by fire. It is this "lake of fire," which is "the second death," from which there shall be *no resurrection*! The PUNISHMENT is death by fire! They remain *forever DEAD*! This death is for ALL ETERNITY—ETERNAL PUNISHMENT—but it is *not* eternal punishing!

Now, opening his eyes in his grave, this rich man SEES Abraham, and Lazarus in his "bosom"—his embrace! Yes, Jesus told the Pharisees that *they* would SEE Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the Kingdom and they themselves thrust out! This rich man sees them! He also sees this awful flame of fire—this LAKE OF FIRE which is about to destroy him forever! *He is TERRIFIED!*

What happens when one is suddenly so horrified with fear? His mouth goes dry. His tongue sticks to his mouth and throat!

The rich man cries out in this mental agony: "Father Abraham have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and *cool my TONGUE*; for I am tormented in this flame."

Now if the rich man were in the kind of "hell" most people seem to believe, his *whole body* would be on fire—you would think he would have called for at least a bucket of water to put out the fire, wouldn't you?

Look at this!

How much water did he call for? He said to Abraham: "... send Lazarus, that he may *dip the tip of his finger in water*." Just a couple of drops—that's all the water he requested! Doesn't that strike you as strange?

Why did he call for water? To put out the fires of all "hell"?—the kind of hell people would have you believe he was in? Ah, no! He only wanted a mere couple of drops of water on Lazarus' finger—WHY?—"to COOL MY TONGUE!" That's what the rich man *said*! Open your own Bible again, and *read it!*

The flame, he said, was *tormenting* him. This word "tormented," used in verses 24 and 25 is translated from the original Greek word "odunasai." This is defined in *Liddell & Scott's Greek-English Lexicon* as "to cause pain, to

pain, distress:—From ODUNE—pain of body, but also, 2, of *mind, grief, distress.*"

Why, of course! This rich man opens his eyes in his grave in a resurrection. He is resurrected MORTAL, just as he was before he died—not immortal like Lazarus! He sees this lake of fire. Now he *knows* the frightful, the AWFUL doom he is to be thrust into—to be *burned up—destroyed!* He is suffering mental anguish such as he never experienced in his lifetime. HIS TONGUE IS DRY. He breaks out in cold sweat. He cries for a little water on the tip of Lazarus' finger TO COOL HIS TONGUE! He is in a condition of WEEPING and GNASHING OF TEETH!

The Final Hell Fire

Now once again READ THIS IN YOUR BIBLE! Read exactly *what Jesus said*, not what the "hell-fire" preachers have told you He said! Did Jesus say this rich man was going to suffer *endlessly* and *forever*—always burning—being *on fire*—yet never burning up? DID HE? Of course not!

There is *not one word* here about *how long* his anguish is to last.

Jesus was saying these things to the Pharisees (verse 14). What did He want to make them understand, when He gave this account about Lazarus and the rich man? Jesus answered this question for us in Luke 13:27, 28 where He said to these same Pharisees: "Depart from me, ye workers of iniquity. There shall be *weeping and gnashing of teeth*, when ye shall see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the Kingdom of God, and you yourselves *thrust out.*" Yes, they are going to be in exactly the same position as this rich man! Jesus is using him as an illustration to show the Pharisees what is to befall them! They are to be THRUST OUT—into the LAKE OF FIRE which shall consume them, leaving them neither root nor branch, as the Scriptures say! (Mal. 4:1, 3.)

The wicked are going to be cast into the *lake of fire!* When they lift up their eyes in their resurrection, they shall KNOW that they are doomed, now to be cast into the lake of fire to be burned up!

This rich man cried out for help

because of his mental and physical anguish—KNOWING what was now to befall him! He knew he was GUILTY! When a man realizes he is guilty, and faces his just and terrible retribution, the very *first* part of the body to be affected is *the tongue*, which dries out—seems to be on fire!

Be sure to write for the *entire* booklet—"Lazarus and the Rich Man."

Immortal Worms?

A startling statement is found in Mark 9:48. In this passage of Scripture, Christ spoke of a worm that "dieth not." Whoever heard of the immortality of worms? What did Christ mean?

Some PEOPLE think that Jesus was referring to people as worms and was trying to say that these "people" never died—but lived on in agonizing torment. Those who say this fail to notice that Jesus does not call the wicked people "worms" but instead speaks of THEIR worm. The lexicons define the Hebrew (Isa. 66:24) and Greek (Mark 9:48) words translated "worm" as a *grub* or *maggot* and these words in *no way* refer to a man. Christ was not teaching the immortality of people *or* worms!

Actually, Jesus was here warning his listeners that those who would "offend"—who would live a life of rebellion against God and His children—would be cast into "hell fire." Most Bibles show in the marginal rendering that this was "Gehenna fire." Jesus was referring to Gehenna as a type of the second death in the "lake of fire" which will befall the ungodly.

Gehenna, or the Valley of Hinnom, was located outside of Jerusalem and was a place where trash, filth, and the dead bodies of animals and despised criminals were thrown. If anything, especially a dead body, landed on a ledge above the fires, it would be devoured by many worms or maggots which were kept alive by the animal and vegetable substances deposited there.

It was to *these worms* that Christ was referring when He said "their worm dieth not." But Christ didn't mean that each *individual* worm continued to live forever!

Actually, these worms, or maggots are the larvae which develop from eggs

deposited by flies. They continue for only a *few days* in this larval stage, then pupate and finally emerge as flies, later dying. These are scientific facts, known by any real student of science. And yet some people think that Christ *ignorantly* stated that these larvae continued to live forever in that stage of development! This just goes to show that we should always be careful to use wisdom and common sense in studying God's Word. The Holy Spirit is the spirit of a *sound mind* (II Tim. 1:7). Let's rightly use the minds God gave us!

This *same reference* to worms is found in Isaiah 66:24. Here we again find that the inspired word simply means a common grub or a maggot. These worms or larvae also feed on the dead bodies for a few days, and then emerge as flies. Thus, these worms "dieth not" but continue to develop into flies *just as any normal, healthy worm!* The flies continue to deposit their eggs only as long as there are dead bodies or other matter for the larvae to feed on. Also notice that this verse plainly says people are going to *see*, "look upon"—this does not take place in the center of the earth hidden away in some hole in the ground.

Startlingly, a clear and thoughtful reading of this particular verse (verse 24), shows that the verse is *not talking* about LIVE people, but the "CARCASSES of the men that have transgressed against me."—They are not alive and consciously suffering!

Tormented Forever?

Many are confused by Revelation 20:10, partly by a mistranslation; and partly because they do not let the Bible interpret the Bible. "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *are*, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever" (Rev. 20:10).

In your King James Version you will notice that the word "*are*" is in *italics*—this means that the word was supplied by the translators and is not in the original Greek. This is the mistranslation that misleads, indicating that the beast and the false prophet are still in the lake of fire at the time that the devil and his demons are cast into this

lake. According to the chronology of Revelation itself both the beast and the false prophet were cast alive into the lake of fire at the beginning of God's thousand-year reign on the earth" (Rev. 19:20). By merely using God's definition of what happens to human bodies when they are cast into fire, we can realize that they will be burned up just like so much fat on a hot stove (Ps. 37:20), and therefore the phrase in Revelation 20:10 should be translated "where the beast and the false prophet WERE."

Simply by applying the rules of grammar you will see that the latter part of this sentence, "and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever," refers to the *devil*, and to the demons, who are the subject of this entire sentence. Yes, God's Word plainly says Satan the devil and all his demons are going to be tormented day and night forever and ever. Since the devil faces this horrible sentencing, he has endeavored to make mankind think that the punishment of sin for *mankind* is going to be an eternal punishing—in order to get sympathy for himself.

What Is This Everlasting Fire?

In Matthew 25:41 Jesus said, "Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, *prepared for the devil and his angels*." Jesus here plainly showed that the everlasting fire was prepared for Satan and his angels. Yet He goes on to show that human beings who are ultimately judged unfit for eternal life, and are not granted the *gift* of LIFE—something they do not have of themselves—are also to be cast into this very lake of fire, as verse 46 says, "And these shall go away into *everlasting punishment*" (verse 46). This final punishment which sinners suffer is *eternal* DEATH by fire. It is not eternal *punishing*! Once they are burned up and now dead they are going to *stay dead* FOREVER—this makes the punishment EVERLASTING!

When these people are cast into this lake of fire it is by God's definition—the Bible definition—an eternal, everlasting DEATH from which there is no resurrection forever, called "the second DEATH!" "But the fearful, and unbe-

lieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars [that is, all those who insist on breaking God's laws, who persist in sin—I John 3:4], shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is {by God's own definition} THE SECOND DEATH!" (Rev. 21:8.)

Smoke Ascends Forever!

Does the scripture, ". . . and the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever . . ." (Rev. 14:11), contradict the passage which reads, "And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be *ashes* under the soles of your feet . . ." (Mal. 4:3).

Notice that verse 8 gives the TIME SETTING of this passage. It is speaking about the impending fall of "Babylon"—a great religious-political system which is the RESURRECTED ROMAN EMPIRE led by the symbolic harlot "woman"—the great apostate, paganized church falsely calling herself "Christian."

Verses 9 and 10 say: ". . . If any man worship the beast [the coming United States of Europe—the resurrected Roman Empire] and his image [the Papacy], and receive his mark . . . he shall be tormented with *fire and brimstone* . . . in the presence of the Lamb" (that is, at Christ's second coming)!

Those who have a part in this church-state system of "Babylon," and who receive this frightful punishment from Almighty God, have "no rest day or night" as long as they remain in that land falling under God's wrath! They will either have to flee that area and seek God's mercy or be tormented by sulphurous fumes *till they perish*.

Notice that this passage does NOT say these individuals are being tormented forever in an ever-burning hell. Verse 11 says: ". . . The SMOKE of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever . . ." It is the smoke that ascends forever. It does not say the fire burns forever, but that the smoke that is already up there continuously ascends! It happens even today whenever fires burn up, but smoke is still in the air!

This fire is on the earth, not in some "hell" away off!

So the Bible plainly teaches that flesh and blood is subject to combustion and death. Malachi 4:3 says the *ashes* of the wicked will finally be under the feet of the righteous. And if the wicked are forever *ashes* after the earth is burned, then their smoke (or *ashes in the air*) will remain in the atmosphere "for ever and ever." So there is no contradiction between these verses! The wicked will be DESTROYED and will die that death—the second death—from which there is never to be a resurrection (Rev. 20:6, 14).

Fire Never Quenched!

"And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into *hell*, into the *fire that never shall be QUENCHED*!" (Mark 9:43—see also Matt. 18:8-9 where same question is treated).

Does that mean burning forever, and never burning up? Try this test: Put a piece of paper in a pan. Light it with a match.

Now, *don't* QUENCH that fire!

Don't put it out—for that's what "quench" means. Very soon the paper will *burn up*. Then put it down on the floor and step on it! NOW it's merely ashes under the sole of your feet—precisely as YOUR BIBLE plainly says the wicked shall be! In Jer. 17:27, God warned the Jews that Jerusalem would be *burned*, and the fire would *not be quenched*—unless they repented. In Jer. 52:13, you read the account of the burning of Jerusalem. That fire was NOT QUENCHED! It is NOT still burning! It just burned itself out.

Example of Hell Fire

God does not leave the answer to these questions for man to reason about and come up with his own ideas. In the stern warning to those who were in need of getting back to the faith once delivered, God, through His servant Jude, left the perfect example of the effect of ETERNAL FIRE! "Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for AN EXAMPLE, suffering the vengeance of ETERNAL

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GERMANY in Prophecy!

Where is Germany mentioned in Biblical prophecy? Will the Germans—this time united with West Europe—again lead the world down the path of war? This second installment reveals the answers—from history and prophecy!

SYNOPSIS:

by Herman L. Hoeh

IN PART ONE we learned that Germany is mentioned in Bible prophecy! But her identity has been hidden from the world until this end-time world crisis.

Nations are merely families grown big. Through migration some of these families have changed their names and lost their identities. That is what happened to the German people.

History, however, preserves the route of migration of the German peoples. This route leads us back to their original homeland—and to their national identity!

In the last installment we discovered from Roman history who the Germans are. And why the earliest German city was founded by a *king of Assyria*. The Germans migrated into Western Europe from the shores of the Black and Caspian seas. The ancient author Syllax called these shore lands "Assyria." The Roman naturalist Pliny the Elder (in *Natural History*, IV, § 12, p. 183) described the "Assyriani" as dwelling just north of the Black Sea in his time. Finally Jerome—the famous translator of the Bible into Latin—wrote, as an eyewitness, that the children of Assur (the Assyrians) were among the invading tribes that devastated the Roman Empire in the West (Letter 123, § 16).

The modern Germans are the descendants of the ancient *Assyrians*. The Germans are the Assyrians in the prophecies of *your Bible*.

Why were the Assyrians called "Germans" by the Romans? How did the Assyrians acquire the German language, when the Bible quotes the late Assyrian kings as speaking in the Semitic language?

These and other questions are answered in this second installment.

Part II

Ancient Assyria was the greatest war-making power in all history. Its soldiers

were drilled to be hard-fighting *war-men*. When the Assyrians invaded Europe, the Romans called them "Germans"—a name meaning "men of war."

And that is how the Assyrians came to be known as Germans. But that is not the only reason the modern Assyrians are called Germans today.

It's in Your Bible

Let us turn back the pages of history nearly 4000 years. The time is in the days of Abraham. The event is recorded in Genesis 14. It is the story of an invasion, by four kings of Mesopotamia and Asia Minor, of the land of Palestine. Josephus, the famous Jewish historian, describes this event in these words: "At that time, when the Assyrians had the dominion over Asia . . . the Assyrians made war upon them"—the Canaanites—"and dividing their army into four parts, fought against them. Now every part of the army had its own commander . . . then the army of the Assyrians came upon them, under their commanders, Amraphel, Arioch, Chodorlaomer, and Tidal." (*Antiquities of the Jews*, I, ix, § 1.)

These men were *Assyrian* generals, commanding an *Assyrian* army divided into four parts. Notice that the Assyrians are making war, conquering and plundering other people. But did you notice the *names* of these Assyrians? Not a single name is Hebrew. All are of foreign derivation.

The name of one of these four Assyrian commanders was Tidal. It is an *Indo-Germanic* name. It is not Semitic. Here we have evidence that even before the days of Abraham the Assyrians were speaking more than one language—and one of the languages was an *Indo-Germanic* tongue! More on this later. But now, back to King Tidal.

The name Tidal was a common throne name among the ancient Hatti or Chatti kings of Anatolia, or Asia

Minor. Since Tidal was *also* an Assyrian king or commander, that would make the Hatti or Chatti an *Assyrian tribe*! The Chatti were the ruling tribe in Anatolia (Asia Minor). They lorded it over several other nations. Notice that in Genesis 14:1 Tidal, the Hattian king, is called "king of nations."

The Hatti Were Hessian Germans!

Now what does the word *Hatti* or *Chatti* mean in the Hebrew language? Its closest derivation is the root *chath-ath*. It means "to terrorize, or break down, as in war, hence a warrior or man of war." The Chatti were therefore Men of War or Germans. The name Chatti is but the Hebrew form of the word *German*, the very word which the Romans applied to the Assyrians.

That means that the ancient Chatti were Assyrian—or German—migrants who early settled in Asia Minor. Did these Chatti or Hatti later also migrate into Western Europe, where the Germans are today?

Indeed! The Chatti were the chief people who settled in modern Germany. Their descendants are the *Hessians* today! In fact, the Old High German spelling of Hesse was Hatti!

The land of Hatti was the *western* part of the Assyrian Empire. The ancient Assyrian Empire was divided just as the modern Germans are divided between East and West Germany and Austria. The ancient kings of Assyria called themselves Khatti-sars—meaning the "Kaisers of Hatti," or "Kings of Hatti." The chief people of Hatti regarded themselves as *Assyrians*.

The Assyrian kings wrote of the tribes of Hatti—the ancestors of the Hessians: "*As Assyrians I [ac]counted them*" (D. D. Luckenbill, *Ancient Records of Assyria and Babylonia*, Vol. II, §29). The ancient capital of the land of Hatti was popularly known

among the Romans as "Ninus Vetus—the old Nineveh" (*History of Art in Sardinia, Judaea, Syria and Asia Minor*, by G. Perrot and C. Chipiez, Vol. II, page 272).

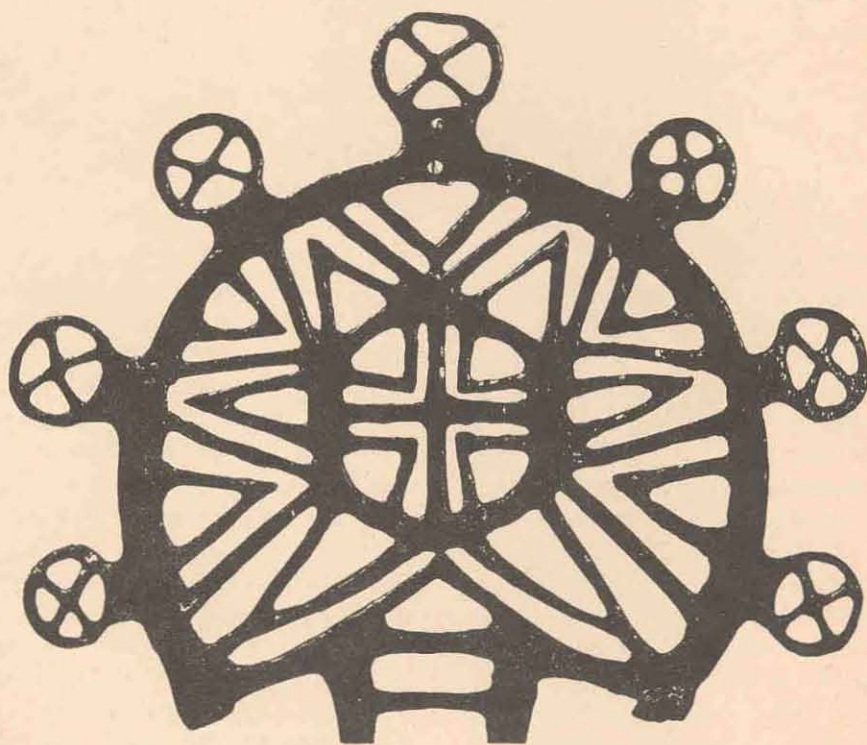
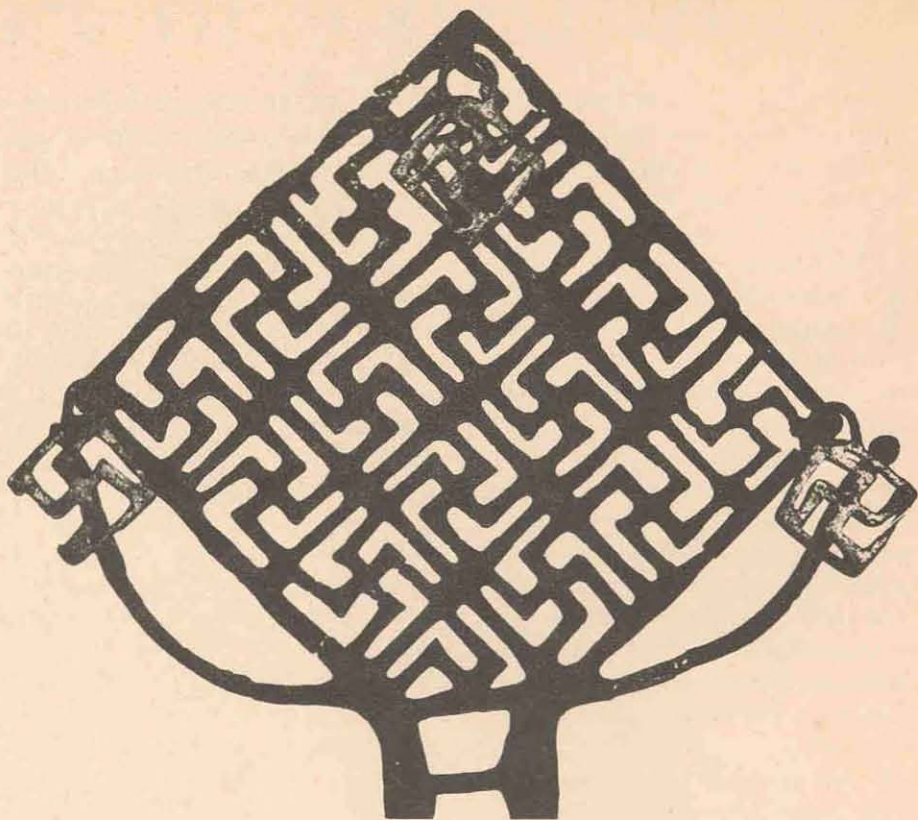
Nineveh was Assyria's capital!

The Empire of Hatti and the Empire of Assyria were the same Empire—not two empires existing five centuries apart as historians assume. Excavated records from Bible times *prove* that the great rulers of the land of Hatti were not only contemporary with the famous kings of Assyria, but were also federated with them. All ancient Greek writers agreed that Assyria and Anatolia (the land of Hatti) were allies. The chief supporters of famous Troy in Asia Minor were the Assyrians. In fact, the Trojan War was a struggle between Greeks and Assyrians for possession of Western Asia Minor.

These Hessian or Assyrian kings are even mentioned in the Bible in I Kings 10:29 and II Kings 7:6. The Hebrews called them "kings of the Hittites."

The Assyrian Hessians were called "kings of the Hittites" because the Canaanite Hittites, driven out by Joshua, migrated into Asia Minor where the Assyrians also dwelt. All historians recognize that there were at least two distinct peoples in Asia Minor who came to be known by the same name—Chatti or Hittite. The first were the Assyrians. The second were the Canaanite sons of Heth. Heth's sons received the name Hittite or Chatti because they too were warriors. Centuries later, after Alexander the Great conquered Asia, those Canaanites migrated out of Asia Minor—to Europe, and then, across the Atlantic to North America where the colonists rediscovered them as the Chatti Indians of the Central Plains. Is it a mere coincidence that the United States—a birth-right tribe of the House of Israel—should have inherited this land from Canaanite Hittites?

The Assyrian Hatti claimed to be "the Master Race." So have the modern Germans! The Hatti lorded it over other peoples who lived in Asia Minor. They were the inventors of the *double-headed eagle* which has always been a symbol of the *German Empire*! Professor A. H. Sayce states it was left to these people



After Ekrem Akurgal, *Art of the Hittites*

Top: Ritual standard of the Hatti recovered through excavation in ancient Anatolia. Notice the swastikas. Beneath: Another Hattic ritual standard in disk form. Observe the Iron Cross in the center. The descendants of the ancient Hatti—the modern Hessians of Germany—perpetuate these same symbols.

"to invent a double-headed eagle" (page 116 of *The Hittites*).

Ancient Cilicia—Modern Silesia

Now consider another *key* to discovering Germany's place in Bible prophecy! The ancient city of Germanicopolis was located *in Cilicia*, in southeastern Asia Minor,* according to Ammianus Marcellinus, book 1, § 27. It belonged of old to the Hatti. Cilicia is mentioned several places in the Bible. Paul was born in Cilicia (Acts 21:39 and 22:3). Now look at a map of Europe. We find that one of the eastern provinces of pre-World War II Germany is called SILESIA!—spelled slightly different, but pronounced the same!

The name of Cilicia in Asia Minor was simply transplanted to Eastern Germany by the Hatti who migrated from Cilicia to Silesia, then to the Rhine. Silesia is only a modern spelling!

Other German Tribes

The Assyrians—the ancestors of most German people—are first mentioned in Genesis 10:22. In this verse you find the father or ancestor of the Assyrians is named "Asshur." The word Asshur is often translated as "Assyrian" or "Assyrians" in the Bible, because Asshur is the father of the Assyrian nation.

But the Germans today are also descended in part from Abraham, through his wife, Keturah. Most people have never known that Abraham had other sons besides Isaac and Ishmael. These other sons are listed in Genesis 25:1-4. "... Abraham gave (them) gifts, and sent them away from Isaac his son, while he yet lived, eastward, unto the east country" (Gen. 25:6). The east country included the land of Assyria. Assyria lay *east* of Palestine.

Even Josephus mentioned that one of Abraham's great-grandsons joined with the Assyrians. (*Antiquities*, book I, ch. xv § 1.) His name was Asshur, the son of Dedan, the son of Jokshan.

Jokshan was the son of Abraham. See Genesis 25:3. "And Jokshan begat Sheba, and Dedan. And the sons of Dedan were Asshurim, and Letushim, and Leummim." From Sheba have come the Swabian Germans. From Letushim are descended the Lettish people along the Baltic. And from Asshurim have descended the Nordic North Germans.



After Ekrem Akurgal, *Art of the Hittites*
A rock carving of a double-headed eagle found in Anatolia, where the Hatti dwelt. The same symbol passed into Western Europe wherever the Germans migrated.

But the ancestor of the great majority of Germans and Austrians is Asshur, the grandson of Noah.

Most of the ancient Assyrians moved westward from the Bible lands into Europe. But one small tribe moved eastward and settled among the Persians. Historians called them the *Germanii* (Herodotus' *History*, bk. 1, § 125). The region where they settled is today called Kharmania or Carmania. The oriental Kerman rugs, recognized the world over for their fine quality, are made in this region.

What Did Assyrians Look Like?

What did the ancient Assyrians look like? Here is the answer: "In the Zagros hills and across the plain to the Tigris, there lived a . . . *fair-haired . . . people* akin to the Guti [the Goths] who . . . remained in what was afterwards Assyria, the neighbour land to Akkad" (page 5 of *The Sumerians*).

When the ancient Greek writers wanted to distinguish the Assyrians from the Arameans or Syrians, the Greeks called the Assyrians, "Leucosyri"—meaning "WHITES" or "BLONDS" as distinct from the *very brunette* Syrians who still live in Mesopotamia.

Why Germans Call Themselves "Deutsch"

Perhaps you have never thought of

it—but the Germans do not call themselves "German." They refer to themselves as *Deutsch*, and to their country as *Deutschland*. Why?

Let's turn back the pages of history for the answer.

The Assyrians anciently called their land *Athur*—the Indo-Germanic form of the Semitic word *Asshur* (*Encyclopedia Britannica*, article, "Mesopotamia").

Sometimes the name *Athur* was shortened simply to *Tyr* in the Indo-European tongue. Asshur or Tyr was worshipped as the god of war by all the ancient world. His name was placed on the *third day* of the week—called "Tuesday" in the English-speaking world. Tuesday is Asshur's day.

Tuesday is from an old Saxon word meaning "Tiw's day." Tiw was the god of war of the Germanic people of Europe. Tiw, or Tiwe, was also known by the name Tyr—that is, Asshur. Tiw is another name of Asshur! The Assyrians knew Asshur or Tyr was their ancestor. We should expect, therefore, that when they migrated to Europe they would still be known as the sons of Tyr or Tiw, that is, Asshur. And what do we find?

When the Germans appeared in Europe, they claimed Tyr or Tiw as their ancestor! But what has the name "Deutsch" to do with Tiw?

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*Asterisk indicates new station or time change.

Mountain States

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

West Coast

KGO—San Francisco—810 on dial, 10 p.m. Sun., 9:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KIRO—Seattle—710 on dial, 10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat., 5:30 a.m. Tues. thru Sat.
 KGBS—Los Angeles—1020 on dial, 10 p.m. Sun.
 KRAK—Sacramento—1140 on dial, 8 p.m. daily.
 XERB—Lower Calif.—1090 on dial, 7 p.m. daily; 9:30 a.m. Mon. thru Fri.

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WJRZ—Newark, N.J.—970 on dial, 7:30 p.m. Sun., 10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 WBMD—Baltimore—750 on dial, 12 noon daily.
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 CKFH—Toronto—1430 on dial, 10:00 p.m. Sun., 9:00 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 10:00 p.m. Sat.
 WMIE—Miami, Fla.—1140 on dial, 8:30 a.m. Sun., 12 noon Mon. thru Sat.

Central

WSPD—Toledo, Ohio—1370 on dial, 9:05 p.m. daily.
 WJBK—Detroit—1500 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun.
 WADC—Akron, Ohio—1350 on dial, 9:30 p.m. daily.
 WJW—Cleveland, Ohio—850 on dial, 10 a.m. Sun.
 *WBNS—Columbus, Ohio—1460 on dial, 6:30 p.m. Sun., 7:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 5:30 p.m. Sat.
 *WOW—Omaha, Nebr.—590 on dial, 9:30 p.m. Sun.
 KRVN—Lexington, Nebr.—1010 on dial, 10:30 a.m. daily.
 WNAX—Yankton, S. Dak.—570 on dial, 8:30 p.m. daily.
 WEAU—Chicago—1330 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun. (105.1 FM, 8:00 p.m. Sun.), 7 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 WIBC—Indianapolis—1070 on dial, 10:30 p.m. Sun.
 WFBM—Indianapolis—1260 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.
 KWTO—Springfield, Mo.—560 on dial, 7:00 p.m. daily.
 KFDI—Wichita, Kans.—1070 on

dial, 12:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. daily.

KFH—Wichita, Kans.—1330 on dial, 9:30 a.m., Sun.; 6:30 p.m. daily.
 KEVE—Minneapolis—1440 on dial, 10:00 a.m. Sun., 7:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 WEBC—Duluth, Minn.—560 on dial, 7:30 p.m. Sun. thru Fri., 11:30 a.m. Sat.
 *WMIL—Milwaukee, Wis.—1290 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun., 7:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 WOOD—Grand Rapids, Mich.—1300 on dial, 8:00 p.m. daily.
 KFYR—Bismarck, N. Dak.—550 on dial, 7 p.m. daily.
 CFQC—Saskatoon, Sask.—600 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.

South

KCTA—Corpus Christi, Tex.—1030 on dial, 2 p.m. Sun., 12:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 4:30 p.m. Sat.
 KCUL—Ft. Worth—1540 on dial, 1 p.m. Sun., 8:30 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KMAC—San Antonio—630 on dial, 9:00 a.m. Sun., 7:15 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KHEY—El Paso, Texas—690 on dial, 8 p.m. daily.
 KFMJ—Tulsa—1050 on dial, 12:30 p.m. daily.
 KBYE—Okla. City—890 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun., 12:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KWAM—Memphis—990 on dial, 10 a.m. Sun., 11:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 WKYB—Paducah, Ky.—570 on dial, 12 noon daily.
 KTLU—Rusk, Texas—1580 on dial, 7:30 a.m. Sun.

Mountain States

KPHO—Phoenix—910 on dial, 6:30 p.m. daily.
 KLZ—Denver—560 on dial, 10:45 p.m. Sun. thru Fri., 10:30 a.m. Sat.
 KCPX—Salt Lake City—1320 on dial, 7 p.m. daily.
 KIDO—Boise, Idaho—630 on dial, 7 p.m. daily.

West Coast

CJOR—Vancouver, B.C.—600 on dial, 9:30 p.m. Sun., 7:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KHQ—Spokane—590 on dial, 8 p.m. daily.
 KVI—Seattle—570 on dial, 8 a.m. Sun.
 KNBX—Seattle—1050 on dial, 12 noon daily.
 KWJJ—Portland—1080 on dial, 10 p.m. Sun., 9 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 *KEX—Portland—1190 on dial, 8:30 a.m. Sun.
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KDB—Santa Barbara, Calif.—1490 on dial, 8:00 p.m. daily.

KHJ—Los Angeles—930 on dial, 7:30 p.m. Sun.

KRKD—Los Angeles—1150 on dial, 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sun., 6:15 a.m. and 7 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

KBLA—Burbank—1490 on dial, 7:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. daily.

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

KNEZ—Lompoc, Calif.—960 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun.

In Spanish—

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

Alaska & Hawaii

KFQD—Anchorage, Alaska—730 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.

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In French—

RADIO LUXEMBOURG—1293 metres—5:40 a.m., Mon.

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

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RADIO LUXEMBOURG—49 metres (6090 kc.) shortwave and 208 metres (1439 kc.) medium wave—Sun., 6:05 a.m.; Wed., 7:00 a.m., M.E.T

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RADIO UFAC, ELIZABETHVILLE —OQ2AD—4980 kc. (60 m.) — 10 p.m. Sun., Mon. and Wed.; 9:30 p.m. Tue., Thur. and Fri.

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

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2GF—Grafton, NSW—1210 kc.—10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

2GN—Goulburn, NSW—1380 kc.—10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

2HD—Newcastle, NSW—1140 kc.—10:30 p.m. Sun.; 6:00 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.

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

2KM—Kempsey, NSW—980 kc.—10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

2MW—Murwillumbah, NSW—1440 kc.—10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

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3BO—Bendigo, Vic.—960 kc.—10:15 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

3CV—Maryborough, Vic.—1440 kc.—10:15 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

3HA—Hamilton, Vic.—1000 kc.—10:30 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

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

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

3SH—Swanhill, Vic.—1330 kc.—10:15 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

3SR—Shepparton, Vic.—1260 kc.—10:15 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

3UL—Warragul, Vic.—880 kc.—10:15 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

3YB—Warrnambool, Vic.—1210 kc.—10:15 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

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

4BK—Brisbane, Qld.—1290 kc.—9:30 p.m. Sun.; 10:15 p.m. Mon. thru Thurs.; 10:30 p.m. Fri.

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

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4WK—Warwick, Qld.—880 kc.—10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

6GE—Geraldton, WA—1010 kc.—9:30 p.m. Sun.; 10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.

6KG—Kalgoorlie, WA—860 kc.—10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

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

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

7HT—Hobart, Tas.—1080 kc.—7:30 p.m. Sun.; 9:30 p.m. Mon., Wed., Thur. and Fri.; 10:35 p.m. Tues.

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BED78 Tainan City 1540 kc.;

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thru Sat.

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DZRB, Naga City—1060 kc.;

DXAW, Davao City—640 kc.—

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DYCB, Cebu City—570 kc.—9:30

p.m. Friday.

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In English—

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

HOC21, Panama City—1115 kc.;

HP5A, Panama City—11170 kc.;

HOK, Colon, Panama—640 kc.;

HP5K, Colon, Panama—6005 kc.—

7:00 p.m., Sundays.

In Spanish—

RADIO LA CRONICA—Lima, Peru

—1320 kc.—7:00 p.m. Sun.

RADIO COMUNEROS — Asuncion,

Paraguay—970 kc.—8:30 p.m.

Thursdays.

RADIO SPORT—CXA19—Monte-

video, Uruguay—11835 kc.—

4:00 p.m., Sundays.

RADIO CARVE—CX16, 850 kc.,

and CXA13, 6156 kc.—Mon-

tevideo, Uruguay—3:30 p.m.,

Saturdays.

In French—

4VBM—Port au Prince, Haiti—1430

kc., 7:45 p.m. Wed.

4VCM—Port au Prince, Haiti—6165

kc., 7:45 p.m. Wed.

*RADIO CARAIBES—St. Lucia,

West Indies—840 kc.—6:45

p.m., Mon. and Tues.

What our READERS SAY

(Continued from inside front cover)

a cast. She could not swallow, talk, or communicate, and her eyes, although open, recognized nothing. On October 5th I took the anointed handkerchief and placed it on her forehead and all her injuries, asking for her full and complete recovery. She is *almost completely well!*"

A Lady from Florida

• This letter was written on October 29, 1962, only 24 days after an anointed cloth was received.

A Critic Writes:

"In the 'What Our Readers Say' column you only publish letters that are favorable to or praise your organization, and are pleasant to your ego.

"Why don't you print some of the letters that tell you off and rub your grain the wrong way? Even carnal-minded newspapers and magazines are truthful enough to do this—at least some of them.

"You also show how some people benefited from tithing. Don't you get letters from some people who have been tithing for years and find themselves worse off all the time?

"Publish this: After tithing for more than two years, I find myself worse off than when I began to tithe—much worse off . . . Everything I set my hand to do turns into losses. Somebody upstairs viciously and mercilessly fouls up everything I do . . . I have become full of anger, am demoralized and discouraged, and weary of—everything."

• Of course there are critics! And some of them write us! If this man had been consistently reading The PLAIN TRUTH he would have found several critics quoted. Mr. Armstrong personally answered an atheist in The PLAIN TRUTH with the article "My Answer to an Atheist." In the Short Questions department in The PLAIN TRUTH several critical letters have been answered in recent months. "An Open Letter on the Race Question" was another article in answer to several controversial letters. In the August, 1960 PLAIN TRUTH we devoted several columns to a critic who

misunderstood what we said about Germany. As a result of that letter and our response—and the power of God which can change a man's heart—that man is today a translator and on the editorial staff of *Die Reine Wahrheit*, the German edition of The PLAIN TRUTH.

The writer of this letter deserves a response to several of his remarks. *First*, we are all too busy with the Work of God to be upset by people who "rub the grain the wrong way." Christ handles these people and their problems for us. We welcome comments and constructive criticism—but this letter, parts of which are unprintable, is not that kind.

Second, the writer of this letter might have fewer financial troubles if he would remember that Mr. Armstrong suffered want for several years after he began tithing. Why? To teach him faith and the lesson of obedience. Mr. Armstrong did not accuse God because he knew there was a higher purpose God is working out.

Some people *think* they are *tithing* properly when they are not, as Mr. Wolverton pointed out in the Bible Story in the December issue. God has promised and obligates Himself to prosper *only* those who are faithful in *all* the tithes (Mal. 3:8-11), although He has at times blessed those *with a right attitude* who knew only a part of their responsibility and fulfilled faithfully and cheerfully (II Cor. 9:7) *that part which they understood*. But God does *not* bless those who have *not* learned their lessons and *do not have a good attitude*.

This demoralized, angry man can solve his problems by *correcting his attitude*—which will cause him to cheerfully tithe properly in every respect.

Located by Accident

"My mother left her Bible to me at her death eleven years ago, and all through the Bible is marked Herbert W. Armstrong. I have never been able to find where to contact you or hear you. By accident I tuned in just in time to hear you say to send and ask for *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine. I thanked God all day and all this week for your message."

A Thankful Listener

Source of Information

"I recently listened to my husband explain certain sections of the Bible. He had such a profound understanding of this book that I became curious as to his source of information. When I asked, he replied that it was from The PLAIN TRUTH. From that time on I also started reading this wonderful magazine."

From a Teacher in Arkansas

Only Way to Happiness

"Since I began listening to The WORLD TOMORROW broadcast three years ago, my whole outlook on life has changed. It seems incredible that a book which was written many centuries ago could foretell what is going to happen in the future. The Bible and The PLAIN TRUTH magazine have shown me what the most important things in life are, and the only way to have real happiness."

Man from Pennsylvania

It Really Works

"Two years ago we sent you five dollars every other month; then our tithes increased to ten dollars and then later to twenty dollars; then forty, then fifty and now we are sending you one hundred dollars. *I know* God blesses the tither as He said in His Word."

Man from Mississippi

Result of Trusting God

"Last week was the first time my husband and I paid our tithe to God. Two days after paying our tithe my husband received an unexpected check in the mail for \$481.25. We are very thankful to God for such a great blessing."

A Couple from New Jersey

That Man Balaam!

"Your Bible Story certainly made the puzzling story of Balaam clear. That man was an enigma. Now I see he was not serving God at all. He was one of those whom Jesus talked about, who use religion and the name of God as a cloak for their sins."

Reader from California

• Everyone should read the "Personal from the Editor" in this issue. It explains who Balaam really was!

This World—1963

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able problems—blocking the way toward the desired *political-military* union. It cannot be brought about *except* through some Supreme AUTHORITY which all participating nations will trust. There is only one possible such Authority—professedly neutral—the Pope!

It is very possible that the next Pope will be the man to accomplish this dream, making Europe in religion and schools 100% Catholic, and, politically and militarily, under one super Dictator—the coming "Beast" of Revelation 13 and 17.

What's Coming—FAST!!

Now *where do we go from here?*

This world is moving—slowly, it appears on the surface, yet at *frightening speed* when the myriad complex details involved are known, behind the scenes—toward this prophesied condition of world alignments:

1)—A united EUROPE—the astounding resurrection of the "Holy Roman Empire"—a giant new World Power equal to Russia or the United States—perhaps even stronger. It will then hold the *balance of power* between East and West.

2)—This, after squabbling and apparent threats of division now between Russia and Red China, will probably bring about a solidifying of Communist nations. It may bring into the Communist orbit Japan and India. India would add vast manpower and raw resources—Japan has been leaping forward in commercial and industrial prosperity even faster than Germany, and Japan would add industrial power and stability of leadership.

3)—In the West, Britain is having her troubles—the Conservative Party is on the skids—her sun is setting faster than the British seem to realize. In the United States, a temporary gain has been made in world prestige—United States military and nuclear power, when combined with allies, is at present supreme in the world—the immediate outlook for American business is good—no boom in sight, but no depression either. We will coast along for the next few years,

continuing in our slumber and dream of luxury, idleness and ease for the future, unalert to the danger rising below the surface in Europe.

In the Future

Then—possibly not more than seven years from now—America suddenly will wake up to the gigantic THREAT that shall be rising, or even by then have arisen, in Europe. It will come as a disillusioning shock to realize this United States of Europe we have encouraged and helped build has suddenly become the overpowering frankenstein threatening to destroy us. To suddenly wake up from our pleasant dreams—to be stunned with the realization our "loving" allies are actually our real enemies, is going to be a frustrating blow.

Somewhere along about seven to ten years from now the REVOLUTION IN THE WEATHER will become a national and international calamity. Drought, epidemics of disease, will reap a mounting harvest of death across North America—and in Britain.

Economic depression will strike.

And the time will be ripe for the new United Europe to strike! Invasion and captivity will follow—UNLESS AMERICA FALLS TO HER KNEES AND SEEKS THE HELP OF HER GOD—RELYING ON HIM INSTEAD OF FALSE "ALLIES"—UNLESS AMERICA REPENTS OF REBELLION AGAINST GOD, FORSAKES THE BABYLONIAN WORSHIP SHE HAS EMBRACED AND AS A NATION ACCEPTS THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST, AND OBEYS THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD!

But then the Communist hordes will sweep over and destroy the new Babylonish Europe. Its capital will have been moved to Palestine. Its armies on the Middle East battle-front, in Palestine, will fight against Jesus Christ, then descending with the clouds of heaven in all the supreme Supernatural POWER and GLORY of ALMIGHTY GOD! The "Beast"—the coming Dictator of the United Europe—and with him the religious leader—will be destroyed by the brightness of Christ's coming.

Christ will arrive already CROWNED

as KING of Kings, and LORD of Lords—Supreme RULER over all the earth. As He and all the holy angels descend in dazzling bright glory, the dead in Christ shall be resurrected, rising to meet the returning KING in the air. The living in Christ shall then be *changed* from mortal to immortal—from material flesh and blood to eternal spirit composition—and also rise to meet the descending and glorious CHRIST!

This vast Assemblage—now the BORN children of God, forming the KINGDOM OF GOD—will accompany the glorified CHRIST as He continues to descend until His feet stand on the Mount of Olives.

FORCED Into PEACE

The nations of the earth will be *angry*. They will not welcome the coming of Christ in glorious splendor.

During the Great Tribulation, preceding Christ's return, hundreds of thousands of Americans and British—from all Commonwealth countries—will wake up to the TRUTH, repent, and seek God in earnest. Our peoples, as a whole, will then be led to Palestine—occupying territory as far east as the Euphrates River. Under Christ's World Government, they will be made the HEAD nation of the earth. Their brothers—the French, Dutch, Belgians, etc., who shall have once again "sold brother Joseph into Egypt," also shall join them. In a vastly enlarged area in and around Palestine, they shall, in a few years, become prosperous and wealthy beyond imagination.

Then the hordes of Russia, China, and oriental countries will attack—and five-sixths of their armies shall be BURIED! Thus our peoples, at last, shall BURY Communism!

Christ, ruling the world, will command all nations to keep God's Festival of Tabernacles (Zech. 14:12-19), beginning late September or early October. Egypt will refuse. Egypt will suffer drought. They still will refuse the following year. Then plagues will begin to fall on them, with ever-increasing intensity, UNTIL THEY REPENT AND OBEY.

Christ and the resurrected Kings and Priests under Him constituting the WORLD GOVERNMENT of the Kingdom of God will RULE ALL NATIONS WITH A ROD OF IRON.

The nations will resist GOD'S WAY to

peace, happiness, prosperity, joy, and eternal life. That is, for a time!

But they will be ruled by **FORCE**—supernatural force! After a few years, they will be whipped into line—*forced*, against their will, to be **HAPPY**—to enjoy **WORLD PEACE**—to come into universal **PROSPERITY**, with no poverty—no fears or worries — no want. They will be *forced* to obey God's physical **HEALTH** laws—to eat proper foods, breathe fresh pure air (no tobacco industry any more) (and no smog). They will find natural foods far more delicious. *If* one becomes sick—a rarity—he will be **HEALED**. There will be **NO MEDICINE**. The doctors will become teachers of the **LAWS OF HEALTH**, to *prevent* disease and sickness.

Happiness at Last

People will gradually begin to realize that they now have **SECURITY**—they now have **GOOD HEALTH**—they now **FEEL** good—there is **PEACE** everywhere—smiles and happiness on every face—competition is banished, and **COOPERATION** has replaced it—everybody pitches in and tries to help everybody else. Everyone will be **BUSY**—happily employed in activities they **ENJOY**!

There will be a totally new system of education. A totally new science. Men will have come to realize that the **BIBLE**, and the revelation of basic knowledge from **GOD** is the **FOUNDATION** on which all right knowledge is built—the concept through which all facts are viewed. People will shake their heads in dismay, wondering *how* they could have been so foolish as to have supposed such ridiculous fables as evolution—how such nonsense as the philosophies of Socrates, Plato and Aristotle could have been regarded as high and dignified knowledge.

Yes, people will be **FORCED** to find the **TRUE VALUES**—*forced*, against their wills, to be happy and to find life so *interesting*, and satisfying, and rewarding, that they will enjoy every moment of it!

They will **NOT** be forced into personal conversion and salvation—but they **WILL** be forced to *know* what is the true way—and there will be only one religion—that of the **TRUE GOD**!

But that will *not* be, any longer, *This World*—1963! *That* will be *The WORLD TOMORROW*!

THE BIBLE ANSWERS

Short Questions

FROM OUR READERS

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

"A neighbor of mine thinks Christ, between the ages of twelve and thirty, was in a foreign nation. Where does the Bible say He lived during those years?"

Jesus' home was in Nazareth until age thirty.

After Jesus' birth in Bethlehem (Matt. 2:1) and several months in Egypt (verses 19-20), Joseph brought his family to Nazareth so that Jesus would be called a Nazarene—a resident of Nazareth (verse 23).

If Jesus had spent most of His childhood years away from Nazareth, He would not have been known as a Nazarene.

In Luke 4:16 we read: "And he (Jesus) came to *Nazareth, where He HAD BEEN BROUGHT UP*..." This scripture could not say He was *brought up* in Nazareth if He had lived there only until the age of twelve, and had spent His last eighteen years somewhere else.

"I have been listening to your program on the air and reading The PLAIN TRUTH for the past few years. Your recent series on "Which Day Is the Christian Sabbath?" and the article "Where Did Jesus Command You to Observe Sunday?" have set me to thinking. I don't believe in denominations, but what about the need for spiritual fellowship? I know of some people in my community who meet on the day God set apart, but they have many strange ideas that don't come from the Bible. What should I do?"

While we are instructed, in Hebrews 10:23-25: "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; and let us consider one another to

provoke unto love and to good works: *not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together*, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching"—yet, notice carefully, we are not instructed to assemble with deceived people in this world's denominations. The instruction is not to forsake the assembling of *ourselves* together—that is, true Christians who have the **TRUTH**, who are filled with God's Holy Spirit, truly converted, and **WALKING IN THE LIGHT**, living by every Word of God.

The fallen "woman" of Rev. 17 is clearly identified as the great false Church, which ruled over the kings of the Roman Empire from 554 until 1814. Her doctrines and practice, falsely called by Christian names, are actually the same identical "Chaldean mysteries" of the ancient Babylonian Baal worship, denounced in the Bible as the most idolatrous of all false worship.

Notice, Rev. 17:5. She is called "BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS." She is a **MOTHER Church**. She has *daughter churches*. They came out of her, *in protest*. They, like their mother Church, participate in the governments and politics and affairs of this world. Thus they reject the Government of God! This (verse 2) is the cause of her fall from grace.

All these sects and denominations contain a certain mixture of false doctrines which have been handed down from the ancient Babylonian idolatry. They constitute an **ORGANIZED SYSTEM**, even though divided into hundreds of sectarian organizations. Shall the true

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Should We Repeat The "LORD'S PRAYER"?

Millions repeat this prayer daily. But did Christ intend it to be repeated word for word? What is the real meaning and purpose of this prayer? Here are the answers from your own Bible!

by L. Leroy Neff

DEVOUT parents teach their children from infancy to repeat the "Lord's prayer." Certain religions require their converts to repeat it.

In times of distress and turmoil many people turn to this prayer, since they know no other. Multitudes consider this prayer as a sort of good luck prayer and superstitiously look to the words as having some special magical powers.

At the other extreme are people who avoid repeating this prayer like the plague, seeming to think that the repeating of these words is "following the way of the heathen."

It is time we find *from the Bible* just what Christ meant by this prayer, and come to understand His instructions about it.

This prayer contains Christ's instructions about *how* we should pray, *where* we should pray, *how often*, and *WHAT* we should pray about.

Three Vital Points

One account of this prayer is recorded in Matthew 6:5-15. Before Jesus gave the words of this prayer he made *three* vital points *clear*.

First, when we pray we are instructed not to do our praying on the street corners or in public places to be seen by men. "And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward" (Matt. 6:5).

That is the way hypocrites pray. They want others to see them and hear them when they pray. They like the approbation of men. Have you noticed people making this same mistake today? They try to appear religious and spiritual before others. In reality they are lacking

true religion and true spirituality. They have a "form of godliness" (II Tim. 3:5) but deny God's power by *their works* (Tit. 1:16), and are disobedient to God's *plain* instructions.

We find that Jesus did occasionally pray in public, but it was not on the street corners, nor on the street (Matt. 12:19). When He did pray in public His prayers were very short and for such things as asking God's blessing on the food. Such short prayers, if not said to be seen of men, or for the sake of vanity, do not violate Christ's own instructions of Matthew 6:5.

The *second point* that Christ made concerns *where* we are to do our praying. "But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly" (Matt. 6:6).

His instructions are *plain* and *clear*. And yet, people take this plain and simple instruction and try to make it mean exactly opposite! This teaching shows that we should do our *personal* praying in *private*. In the privacy of our inner closet or room, without others present. If we follow this instruction, Christ promised that when our Father in heaven sees us praying in *secret*, He will reward us openly! If you expect God to hear your prayers you *must* follow this simple and clear instruction!

The *third point* that Jesus made clear was that our prayers are not to be "vain repetition as the heathen do" (Matthew 6:7). The "Now I lay me down to sleep" prayers, the "Hail Mary's," certainly violate this *clear* teaching of our Savior! And, *more important*, this command of the Living Christ *prohibits* the *daily*, or *frequent repetition* of this *very prayer*, word for word, as given by Christ!

When Luke records this same prayer-example he uses different words. Read it in Luke 11:1-4.

Even Jesus did not repeat this prayer word for word! He *obeyed* His own instructions! Nowhere in scripture will you find that Christ repeated these words exactly again. When Jesus did pray (and there are many other accounts of His prayers) He used different words.

We should understand one important point here. In reality this is NOT the "LORD'S PRAYER"! He did not pray this prayer at all. It was given to be an example for the disciples. There *is* one prayer recorded in the Bible which is correctly called the Lord's prayer. It is the prayer recorded in John 17. In that long heart-rending prayer, Jesus nowhere repeated His words of Matt. 6:9-13.

The vital question, as to whether or not we should repeat this prayer frequently, has already been answered by Christ. It is answered before we even read the prayer! Do you believe that Christ said what He meant and meant what He said? Then you generally should not repeat this prayer word for word.

Christ instructed that we should not use *vain* repetitions. This means useless, purposeless repetitions. Occasionally using these words in heart-felt and meaningful prayer does not mean it is vainly repeated.

Here Is a Prayer Outline!

Another *important* key to understanding this prayer is explained clearly in Matt. 6:9. Notice: "After this *MANNER* therefore pray ye." He did not say to *repeat* His words verbatim. He said this is the *manner*, or *outline* for your prayers. Pray about *these* THINGS! He said, "Pray thus," not "Pray this."

Christ forbids us to parrot these

words. Christ wants us to pray *from the heart*. To pray with intensity, feeling, purpose, and sincerity, and not just to repeat words. It should enrich your prayer life. You can learn how to pray a COMPLETE PRAYER and be closer to your Creator each day in private, personal, heart-felt, intense and fervent prayer.

To Whom Should We Pray?

Some people claim that we should pray to Jesus only. Jesus taught us to pray to the *Father* by saying, "Our *Father* which art in heaven" (verse 9). Jesus *always* addressed the Father. He set us an *example* to follow!

The New Testament Church followed Christ's instruction. "And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to GOD with one accord, and said, LORD, thou art God, which has made heaven, and earth, and the sea and all that in them is" (Acts 4:24). Since Jesus made all things some people jump to the conclusion that this prayer is addressed to Him, but Paul wrote to the Ephesians that "God . . . created all things by Jesus Christ" (Eph. 3:9).

Continuing in Acts 4:26, "The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against HIS Christ. For of a truth against THY *holy child* (Greek: servant) Jesus . . ." This makes it plain that the prayer was directed to the FATHER, just as Christ instructed His disciples!

In addressing our prayer to the Father we are recognizing the *source* of all things! God the Father is the source of life and all our needs. Just as the physical father provides for his children, so does God the Father supply our needs as His begotten sons.

This father-son relationship is very personal. Such a private and intimate relationship is much closer and should be more real than the physical relationship we have with our own fathers or our sons of the flesh. This close relationship is stressed by Paul when he mentioned that we may cry out "Abba, Father" (Rom. 8:14-18). The word "Abba" means father, showing that the meaning of the intimate relationship of father and son is *doubly emphasized* in our relationship with God. That relationship can be very wonderful to those

who are truly the begotten sons of God!

Realize that when you address the Father in your own personal private prayer that you have a *personal* audience with the ruler of the universe. People value very highly a private audience with one of this world's rulers. Think how much greater is the privilege for us to go daily to the throne room of the universe and talk with the ruler over all!

Should we have reason to be exalted or puffed up because of this personal relationship? The very first word of the prayer should answer that question. It is "OUR Father." We skipped over that rather quickly to stress first to *whom* we should address our prayer. By addressing Him as *our* Father we acknowledge that there are *others* who have this same intimate and personal relationship with God. In fact, all those who have repented of their sins, have been forgiven, have received God's Holy Spirit and are growing in the character of God have this same relationship. This means that multiple thousands of people throughout the world are acknowledged when we address God as *our* Father. Remember this important point! We are not the only ones who have need of God's daily help.

The very next words that Christ gave are also *most* important. "Our Father which ART IN HEAVEN." By this statement we should recognize *where* God is. He is in Heaven, the Capital of the universe. Here is where the whole universe is governed. Here ALL THINGS are *controlled* by the word of His power, by His Holy Spirit and through physical and spiritual laws.

It is here that God's throne is located, with Jesus Christ seated at His right hand. In addition to Jesus there are twenty-four elders seated in thrones round about. The Cherubim and Seraphim, the living creatures, multitudes of Holy angels are also present. Here also is the heavenly temple of God, and the Holy City, New Jerusalem.

With such magnificence which is beyond human imagination, we are still able, through the *name* of JESUS CHRIST, to approach daily unto God. This marvelous place is described in several places in your Bible including Revelation, chapters 1, 4 and 21.

Addressing our prayer to *heaven* and realizing what this really means should make us very humble, very *thankful* and *grateful*. It should help us to ask ourselves as Paul did, "What is man, that thou art mindful of him?" (Heb. 2:6.)

Right after addressing the Father in our prayer is an appropriate time to give our thanks to God for hearing our prayer and for blessing us with so many spiritual and physical blessings. We must realize some of these important points so that we might have a *proper attitude* toward God, as we address Him in prayer.

The Seven Petitions

There are SEVEN different requests or petitions listed in Christ's prayer outline. Seven is the number of completeness and since these are Christ's instructions concerning what we are to pray about, it should be obvious that this is a COMPLETE PRAYER outline. It includes all major points that we should include in a complete prayer. God puts important things first, so notice what He puts first. Notice the order of this prayer.

1) Hallowed Be Thy Name

God's name is holy above all names. Why then should we pray that His name might be hallowed?

People in the world do not hallow or hold sacred the many names of God mentioned in your Bible. They desecrate His name, they take it in vain! Our prayer should be that *all men* might come to *hallow* God's name. If all men were properly hallowing God's names then *they would all be converted!* This world would be a wonderful, happy and joyous place in which to live. Everyone would be obedient to God and peace would cover the earth.

This is the most important thing to pray about, so Jesus put it first. Can't we pray with fervor and ask God to cause all men to finally come to real repentance so that they will hallow God's name? Can't we pray that our friends, relatives, and loved ones will also come to hallow God's name?

We should also pray that *we personally* might hallow God's name as we should and that we might truly rever-

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Why Shattered Homes?

Why does America lead the world in divorce? Why are the HOMES of British, Australian and American people falling apart? WHY is MARITAL HAPPINESS such an elusive, rare thing today? Read, in this straight-from-the-shoulder article, the *real answers* to these vital questions, and the real SECRET to a HAPPY MARRIAGE!

by Garner Ted Armstrong

AN INSIDIOUS disease is gnawing at the vitals of our society! That disease is marital unhappiness, and divorce!

Uncountable books, magazines and newspaper articles have attacked the problem from every conceivable angle. Sociologists have attempted to uncover the *cause* of divorce, and marital counselors by the scores and hundreds have used every means at their disposal to save shattered marriages from divorce.

All of these combined influences have seemed to have little, if any, influence.

Divorce a Gigantic Problem

Just how serious is the divorce problem in the United States, Britain, and Australia? The shocking statistics answer plainly. Divorce, with all its resulting heartache, court squabbles and homeless children, is one of the most monumental sociological problems of our times!

In the United States, presently *leading the world* in divorce, nearly *one out of every three homes* has known the heart-sickening experience of the divorce courts! In Los Angeles County, there is one divorce for every marriage!

The Family Service Association of America said recently, "Family breakdown is fast reaching epidemic proportions and now ranks as America's No. 1 social problem." Each year, there are 786,000 persons divorced. The current divorce rate is *seven times* higher than it was 100 years ago! There are an estimated 100,000 *desertions* each year—all this in ADDITION to the actual recorded divorces.

The illegitimacy rate has *tripled* since 1938. Each year, there are more than 200,000 illegitimate babies born in the

United States alone! Another closely linked problem, that of juvenile delinquency, has nearly *tripled* since 1940. Besides these staggering facts on divorce and the home, many other serious problems in human relationships, problems of the *family* have been revealed by recent studies.

Behind these awesome statistics are *human beings, whole families*, whose lives have become distorted, twisted, wretched things! Little children crying "Mommy—*don't leave me!*" Boys and girls wondering what their choice will be when they are asked with which parent they would rather live, teenagers knowing no homes, thousands of youths living with "foster parents" or being placed in institutions.

Truly, as this Family Service Association has said, family breakdown is fast reaching EPIDEMIC PROPORTIONS!

LIFE magazine said recently, "No other civilized nation comes even close to the U.S. divorce rate. We have three times as many divorces each year, allowing for differences in population, as nations like England, France, Finland and Australia, and four to six times as many as Canada, Belgium, Norway and the Netherlands."

Every time the clock ticks off 90 seconds, another American home is broken by divorce! There were more than 1,000 divorce decrees granted *each day* last year in the United States!

Are these statistics *shocking*? Are they staggering? They most *certainly* are.

You need DESPERATELY to understand the basic REASON for divorce, to understand the underlying *cause* of unhappy marriages, and to know what you can be DOING about it in your own home!

Sociologists Search for the Cause

Some very revealing facts have been brought to light by recent studies of representative groups all over the world. For instance, it was found in London, England, that vast percentages of supposedly "happily married people" would very readily SWAP PARTNERS, and that great percentages of these married people openly admitted they *would not marry their present mates again!*

But *why*?

The answers are varied—and every one of them actually APPLIES. For instance, it was found almost 90 out of 100 divorce cases statistically prove that people are head over heels in debt.

Another major factor which has been singled out was the high incidence of *younger marriages* taking place in the world today. For example, last June's marrying couples averaged the youngest in the nation's history!

It was proved divorce occurs *six times more often* among those who marry under the age of 21 than among the 21-plus brides and grooms. Another major contributing factor in the high teen marriage-divorce rate was, according to one authority, that 53 per cent were forced into marriage as a result of premarital pregnancy.

Hugo A. Bordeaux, executive director of the Marriage Counseling Service, Baltimore, Maryland, said, "All over America, husbands and wives *cannot talk to each other*. This, I am convinced, is our No. 1 marriage problem. . . ." (Emphasis mine.)

The Institute of Family Relations in Los Angeles lists *sexual maladjustment* as the *leading cause of marital discord*. One study of 500 consecutive unsuccessful marriages found *all but one* placed

the blame on sex!

An internationally conducted UNESCO poll recently revealed that 60 per cent of American and European married women feel *deceived, frustrated, unhappy and dissatisfied*—mainly, they believe—because no one really understands them!

These are just a few of the MAJOR causes listed by leading institutes and study groups for the rampant problems of divorce.

All of them, to a certain degree, are absolutely true! However, no single ONE of them provides the *whole answer*.

Can we learn a lesson from history? Let's look at the world's FIRST marriage for a moment—let's investigate the real HISTORY of marriage, and find what is the real TRUTH!

The World's First Marriage

This was a marriage designed by GOD. It was a marriage totally unique, unlike any other in *many* ways.

The man was a *perfect* physical specimen. Adam was undoubtedly in vital, virile, *dynamic* good health—with PERFECT muscular development, a good, sound, solid body that was *flawless* except for one missing rib!

He had that rugged, masculine, self-assured look so many women admire in men. He was probably tall, muscular and athletic, carrying himself with an easy grace. Remember! Adam was the epitome of human *physical* perfection! He was directly molded and fashioned by the hands of the One who was the Creator of all the universe.

But what of his wife? She, too, was created *perfectly*. She must have been a fantastic beauty—embodying every quality that could possibly be desired by any young woman. Athletic and supple, yet feminine and soft, *perfectly* formed, she was in *perfect health*, with one of the rarest of all combinations—beauty and intelligence!

These two were *perfectly suited* for each other. Almighty God had created them so! It was HE who had ordained that they should become ONE FLESH!

This was a marriage thought out, planned and designed by Almighty God. It seemingly had *every* chance for success.

Analyze it further. Their home was a

fabulous paradise. Here was a young man who had the finest of all jobs, with *unlimited* opportunity for advancement. Further, he had no *competitors*. There was no one *in sight* who could possibly have wanted his job, or who could possibly have taken it away from him. He had the one elusive blessing so many men on earth search for in vain today—*security*!

And, what is also very important, he was totally OUT OF DEBT! He was in absolute financial solvency, owing no man anything.

He was *personally* well acquainted with his Employer—even to the point of spending *hours* with Him in *long talks* about his future. His Employer, who was God Almighty, took such special interest in this young man that He gave him personal inside tips on how to get ahead, how to be a complete success.

NEVER could a young married couple have had more with which to begin!

Think of it! No possible "in-law troubles," and they were not married too young, since in all probability they were right at or about age 30. There were no *cultural* differences, no *language* difficulties, no *religious* conflicts, no *racial* problems.

There were no conflicts in interest through heredity, environment and background—since they both started at the same time! In short, they had absolutely NONE of the handicaps confronting even the *average* well-mated couple of today, and had *everything* to indicate that a BRILLIANT life and successful marriage lay ahead of them.

Never, from that time to this, has any couple had more in their favor for a happy marriage!

The First Shattered Home!

Yet, in just a SHORT TIME, this man *lost* his home. He lost his job! He lost his security, and with it, his self-respect! He failed in his marriage, he failed his Employer, and he failed his wife.

Instead of *obeying* the LAWS Almighty God had established and *revealed* to Adam which would have guaranteed success and long life, and a happy marriage, Adam allowed his wife to disobey—and then *followed* meekly along in her disobedience.

Think of it! He lost *everything*!

His *wife* was a failure, too. She failed her husband, *hindering* him in his job, instead of helping. She was an influence in the *wrong* direction!

The two were driven from their place of absolute security—their beautiful and fabulous environment which was their home.

Almighty God reveals they became *miserable failures* at child rearing!

They obviously fought. They argued. Each blamed the other for his failures. Their children grew up in a perfectly *horrible* atmosphere of struggle, hard work, frustration and bitter disappointments.

Here was a man who was almost overnight stripped of his wealth and security, removed from his job in a high executive position, and driven out to become a hard-scrabble farmer, eking out a bare living in the fields. Nature became his enemy instead of his ally. The ground yielded thorns and thistles to him—he had difficulty making a good crop—and life became a miserable, tedious struggle!

The children undoubtedly grew up hearing recriminations and family arguments—witnessing squabbles and *brawls* between their own parents!

And Look at Their Children

Then, as if life wasn't *miserable enough*—these parents finally lived to see one of their own dearly beloved boys brutally MURDERED by the other! They had reared the world's *first delinquent*—a hardened, selfish, BRUTE of a youngster, who grew up to KILL his own brother!

And yet—they had EVERYTHING to begin with. Everything, that is, *except one thing*.

Marriage, you see, is ALL GIVE! But these two, by *their very natures* (Rom. 8:7) were ALL GET!

The one BIG thing they both lacked was the *Holy Spirit of Almighty God*!

SIN made an absolute shambles of their lives. Adam had to live to see his progeny involved in every filthy evil imaginable. They turned to perversion, blood-lust, rape and murder. They cheated, fought and stole! They killed each other *wholesale*, and even turned to CANNIBALISM! Yes, what a pure, unadulterated mess of a marriage!

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GERMANY in Prophecy!

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The modern German word "Deutsch"—as educated Germans know—is derived from the old Anglo-Saxon word *Tiw*. (See any thorough book on etymology and word derivations.) Whenever a German calls himself *Deutsch*, he is saying he is *Tiw's* or *Asshur's* son—an Assyrian. And when he terms his country *Deutschland*, he is saying *Tiw's* or *Asshur's* land—Assyria!

Even ancient Hindu literature uses both the word *Asuras* and *Daityas* to refer to the Assyrians. *Daityas* is but a Sanskrit word for "Deutsch"—a name applied to the Assyrians over 1500 years before the birth of Christ!

What Language Did They Speak?

But what about the common assumption that the Assyrian language was Semitic, not Indo-Germanic? How is it that the Hebrew-speaking House of Israel, who were carried into Assyrian captivity, spoke an Indo-Germanic language when they arrived in Northwestern Europe?

The obvious answer is, they were forced to learn it as a result of their captivity! The common tongue of the Assyrians was not only Semitic, but Indo-Germanic! Here is the proof!

European scholars have thoroughly studied the language of the land of Hatti—the ancestors of the Hessians. They found it to be an Indo-Germanic tongue—numerous words of which were akin to Old High German! So many similarities were found that Edgar Sturtevant had to declare: "To me it seems incredible that so remarkable a situation developed in two languages independently. I feel compelled to trace the Germanic . . . to a common origin" with the language of Hatti—common tongue of the Western Assyrians (from *A Comparative Grammar*, page 240).

The language of the Hatti was the language of the West Assyrians. Scholars today, steeped in the theory of evolution, refuse to recognize that both people were one and the same—because if they did admit it, their whole system of chronology would fall like a house of cards, and their view of world history would burst like a pricked balloon.

Scholars admit that *for centuries the language of the people who inhabited Assyria was not merely Semitic*. Semitic was the late LITERARY LANGUAGE of Assyria—the language of scholars, the language of international commerce. Modern historians and archaeologists assume that the common tongue of all Assyrian people was Semitic. They have no proof. So noted an Assyriologist as Sydney Smith admitted ". . . that the documents from Asia Minor and from east of Tigris are couched in Semitic dialects spoken by men unable to pronounce all the Semitic consonants . . ." (p. xi, from *Early History of Assyria to 1000 B.C.*).

The same circumstance occurred during the Middle Ages all over Europe. The language of almost all European scholars—and even their names—until the time of the Protestant Reformation was LATIN—but Latin was *not* the common tongue of the people! Because most of the literature of Germany was in Latin during the Middle Ages does not prove that the common people spoke Latin.

Just because a few of the libraries and monuments of ancient Assyria contain records written in a Semitic tongue, that does not demonstrate that the common people spoke the same language.

Semitic by Race, NOT Language

Asshur was a son of Shem. But after the tower of Babel, when the languages of the world were confused (Genesis 11), most Assyrians no longer spoke a Semitic tongue, but rather Indo-Germanic and related tongues! The Germans, therefore, are Semitic by race, but *not* by language!

In the days of Abraham, the Germans or Assyrians formed a great confederation of states or tribes, speaking several different languages (Josephus' *Antiquities of the Jews*, book 1, ch. 9). One king of the Assyrians—whom we have already discussed—was "Tidal, king of nations" (Genesis 14:1). The name Tidal is Indo-Germanic, not Semitic. Another name was Arioch of Ellasar—the City of Asshur. He ruled Assyria from 1968-1938 B.C. The Greek

historian Ctesias preserved all the names of the successors of Arioch who ruled for the next 1122 years. He had access to the Assyrian records from the Persian Court. Almost all the names are non-Semitic. Most are Indo-Germanic. Here are some examples of the Indo-Germanic names of the early Assyrian kings: Arelios, Xerxes, Armanithos, Sphaeros, Sparthaios, Panyas, Teutamos, Teutaios, Ophrataios, etc. The endings of these names are, of course, the common Greek —s. But they illustrate how different these early kings' names are from the Semitic name of the late king Asshur-banipal, for example.

Most scholars have never been conscious of the fact that *the use of the Semitic language in Assyria was due to the rising influence of the Aramaic people* (Genesis 10:22) in Mesopotamia. So prominent did the Arameans become that Mesopotamia is called "Padan-Aram"—the plain of Aram—in the Bible (Genesis 28:2). These dark-complexioned Aramaic people still dwell there, and they still speak a Semitic tongue. We call them *Syrians* today because they once composed part of the Assyrian confederation of nations.

The Aramaic language influenced only the Eastern Assyria Empire—and that for hardly more than five centuries. But the bulk of the Assyrian population was already migrating out of Assyria. Some had already settled in Western Europe at the city of Trier three centuries after the Flood. Others had migrated to the shores of the Black and Caspian seas. Many went to Asia Minor even before the days of Abraham, where they were known as the Hatti. In all these areas the Assyrians were speaking non-Semitic languages. After Assyria fell, her small Semitic-speaking population was expelled from Mesopotamia into those regions where other Assyrians were already speaking Indo-Germanic tongues. The newcomers rapidly adopted the speech of those among whom they were now living. That is how Semitic ceased to be spoken among Assyrians outside Mesopotamia.

Why World Is Blind to Germany's Identity

It is Satan himself who has blinded the world to the identity of the Assy-

ians. If it were known that the language of ancient Assyria was indeed Indo-Germanic—and that the fabled Empire of Hatti was actually the western part of the Assyrian Empire—and that the Germans are actually the descendants of the Assyrians, then Satan could no longer hide the prophecies of the Bible from the people!

Germany's identity in Bible prophecy stands revealed. Now see what prophecy says.

Prophecy Unveils Germany's Role

Today almost no one would believe that Palestine and the Arab world will be the vortex of the "Cold War" in less than 10 years.

Or that Germany would be at the very center of that vortex!

Today there are few *visible* signs of unrest in the Near East. A struggle is going on in the area of the vital British bastion at Aden. Should Nasser cause further trouble there, a serious crisis would face the British Commonwealth.

More important is the increasing build-up of missiles in Egypt and in Israel. But these *visible* signs do not tell the *REAL* story. They only reveal what *has* happened. What we need to discover are the *invisible* plans.

Right now *invisible* forces are at work in the Middle East. These forces began to come out in the open in the Iraq crisis in 1958.

But the real story goes back to World War II. In 1941, pro-Nazi Iraqi leaders were ousted by a British-engineered revolt during World War II. Iraq was barely saved from German clutches.

For 17 long years the ousted leaders had plotted secretly, underground, to return to power. The plot finally succeeded with the assassination of Iraq's pro-Western King Faisal. Immediately, the Iraqi Government extended cordial overtures to the West German Government. Now German dreams of controlling the Arab world—momentarily dashed at the end of World War II—are blossoming again.

At the precise moment that American and British troops landed in Lebanon in 1958 to quell the apparent spread of Nasserism, Germany's Chancellor Adenauer demanded that the then U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles

fly immediately to Bonn, Germany, to give guarantees that the United States would not intervene in Iraq to quell the rebellion. Dulles flew to Bonn and gave the guarantees!

Why this German interest in Iraq, in Egypt, in Israel, in Turkey? What's really happening UNDER COVER in the Middle East?

Captain Din revealed the answers in 1958. Ali Din was the avowed exponent of the underground forces that led to the Iraqi revolt. Here is part of his message to the Arab and the Western world, broadcast over Iraqi Radio:

"I Hate the British and Americans"

"I hate the British, Americans, and French. I have nothing to hide. I am NOT a Communist, *but a NAZI* . . . When our Arab countries are united as far as the Persian Gulf, we will unleash a war on Israel and destroy that country and kill all Jews."

Here is the invisible force lurking everywhere—*Nazism!* While we have had our eyes on the sinister spread of Communism, we have been overlooking the secret revival of Nazism within the anti-Communist Western World!

Nazism is not dead! It is alive, working secretly, underground, to wreck Western unity and to seize control of the whole Western world! It is progressing right now before our eyes, but our leaders do not seem to see it! Communists thought they could take over the Middle East. But they miscalculated. When the Communist Party was about to take over Syria, Egypt took over instead, and outlawed the Communist Party. Nasser welcomes Russian support in his plans to develop Egypt, *but he will not tolerate Communist control*. The same moves are now occurring in Algeria, where Ben Bella has outlawed the Communist Party.

Though Communism remains the West's No. 1 *visible* enemy, it is time we looked under cover to see what the Nazis and Fascists—whom the Allies thought were destroyed in World War II—are now secretly plotting underground.

GERMANY in Prophecy!

Notice an amazing prophecy about

the Middle East in Psalm 83:1-8. It is a time of war. "Hold not Thy peace, and be not still, O God. For, lo, Thine enemies . . . have taken crafty counsel against Thy people." They have dealt treacherously with Judah and Israel—with the Jews and with America and Britain! We are God's people, Israel. The Jews are merely the tribe of Judah. But to continue:

"They have said, 'Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation.'" Isn't this exactly what the Iraqi leaders have said? "For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against Thee . . ."

What nations are these in confederation against God's people? Here is the answer of this prophecy! Here is what is yet going to take shape in the Middle East!

"Edom (Turkey), and the Ishmaelites (Saudi Arabia); Moab (part of Jordan), and the Hagarenes (part of Arabia); Gebal (this is the ancient name for Byblos in Lebanon), and Ammon (Jordan) and Amalek (part of the Turks); the Philistines (the displaced Moslems from Palestine) with the inhabitants of Tyre; ASSUR IS JOINED WITH THEM: they have helped the children of Lot."

Who is Assur? GERMANY!

So Germany—not atheistic, commu-



Wide World Photo

Three West German army officers cross French street almost unnoticed. Thousands of West Germans are now training in France.

nist Russia—is ultimately going to support an Arab union against the Jews and against Israel—Britain and America! This is what prophecy foretells. This is God's warning to us today. The West's intervention may temporarily save certain Arab countries from Nasser, but the very countries we are now trying to rescue are yet to turn upon us!

Notice that there is no Syria or Egypt mentioned in this prophecy. Egypt and Syria shall be overthrown by a Nazi-Fascist revival in Europe. Anciently the Assyrians conquered Egypt and Syria. It is going to happen again (Isaiah 17:3 and Daniel 11:42).

Germany and World War III

But Germany is not only going to be embroiled in the hot Middle East controversy, she is going to spark World War III!

Notice the prophecies!

"O Asshur, the rod of Mine anger," declares God. Here is a prophecy concerning Germany—the descendants of Asshur today! "The staff," says God, "in their hand is Mine indignation. I will send him against an hypocritical nation (that is, Israel—America and Britain today), and . . . I will give him a charge to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets" (Isaiah 10:5-6).

Our sins are mounting to heaven itself. And God is going to punish us by the very nation whom we have tried to buy for an ally! It is God who is going to permit the revival of Germany—this time in a gigantic union of 10 European powers united with a great religious power—to punish us in World War III.

We won two major wars against Germany in one generation. But the third time God is going to punish us as we have never been punished before! The sword of war is going to strike us "the third time" (Ezekiel 21:14), and we are going to be led away captive to Assyria and to all nations (Isaiah 11:10-12).

Literally dozens of prophecies speak of this terrible calamity to befall us in the 1970's.

When our people have learned their lesson, and repented of their sins and quit breaking God's law—the Ten Com-



Wide World Photo
German armored cars parade at Mourmelon, France, for General de Gaulle and Chancellor Adenauer. Notice the French and German flags flying side-by-side less than 20 years after World War II.

mandments—and surrender their lives to their Creator, we read in Isaiah 10: 12-22: "Wherefore it shall come to pass, that when the Lord hath performed His whole work upon Mount Zion and on Jerusalem"—when His people Israel and Judah have gone through trial and tribulation—"I," declares God, "will punish the fruit of the stout heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his high looks. For he saith, 'By the strength of my hand I have done it, and by my wisdom; for I am prudent: and I have removed the bounds of the people, and have robbed their treasures, and I have put down the inhabitants like a valiant man: and my hand,'" continues the coming German dictator of a United States of Europe "hath found as a nest the riches of the people: and as one gathereth eggs that are left, have I gathered all the earth; and there was none that moved the wing, or opened the mouth, or peeped."

"Shall the axe," responds God to the coming German dictator of United Europe, "boast itself against Him that heweth therewith? or shall the saw magnify itself against Him that shaketh it? . . . Therefore shall the Lord, the Lord of hosts, . . . burn and devour his thorns and his briars in one day"—by sending

the Communist hordes of Asia upon Europe!

"And it shall come to pass in that day, that the remnant of Israel, and such as are escaped of the house of Jacob"—that is, Britain and America, today—"shall no more again stay upon (rely on) him that smote them"—we are relying on Germany and a United Europe today to keep Communist hordes from overrunning us—"but shall stay upon the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, in truth. The remnant shall return . . . unto the Mighty God."

Germany's Final Repentance

God sent the prophet Jonah to ancient Nineveh, the capital of ancient Assyria. The Ninevites repented. After World War II, Germany was faced with the question of national repentance. Had America and Britain repented of their sins, they could have been used as was Jonah to bring the Germans to repentance. But our people refused. We did not show the Germans God's Way. We tried to convert them to democracy—our human way. But God's way is not democracy! As we refused to perform our national mission to Germany, God will punish our people as He did Jonah!

In the meantime, God is warning

Europe of its fate *through The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast in the English, French, and German languages. "And this gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto ALL NATIONS; and then shall the end come," declared Jesus in Matthew 24:14. Germany is to be warned of her sins. Because she will not now repent, God will use her to punish us first. Then He is going to punish her.

The entire book of Nahum—one of the so-called Minor Prophets—is devoted to the final punishment of the German-dominated Church-State union yet to arise in Europe. The setting of the prophecy is the original fall of Nineveh about 612 B.C. What happened to Nineveh, the ancient capital of Assyria, was a type of what will happen in our day! Notice that the actual setting of this prophecy is the time of God's "wrath"—the Day of the Lord (Nahum 1:2, 6). That day of God's intervention is *yet future*. It has not happened yet! This prophecy, then, is for our day!

Now notice Zechariah 10:11. Here is another prophecy against Assyria. This prophecy was written almost a century *after* the original fall of Assyria. It has never been fulfilled since. Yet God declared it would happen: "The pride of Assyria SHALL BE BROUGHT DOWN." Compare this with Isaiah 14:24-27. This could not happen *unless there were an Assyria today*—a nation so powerful as finally to be able to carry our people captive in world war (Zech. 10:10).

These prophecies are to happen "in that day"—the climactic time of the end, when God intervenes in human affairs (Isaiah 30:31 and 31:8).

When the nations learn their lesson—learn that war does not pay, then, "In that day shall there be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptians into Assyria; and the Egyptians shall serve with the Assyrians. In that day shall Israel be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, even a blessing in the midst of the land: whom the Lord of hosts shall bless, saying, 'Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel mine inheritance'" (Isaiah 19:23-25).

Yes, that wonderful day of peace is coming. No more war, no more interna-

tional friction!

But before that time there are mighty big lessons to learn, and much suffering to be endured. Human beings, it seems, will learn no other way! But for those who do repent now, who do seek God's

REAL HELL FIRE!

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FIRE!" (Jude 7.)

These cities of Sodom and Gomorrha suffered from the vengeance of eternal fire—are these cities still burning and yet not being consumed?

Of course not!

"Eternal fire" means a fire whose results are *permanent* or everlasting. Sodom and Gomorrha have *never been rebuilt!*

The fires which burned Sodom and Gomorrha went out of themselves. Clearly there is no question as to the plain meaning of God's Word. All who will insist on rebelling against Him unrepentantly will be burned to a crisp in a very REAL HELL FIRE!

God Is Love—Justice!

The primary reason so many men and organizations of men have a *false* conception of "hell" is that they view the doctrine of hell just as an *isolated* doctrine. They FAIL TO LOOK AT THE OVER-ALL PURPOSE OF GOD in putting man on this earth, of offering him the gift of eternal life for obedience, or of everlasting punishment (not punishment) for disobedience.

God created man in His own image and likeness (Gen. 1:26). In the Garden of Eden, He told man the way that would lead to *eternal life*. Then He told man that doing the *wrong* thing—eating of the fruit of the tree which God had forbidden—would lead to *death* (Gen. 2:17). But Satan, the father of lies (John 8:44), told the woman, "Ye shall not surely die" (Gen. 3:4).

Man has been believing that *lie*—of being born with *immortality* within himself—ever since!

God's purpose is to develop holy, righteous character in man which would make man fit for *eternal life*. God gave ancient Israel His commandments, "that it might be well with them, and with

protection—no matter in what nation they live—God promises: "I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth" (Revelation 3:10).

their children for ever" (Deut. 5:29).

God's decrees are always for man's *good*. They are not designed as arbitrary decrees which God has set in order to have some excuse for plunging men into flames of fire! Where do men get such ideas about God? Certainly not from the Bible!

God created man in His own image in order that man might be brought to the place where God could entrust him with the precious *gift of eternal life*. Notice that God offered Adam and Eve *life* on one hand, and *death* on the other.

If man would rebel against God and make it impossible for God to entrust him with eternal life—knowing that he would *ABUSE* that *LIFE*—then the *KINDEST* THING that God could do would be *TO LET MAN DIE*. Then, stubborn, sinning man would be unable to bring any further misery on himself or others by his *wrong* ways. He would just *cease to exist*, and thus would not interfere with the happiness of others who were found worthy of eternal life.

This is *exactly* what God said would happen to Adam and Eve if they disobeyed! The reward of *eternal life* for obedience—and of *death*—*ETERNAL DEATH*—for disobedience is stressed all through *your Bible*.

Only this is consistent with the Scriptures, and with God's plan and purpose—and His character of *supreme love*! Yet God will not, because of His *infinite love*, take away anyone's life because of ignorance or weakness, but because they *wilfully* and *knowingly* refuse to obey their Creator.

The warning of a hell fire should be a *FEARFUL WARNING* to those who know God's truth and still *refuse* to obey it! It should bring a somber realization that unless we *surrender* to God's will and His way of love, and refuse to let *anything* turn us aside, God will *take away* forever the life He has given us!

How to UNDERSTAND the Bible

Millions seem unable to understand God's Word. Other millions disagree upon what they THINK the Bible says. Here's WHY!

by Roderick C. Meredith

WHY IS IT that men are able to agree on the meaning of nearly EVERY book ever printed—except the Bible?

Why is it that men seem unable to agree upon what God is like and what He says?

Yes, WHY?

Men seem to agree pretty well on what books about physics, mathematics, history and philosophy say. But apparently they cannot—or WILL NOT—agree on what the Bible says.

Somebody has to be WRONG!

Jesus warned: "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth *not* my words, hath one that *judgeth* him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall JUDGE him in the last day" (John 12:48).

Paul instructed Timothy: "Preach the WORD" (II Tim. 4:2). Then he was inspired to give this prophetic warning: "For the time will come when *they will not endure sound doctrine*; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth and *shall be turned unto fables*" (Verses 3, 4). Notice that Paul warned men would "heap to themselves teachers"—false ministers who would teach whatever the people wanted. And therefore they would TURN AWAY from the TRUTH.

How to Find the TRUTH

Since Jesus said the Word of God would JUDGE you in the last day, it is vital that you check up and make sure whether or not you or your preacher could be among those who have been "turned unto fables."

There is one basic reason why most people—and most preachers—are in such disagreement and confusion about the Bible. They do not fully comprehend and apply the PURPOSE of God's Word.

This all-important purpose is given in II Timothy 3:16. Study it. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

Now notice these points: (A) ALL scripture is inspired by God. Paul had just got through telling Timothy: "From a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation" (verse 15). We know that the *only* "scriptures" in existence when Timothy was a child were the Old Testament scriptures. So here is a New Testament proof that the Old Testament as well as the new is for our modern day Christian instruction and was inspired by God. The Old Testament has NOT been "done away."

(B) The inspired scriptures are profitable for certain things: (1) For DOCTRINE—we are not to just assume any point of our belief to be true unless it can be *proved* in the scripture. We are not to try to read our doctrine into the Bible, but rather study with an open mind and accept the Bible doctrine.

(2) For REPROOF—God's Word is "quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword" (Heb. 4:12). We must be willing to let it cut us and point out our sins.

(3) For CORRECTION—the Bible was not written to substantiate what men believe, but to correct them where they are wrong.

(4) For INSTRUCTION in righteousness—in His Word, God gives us far more than just the doctrines and principles of true spirituality. He gives us living examples of how those principles are to be applied in every phase of life. Through the Bible, we have a continuing wealth of instruction on how to constantly grow to spiritual perfection. We need not seek this instruction in the

ideas of men, but in the Word of God.

Be Willing to ADMIT Your Errors

So we find from these points, given in scripture, that the Word of God as contained in the Old and New Testaments is the *direct revelation* from our Creator to teach us spiritual truth. And we see that its primary PURPOSE is to show us where we are WRONG—and then to teach us the right instruction so we may grow to spiritual maturity.

The shocking truth is that most people—and most preachers—REJECT and make null and void this very PURPOSE of scripture in the way they study and handle the Word of God.

Probably YOU have been guilty of this very thing! Maybe you don't mean to—but the chances are that you have had an entirely wrong attitude and wrong approach to the study of the Bible.

This very attitude may be the very thing that is leading you to REJECT Bible truth—and to thereby sin against God and bring on yourself the penalty of DEATH!

It will PAY you to honestly—without prejudice—look into this matter.

The "Arguers" Get NOWHERE!

You have undoubtedly met so-called "students" of the Bible who like nothing better than to argue and debate about scriptural points. The members of certain denominations and sects are noted for this.

One of their outstanding characteristics is the fact that they will seldom—and often never—admit any error on their part in the course of the discussion. You can go down the line and show them point by point what the Bible says clearly and constantly on some subject they are mixed up about, and they will twist clear-cut scriptures out of their setting, or they will try to change the

subject, or resort to any one of a dozen methods of self-deception in order to hide their faces from the facts.

It makes no difference whether or not *you* will admit error on some point when talking to such "Christians." They will literally *run away* from the truth rather than admit that *they* might be *wrong* on some subject.

Let's not "kid" ourselves. Such people are DISHONEST—intellectually, spiritually, however you may wish to describe it.

In addition to twisting and perverting scripture, changing the subject, or just "running away" from the subject, some "Christians" even REJECT certain portions of God's Holy Word in order to avoid *repenting* and *admitting error*.

I recently received a letter from such a person who was attempting to refute an article I had written. In doing so, this man was compelled to admit that the epistles of Paul as preserved in *your Bible* did back up what I wrote. But in order to "kid himself" and refuse to admit his mistake, this man decided to *reject* all the scriptures inspired through Paul.

With that kind of attitude, I frankly doubt whether this man—or *any such person*—has a Godly fear and a respect for *any* of God's Word. But for those who do, listen to what Peter was inspired to write: "Paul also according to the *wisdom* given unto him hath written unto you; as also in *ALL his epistles*, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable *wrest* (or twist), *as they do also the OTHER SCRIPTURES*, unto their own *destruction*" (II Pet. 3:15-16).

Notice that Peter asserts that *ALL* of Paul's epistles are *inspired* SCRIPTURE. They are given by our Creator and are to be *obeyed* just as any other part of the Word of God.

When this man, or YOU, or anyone rejects any *part* of the Bible, you are rejecting part of the very Word which will JUDGE you on judgment day. You are on *very DANGEROUS* ground!

Contradiction of Scriptures

Another device very familiar to some "students" of the Bible is the habit of trying to use one Bible text to contradict another.

Usually, when confronted with some

point of truth which they *cannot* honestly deny but stubbornly *will not* accept, they attempt to find some vague scripture and use it—by careful "twisting"—to contradict the clear, logical chain of scriptures which abundantly prove the TRUTH they refuse to accept.

God says: "*I change not*" (Mal. 3:6). And again: "Jesus Christ (who is the *Word*), the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Heb. 13:8). God does NOT say one thing one time and then reverse His Word later!

Jesus said: "*The scripture CANNOT be broken*" (John 10:35). You *cannot* prove *any* scripture to be untrue, and you *cannot* find one scripture that *really* contradicts another.

God does NOT contradict Himself! But *men* contradict *themselves*, trying to find a way to *reject* God's truth.

This is the CRUX of the matter!

Attitude Is Key Factor

The really important thing in studying the Bible is that you have the right *attitude* of heart and mind.

God says: "To this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a *contrite spirit*, and TREMBLETH at my word" (Is. 66:2).

What about YOU?

Do you tremble at God's Word? Do you respect the *authority* and *power* behind that Word so much that you are *afraid* to reject or disobey it?

Do you grasp the great *difference* between this attitude and the type of carnal, argumentative attitude so many "Bible students" have?

The very first prerequisite to real conversion and becoming a Christian is to *repent*—to *change your ways*. Jesus said, "REPENT ye, and believe the gospel" (Mark 1:15).

Peter said, "REPENT, and *be baptized* . . . and ye shall receive the gift of the *Holy Spirit*" (Acts 2:38).

As shown in Romans 6:3-6, baptism pictures the *death* and *burial* of the old self. It is an outward sign that you *realize* that you are worthy of death—you are symbolically *buried* with Christ: "Not my will, *but thine*, be done" (Luke 22:42).

Then, after receiving God's Holy Spirit, a real Christian will be willing to *change*—to "grow in grace and knowl-

edge" (II Pet. 3:18). He will "*hunger* and *thirst* after righteousness" (Mat. 5:6).

Such a real Christian will WANT to find *God's way*—*whatever* it is. He won't *argue* and *debate* over the precious Word of God!

He is not seeking his *own* way. He is *honestly*, *sincerely*, *zealously* seeking GOD's way.

The Word of God then becomes *profitable* to that person, because it can *correct*, and *reprove* him where he is wrong—and *instruct* him in righteousness. Thus he can be *taught by God*, and fashioned into the perfect spiritual character God intends—finally to inherit *eternal life* in God's kingdom.

Your Most Important Decision

These are things for YOU to think about—*honestly* and *without prejudice*.

Are you really willing to be shown *new truth*? Will you permit God's Word to *correct* you—to show you where you are wrong? Or are you bound and determined to *close* your mind to anything new—to *blindly defend* what you already believe without really looking into the matter?

Perhaps you are one of the thousands who are beginning to realize that *The WORLD TOMORROW* is the *only* radio or television program which really *explains* the great PURPOSE being worked out here below—and which goes through the Bible chapter by chapter, verse by verse, and makes it *clear* and *meaningful*.

But if God is opening your mind and calling you to real understanding through this or any other means, you are soon coming to a crossroads. You will be shown some point of truth in the Bible that *corrects* and *reproves* you.

You will have the temptation to *argue*, to *twist* the scripture, to "run away." This is what the Bible describes as a *carnal* mind. And it is written: "To be carnally minded is DEATH" (Rom. 8:6).

But if you ask Him to and want Him to, God will give you the *spiritual* "backbone" to *acknowledge* your error and *surrender your will* to Him. If you keep this up, you will eventually give your *life* to Him. And in return, He will give you *LIFE eternal*.

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The Bible Story

by Basil Wolverton

CHAPTER FIFTY-ONE

JOSHUA NOW LEADS ISRAEL

AS SOON as Moses and Joshua left the tabernacle, where God had instructed them concerning things to come, Moses hurried to his tent. He was to write down the matters that were to be made into a song to teach to Israel. (Deuteronomy 31:22.)

The Way to Happiness

Later, Moses went before the people to give them the verses that were to become a sort of national anthem to remind the Israelites of their faults, their obligations and the matters that would come up in the future. The verses mentioned God's perfect justice, mercy and great works, and showed how sinful Israel had become in spite of God's wonderful ways. The people were reminded of how patiently God had dealt with them during their travels in the desert, and of the terrible warnings that had repeatedly been given them. The verses pointed out that if Israel were wise enough to obey, all enemies would be overcome, but that lack of wisdom would result in great calamity for Israel. It was shown that Israel would have great reason to rejoice in the far future, but only after the people would have undergone a time of terrible tribulation and finally would have repented. (Deuteronomy 32:1-43.)

"Don't do what is right in your own eyes," Moses told the people. "Your conscience will deceive you. Let it be your ambition, above all things, to observe God's laws and teach your children to do the same. If you fail in this, your lives will become miserable and come to an untimely end. On the other hand, obedience will mean long, happy lives with prosperity, and wonderful futures for your children!" (Deuteronomy 12:8; 6:6-12; 4:30-31; 11:8-9.)

Moses then pronounced a lengthy blessing on the various tribes of Israel, at the same time telling some of the things they would accomplish in the far future. (Deuteronomy 33.)

Moses' Departure

Moses ruefully ended talking to the people. He realized that the time had come for him to go to Mt. Pisgah to look across the Jordan and view the land of Canaan, which he would never enter. Accompanied probably by Eleazar, Joshua, the elders of Israel and some aides, Moses started out for the mountain, which was not far distant. When the congregation became aware that he was leaving forever, the people gradually broke into tearful moans and wailing. Moses was greatly moved by the loud demonstration, but there was nothing for him to do but go on.

A little later he noted that the great mass of people, still wailing, was following him toward the mountain. Moses knew that if the people weren't stopped, many of them would follow him right up the mountain. He hastily took advantage of a small rise, from which he could more easily be seen and heard, to firmly tell as many as could hear him that they should not follow any farther.

The wailing people obeyed. Moses and those who accompanied him continued on toward Mt. Pisgah, a point from which Balak, king of Moab, had asked the since-dead prophet Balaam to pronounce a curse on Israel.

Silently the group progressed up the mountain, while the sad wailing of the people drifted up strongly from the plains below. It was a strange fact that while the people were feeling sorry for Moses, Moses was feeling sorry for the people. The people were sorry to see Moses depart from them, and at the same time Moses felt concern for Israel because his close contact with God had resulted in his knowing Israel's fate even into the far future. He knew the people still had many bitter lessons to learn.

When at last Moses and the elders and officers arrived close to the peak of Mt. Pisgah, Moses turned to the people who had come with him and said a few last words of farewell. There were no dry eyes, even among those who were hardened soldiers and officers who had long served Moses. Moses said goodbye to them, and then walked alone up to the highest point of the mountain. From there, through the clear atmosphere of that high mountain country, Moses looked across the Jordan and into nearby territory to clearly view the land where most of the tribes of Israel would settle.

Moses Views the Promised Land

From that elevation of several thousand feet, one of the highest points in the land, Moses carefully drank in the magnificent sight. He looked southwest and west

across the area where the tribes of Simeon, Judah, Dan and Benjamin were to settle from the Dead Sea to the Mediterranean. To the northwest he could see the region that was to be occupied by Ephraim, Issachar and half of Manasseh. To the north he viewed the lands to be taken over by Zebulon, Asher and Naphtali. Swinging his gaze to the east side of the Jordan, Moses saw the land already allotted to the other half of Manasseh, to Gad and Reuben.



After a final wave of goodbye, Moses walked away and disappeared over the shoulder of the mountain.

Below him, stretching from the Dead Sea far to the north, was the beautiful Jordan valley with its lush bottom lands filled from east to west with fields, vineyards, groves of palm trees and other fruit.

"This is the land," the voice of God came to Moses, "that I promised to give to the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Here it is for you to see, but it is not for you to enter. However, you will enter a better land in the resurrection to come. Now walk down the side of the mountain opposite the way you came up!" (Deut. 34:1-4; Heb. 11:1-15, 24-29, 39-40.)

A Final Farewell

Having feasted his eyes on the scene around him, Moses switched his gaze back on the mourning elders and officers who sadly gazed up at him. He waved, then turned and strode slowly out of their sight.

This was the last that was seen of Moses by human beings. He started down the other side of the mountain, but just how far he went, no one knows. Possibly God caused him to fall into a deep sleep, and then took his life. God then buried him in a nearby mountain valley in Moab. (Deuteronomy 34:5-6.) Satan attempted to obtain possession of Moses' body (Jude 9), probably with the purpose of bringing it to the

attention of the Israelites so that they would make it an object of worship. However, God carefully hid the burial place from man, so that no one would ever be tempted to regard the body as something sacred that should be worshipped.

Some readers might think that it would be a very extreme thing to worship a dead body. But even today, when we are supposed to be enlightened and intelligent, millions of people in the professing Christian world regard the relics—dried bones and shriveled flesh—of certain long-dead individuals as something to be revered, worshipped and considered holy.

Thus Moses' death ended, at one hundred and twenty years, the life of one of God's most outstanding servants of all time. Just before he died, Moses was as healthy and strong as when he was eighty years of age. Even his eyes were as keen as they had been in his youth. (Deuteronomy 34:7.)

No other leader of Israel accomplished such great deeds as did Moses. (Verses 10-12.) Because he was so close to God, he enjoyed the great privilege of leading millions of his people out of slavery, bringing God's wonderful laws to them, and leading them to the entrance of a bountiful garden spot that was to be their home.

Although there were too many times when they ignored God by ignoring Moses, all Israel was very sad to lose such a wonderful leader. For the next thirty days matters came almost to a standstill in the camps while the people mourned Moses' death. (Verse 8.)

In these days many people, including a host of outstanding religious leaders, consider the vitally important times and events of ancient Israel only as an old tale having to do with the Jews. They think of Moses simply as one who, not too successfully, may have led a few Jews out of Egypt and into Canaan, and who started the present Jewish religion.

Such shallow beliefs are spawned by the refusal to completely believe Jesus and the Old Testament, and the inability to understand who Israel is today. Moses didn't start the Jewish religion. The word "Jews" is not even mentioned in the Bible until long after Moses' time. Then the Jews were referred to (II Kings 16:6) as being at war with Israel! Those who assume that the words "Jew" and "Israelite" always mean the same thing find it impossible to understand some of the most important parts of the Bible—especially prophecy.

It is tragic that innumerable people who earnestly want to learn how best to live are taught by such blinded or stubborn leaders that the sacred, living laws of God, brought to Israel through Moses, were only "Jewish" rules blotted out by Christ's death so that we are now "freed" to do as our conscience pleases.

Happily, according to prophecy for these last days, God is gradually opening the

understanding of more and more people to the startling fact that those who defiantly teach that God's laws are no longer in force are as guilty in God's sight as the most villainous men mentioned throughout the scriptures. Unless they repent, the fate of such people, referred to as false shepherds, will be most horrible—because of their deceitful posing as true ministers of God. (Ezekiel 34:2, 7-10; II Peter 2:12.)

God Speaks to Joshua

After Moses' death, God contacted Joshua to remind him that now that he was Israel's leader he should direct himself and the nation to live by all the book of the law of God. He was reminded that trust in the Eternal and Obedience and courage, would mean success in battle over Israel's enemies and in taking over the land from the Great Sea (Mediterranean) east to the Euphrates river, and from the desert south of the Dead Sea to Mt. Lebanon on the north. (Deuteronomy 34:9; Joshua 1:1-4.)

"I will not fail you nor forsake you as long as you carry on in accord with the laws that came to you through my servant Moses," God instructed Joshua. (Deuteronomy 4:30-31; Joshua 1:5-7.) "Meditate on those laws so that they will become so familiar to you that you can't forget them. Be strong in this office that has been given to you. Be of great courage. Don't be afraid. Don't be dismayed. Remember that your God is with you wherever you go." (Verses 8-9.)

This was one of the greatest "pep" talks ever given to one of the most responsible leaders in all history. If Joshua hadn't previously realized how much he should rely on God, he surely was completely reminded at that time.

As soon as the mourning period of thirty days for Moses was over, Joshua gave orders to his officers to make a quick announcement to the people.

"Prepare to Break Camp!"

"Be prepared on notice to break camp within three days," the officers told the surprised people. "Prepare extra food and supplies for a sudden trip over the Jordan and into the land promised to us by God." (Verses 10-11.)

Although manna was still the main food of the Israelites, it wasn't something that could be gathered during a sudden movement of the people or a food that could be kept overnight except over the Sabbath. At this time when Israel was going to be on the move for a few days, it was necessary to prepare meat, fruit and grains, taken in their conquests, that could be carried and consumed at any time.

Joshua then spoke to the heads of the tribes of Reuben, Gad and half of Manasse—who had by this time returned from settling their families east of the Jordan—to remind them of their obligation to their brethren in the other tribes.

"I want to remind you of your promise to send the best soldiers of your tribes to help take over all of Canaan," Joshua told them. "We'll be moving across the Jordan very soon, and your picked soldiers should lead the way, since they will not have their families with them. After we've taken the land, your warriors shall be free to return to their towns and families on this side of the river." (Joshua 1:12-15.)

"We are sending the best of our soldiers to fight in God's battles," the leaders replied. "We shall carry out our promise. Our soldiers will go wherever you send them and obey every command. Every soldier that we send will know that if he fails to obey you, he will be put to death!" (Verses 16-18.)

Just west of Israel's camp was the Jordan river. It was exceedingly deep, as the flood season had begun. Only about six miles farther to the west was a walled and fortified city called Jericho. Joshua knew that it would be necessary to attack that city before progressing further into Canaan, because it was situated by the pass that led through the mountains. It was also one of the Canaanite cities God had commanded Israel to destroy because of its extremely evil practices.

Scouts Sent to Jericho!

Joshua realized that God wasn't necessarily going to protect Israel if any foolish moves were made. He knew that he was to use sound judgment and strategy. Because of this, he had already sent two men to Jericho to try to find out how well the city was armed, the condition of the walls, and the gates, what forces were close to Jericho and the morale of the people within the city.

These two men quickly found how difficult it was to cross the Jordan at that time of year. It was spring, and showers had swollen the stream into a muddy torrent. Very few swimmers could cross a raging, turbulent river in flood stage. But these men had been chosen for their many outstanding abilities, including great skill in swimming, and they managed to struggle across the violent current to the west bank.

After drying their clothes, which were chosen to appear as those of roving Canaanites, they trudged the several miles from the river to the city. Jericho was surrounded by groves of palm trees, and well-traveled roads led to its several gates. The Israelites met several people on the first road they came to. No one seemed particularly friendly; some were even a little suspicious of their identity.

There was no problem in getting into Jericho. Its huge gates were open to traffic till sunset. The Israelites mixed in with a caravan that was entering the nearest gate, and boldly walked about to view the life and activity of this habitation of their enemies.

Jericho wasn't a tremendous city; it covered only about seven acres. But it was compact and had room for thousands of people. Within its four strong walls were many



After trudging several miles west of the Jordan River, the two Israelite scouts arrived at the walled city of Jericho.

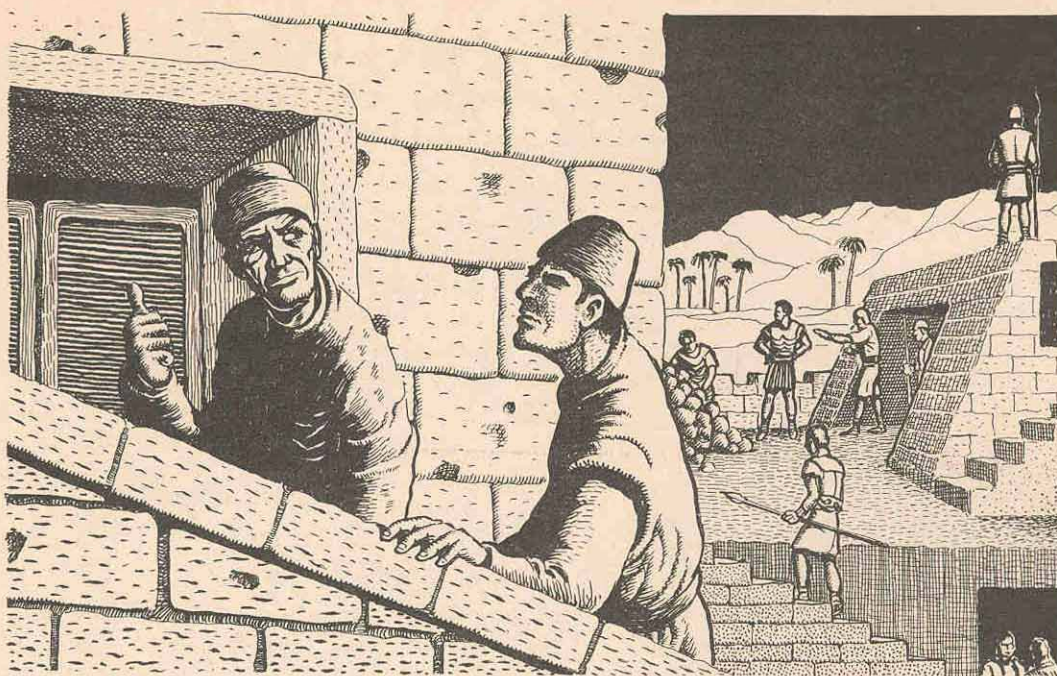
busy streets crammed with stables, shops, public buildings, homes and inns. Many shops, homes and inns were built on top of the double walls. People milled about everywhere. From their expressions and actions, it wasn't difficult to see that most of them were in a state of excited anxiety.

A few soldiers huddled in groups in the streets, but most of them were on the walls. The Israelite scouts noted that they were gazing mostly to the east toward the camp of Israel.

Trapped!

Hoping to get on the wall, the Israelites walked up a long flight of steps to one of the inns built there. The proprietress greeted them cordially and saw to it that they were well fed. While eating, they were startled by a loud clanging. The proprietress—her name was Rahab—explained that it was sundown, and that the huge gates of the city were being closed for the night to keep anyone from going out or coming in. The two Israelites suddenly realized that they were trapped—at least until sunrise.

A little later officers sent by the king arrived at the inn and demanded of the servant to speak with the proprietress. The Israelites were just finishing their meal in another room, and didn't see the officers. However, they could hear all that was said. So could Rahab, the proprietress. (Joshua 2:1-3.)



The scouts enter the inn operated by Rahab.

"We have been sent here by the ruler of Jericho," the officers announced to a servant at the door. "He has received information that two Israelite spies were seen entering this inn. We are here to arrest them!"

(To be continued)

Short Questions

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Christian JOIN, and thus become a *part* of this apostate system?

Notice, "the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication" (Rev. 17:2). They are spiritually drunk on her false doctrines, until they are unable to see clearly Bible TRUTH—their spiritual eyesight is blurred. They are spiritually BLIND.

The truth is, GOD DID NOT PLANT THESE CHURCHES. And Jesus said, "Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up. *Let them alone*: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch" (Mat. 15:13-14).

This listener feels, and rightly, he should HAVE FELLOWSHIP with Chris-

tians—meet with them, study with them, worship with them. But the point is, we must be sure it is with those who are CHRISTIANS—those keeping God's Commandments—those who have the true gospel of the Kingdom of God—*those filled with His Spirit*, those in whom Christ is living *His* life. Not those merely *professing* to be Christians; professing to know God, *but in works denying Him* (Titus 1:6), being abominable. Not those who give heed to seducing spirits, who refuse to eat meats which God created to be good food.

If you are converted and made righteous by the Spirit of God, "what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?" (II Cor. 6:14.)

No, God commands us, "Have NO FELLOWSHIP with the unfruitful works of darkness" (Eph. 5:11). If God has opened your understanding to His TRUTH, it is precious beyond price. "If

there come any to you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him Godspeed; for he that biddeth him Godspeed is partaker of his evil deeds" (II John 10).

When the disciples asked Jesus if MANY were being saved, He explained that the many turn into the broad way that leads to destruction—but FEW find the straight and narrow way that leads to everlasting life. Those in His true fellowship He called the "*Little Flock*."

Where that "Little Flock" is today is revealed in the free booklet: "The True History of the True Church."

Remember, our fellowship is WITH THE FATHER, AND WITH JESUS CHRIST first of all, and with one another *only in and thru Christ* (I John 1:1-7). You can have communion and fellowship with Him wherever you are. Withdraw at once from all other fellowship, except that of CHRIST, and those who are IN CHRIST, and Christ IN THEM!

The Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong

Now we come to plans for opening the new **AMBASSADOR COLLEGE**—and the first concept of a second college in Europe.

INSTALLMENT 51

NOW THAT I look back on it, each of those years seems to have been more eventful than the year before.

1945 was a *tremendous* year. It saw the Yalta Conference; the passing of President Roosevelt, Benito Mussolini, and Adolph Hitler (??); the San Francisco Conference founding the United Nations; the end of World War II; appearance of the atomic bomb and entrance into the nuclear age; the start of *daily* broadcasting of *The WORLD TOMORROW*, coast to coast.

But, for the Work of God, leading into *the new world*—the world of PEACE, governed by CHRIST instead of man—1946 was an even more eventful year. It marked the *beginning* of the major-scale, world-wide, ORGANIZED Work of God. It saw the purchase of the first block of campus property for the future Ambassador College.

Yet 1947 seemed more eventful still.

Planning Ambassador College

Mrs. McCormick, the real estate broker, returned the lease-and-option contract for the college property, signed by Dr. B., on November 27th, 1946.

This contract provided for a lease of the property for 25 months, at \$1,000 per month. As Judge Russell Morton and I had worked out this contract, as an offer, it provided for taking occupancy July 1, 1947, after \$9,000 had been paid. At the end of 25 months, December 27, 1948, the lease was to be converted into a purchase, at a price of \$100,000. The \$25,000 then having been paid as rental was to become the down payment to apply on the purchase. At that time we were to receive the deed, giving Dr. B., and his widowed sister, who signed as joint owner, a trust-deed (mortgage) for the unpaid balance.

So, on November 27, 1946, we had under contract the first block of property

for the future Ambassador College.

When the idea of founding a college to provide the future trained personnel for the expanding work was first conceived, I thought immediately of my brother-in-law, Walter E. Dillon. My wife's brother had been a life-long educator. Those who have read the Autobiography from the beginning will remember the episode of the oratorical contests at Simpson College, in Iowa, back in 1922-1924. I had worked with him in oratory, when he was a college freshman. He won the state contest. Walter and I had been closer together, from that time, than with our own brothers.

He held a Master's degree in education from the University of Oregon, and had done additional work toward a Ph.D., or an Ed.D. He had started teaching school upon graduating from college, later becoming a Principal, and finally Principal of the largest public school in Oregon outside the city of Portland. Thus he had had a considerable executive and administrative school experience, in addition to being a natural-born and experienced teacher. He was thoroughly familiar with college and university life, methods and procedures. He had the technical experience for academic organization I lacked.

Choosing a President

Immediately the conception of the college entered my mind, I had contacted my brother-in-law, asking if he would join me in the venture, as President of the college.

"I hardly think I could do that," was his first response. "I don't know much about the Bible. Administering a religious college, I'm afraid, is altogether out of my line."

"But this is not to be a Bible school, or religious college," I quickly explained. "It is to be a straight Liberal Arts college, although it will offer a course—as

one of the majors—in Bible and Theology. You won't need to have theological experience. Do you think I would be able to teach that course?"

"I think you have more Bible knowledge and understanding than anybody on earth," he smiled. "You know, I think we'd make a good team in getting this college started. With your business experience and ability, your religious knowledge and experience, and my academic experience—well, I'll think about it."

He did think about it. Often we talked about it. Of course it was a weighty decision for him to make—he had been established since his own college days in Oregon. Finally he decided he would come to Pasadena to help me get the new college started.

Before presenting the lease-option contract as an offer to Dr. B., Mr. Dillon had come to Pasadena to inspect the property and help me decide whether this was the right location. He had been immediately enthusiastic over it.

So now that we had the first segment of the future campus under contract, preparations began in earnest for organizing the thousand and one things required before it could swing open its doors as a going educational institution.

Special Magazine Edition

The very first thing to be done was to produce a special edition of *The PLAIN TRUTH*. The problem of recruiting students had been brought up by Mr. Dillon. That is a major problem of colleges and universities.

"*The PLAIN TRUTH*, and the broadcast will provide us with students," I had explained.

The first thing to do was to let people know about it. *The PLAIN TRUTH* was still an 8-page bi-monthly. The next issue was to be the January-February, 1947, number. With it we went up to 16 pages. I made this a very special, more

attractive edition. For the first time, it had a front cover, instead of starting the lead article on the cover. It showed a picture of the entrance to the new college-to-be. The center spread—pages 8 and 9—had a large 4-column picture showing a portion of the new campus. The article announcing the new college began on that page, with a 4-column headline: "... and now . . . OUR OWN NEW COLLEGE!"

The article explained that "an amazing new setup has come into our hands that is unique, and, we believe, without parallel! Prospective students learning of the unusual program are thrilled!"

Policies were announced. The article said: "AMBASSADOR offers superior advantages in location, beauty of campus, nature of courses of study, high academic standards . . . advantages in our special recreational and social program, cultural advantages, physical education, *as well as in religious instruction.*"

"AMBASSADOR is to be a general liberal arts institution—not a Bible school, ministers' college, or theological seminary. It will fit students for all walks of life, offering a general and *practical* basic education. . . . There is no other college like AMBASSADOR. It is, in a sense, a revolutionary new-type college . . . a forward-looking, progressive institution built on soundest principles, having highest goals and objectives, yet employing the best of proved methods of administration, and maintaining highest academic standards."

The reader will be interested in a little further explanation of the college, which appeared in that article.

"But why should we establish and conduct a college in connection with this, God's Work?" the article continued. "The reasons are concrete and vital. . . . The work has grown to a scope where *called*, consecrated, properly educated and specially trained assistants, ministers and evangelists to follow up this work in the field, have become an imperative need. The time has come when we must lay definite plans for carrying the Gospel of the Kingdom of God into *all nations*, in *many languages*! Never, until now, could we foresee just how this was to be done. But the time has come; God has given the answer,

and moved miraculously to open the way before us. The only answer was a COLLEGE of *our own*!"

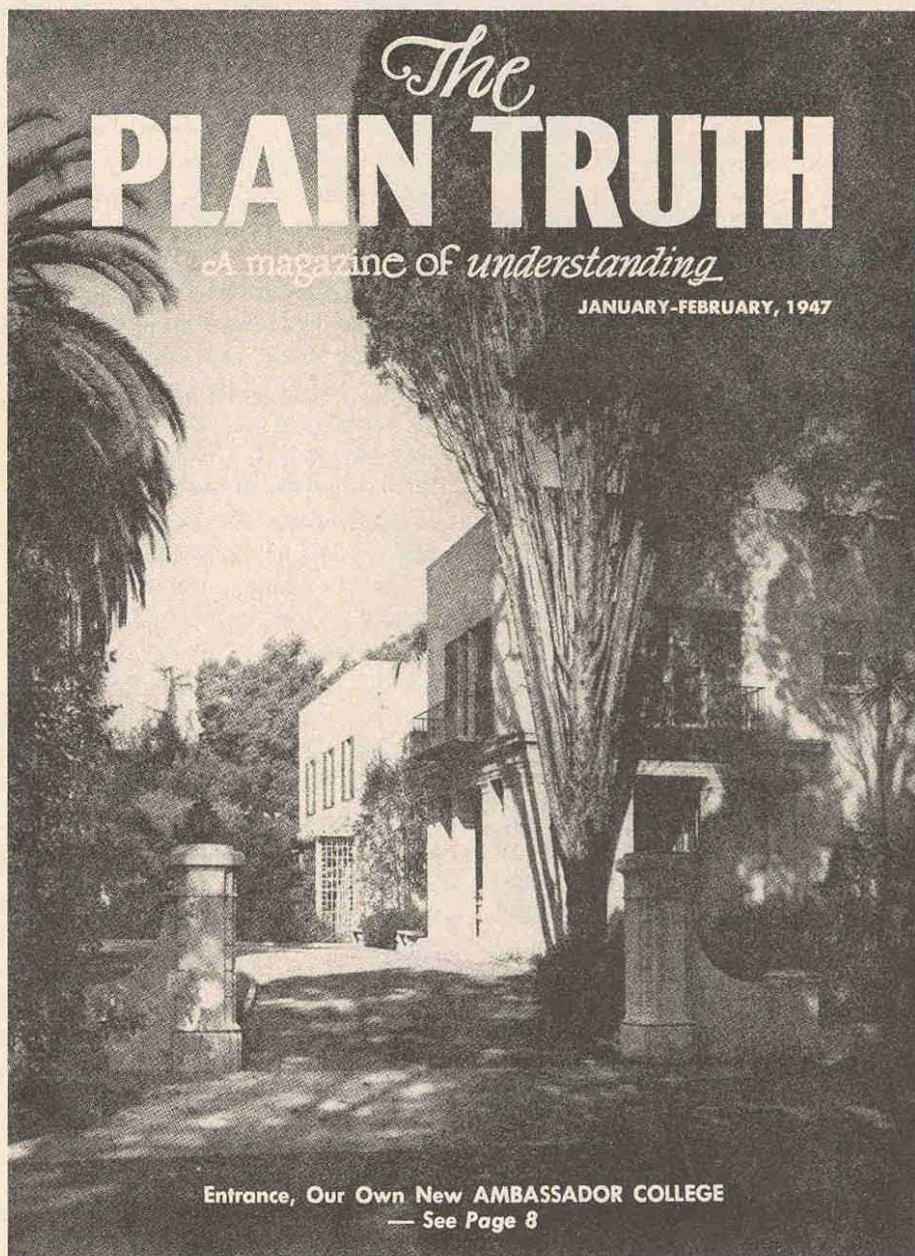
But why, then, was this not to be a Bible school, or theological seminary?

The article, continuing, explained that:

"Yet, the active ministry is *different* from every other profession in one very important respect. No man ever should enter it of his own volition. . . . A true minister of Jesus Christ must be specially *called* of God. And how may we *know* whether one is really called? Experience has shown human nature to be such that most who *think* that they are called are mistaken, and those who really are called invariably try to run

from the calling! Jesus gave us the only test. 'By their fruits,' He said, 'ye shall KNOW.' But the fruits are worked out by experience, and that requires time. For that very reason, *our college cannot be a ministerial college*—though it *is* being designed so that, should we be fortunate enough to find one out of twenty really and truly called to the ministry, that one will have been prepared and properly trained. . . . These considerations led naturally to the policy of making AMBASSADOR a general liberal arts institution for all young men and women, regardless of future vocation, occupation or profession."

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Why Shattered Homes?

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This was the world's *first* marriage. And it was the world's *first* marital failure!

The Basic CAUSE for Marital Failure

Like a great, black pall settling down over the entire world, SEX has come to influence everything!

It seems books and magazines *cannot* be sold without openly advertising sex on their covers! "Hollywood," American advertising, the novels and most entertainment media have snatched love from its high pinnacle of ecstatic beauty, to dash it into the slime of sheer human sensuality!

Love is *outgoing* concern.

Love is a great desire to SHARE, to SERVE, to help and GIVE TO the beloved!

Love is basically OUTgoing, while lust is directed IN, *toward* the self!

Today, teenagers are swept away via the movies on the blissful fantasies of ready-made daydreams into the pink clouds of Hollywood "romance!"

Marriage, to them, is a new party dress, a gala departure amidst rice and tin cans, a merry-go-round of sensual thrills and pleasures, a write-up in the local newspaper.

People talk about "falling" in love! But actually, when it is thoroughly understood from God's Word, it is a total IMPOSSIBILITY to "fall in love" at first sight!

This is at the very BASIS for all failure in marriage. Remember, human nature is basically *all* get. But marriage is a *partnership* wherein each partner contracts with the other to GIVE.

Almighty God has laid down basic laws in His Word which regulate marriage. It is God who *invented* marriage—and it is HE who has given the laws regulating marriage—laws insuring marriage will be a success!

When those basic laws are violated, they exact an immediate *penalty*!

As one marital counselor said recently, "You don't fall in love—you climb up to it!" How could a person "fall in

love" with another individual merely upon *sight* alone?

This is obviously nothing more than base, human, physical *lust*—which is directed totally *toward* the self—and *is not* LOVE!

Sex as the Expression of Love

Actual statistics collected from *many* studies have PROVED that an overwhelming majority of unsuccessful marriages are directly attributed by the frustrated marital partners themselves to sexual maladjustment.

Dr. R. L. Dickinson, in his book, "Medical Analysis of a Thousand Marriages" states that 40 per cent of women *never* attain satisfactory marital relationships.

And is it any wonder?

My father, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, hopes at some future time to begin work on his forthcoming book on this gigantic problem—explaining it—making plain what God says about sex. This is a subject which very urgently needs to be *thoroughly* understood, NOT from a purely biological point of view, but from the *spiritual* point of view of the Word of God—and *should* be taught by an ordained minister of God!

Since the normal marital relationship is merely the *highest form* of the *expression* of the outgoing LOVE of one marital partner toward another, is it any wonder so many marriages fail today? When this relationship—designed by an all-wise Creator as an outgoing expression of love becomes a *selfish, purely physical, carnal* desire to *get*—it becomes a major reason for *failure* in marriage, instead of a basic reason for *happy* married life!

The basic, underlying CAUSE of all marital failure is failure to observe God's law of marriage!

It is a part of *human nature* to be *selfish*, wanting to GET instead of give!

You *need desperately* to understand the laws Almighty God has established for marital happiness! Space does not permit a thorough coverage of the subject in this one brief article, and so we invite you to write immediately for our free article, "How To Have a Happy Marriage." This article contains vital facts, *from the Bible*, on how a home

should be regulated—and gives the real basic KEYS for marital happiness.

Divorce is one of the great CURSES Almighty God promised would come upon us because of BROKEN LAWS!

How many of you have even remotely realized it is GOD who *really* "invented" marriage—who AUTHORIZES marriage, who literally BINDS husband and wife together as one flesh? How many of you have really known, and *been taught* the practical, workable LAWS that will GUARANTEE happy marriages? How many of you have really heard, and *known* the God-revealed SPIRITUAL principles of sex in marriage?

What a *shame* it is, and what a terrible indictment against those in whose province it was to *do the teaching*, that our people's homes are being destroyed—SHATTERED—because of IGNORANCE of these vitally important laws!

What about your home?

Is your marriage REALLY happy? Do you literally, fully, sincerely LOVE your mate? Do you have a deep desire to SHARE, to GIVE, to SERVE, to HELP your mate? Do you sincerely try to WORK at marriage, making it more exciting, more fulfilling, more deeply rewarding in every way?

Are your children as happy and obedient as you *want* them to be?

If YOUR marriage needs some real CHANGING, then WRITE for our free article on HAPPY MARRIAGE! Request the article on HOW TO SOLVE FAMILY ARGUMENTS, too! And, also vitally important, be sure to get the free booklet, "DIVORCE and RE-MARRIAGE."

Never be afraid to *ask for help* if you know you really need it!

Make *sure* YOUR home is *not* going to become just another disappointing statistic!

How to Understand the Bible

(Continued from page 32)

It all depends on your *attitude* as you study and hear God's Word.

Do you really TREMBLE at the Word of the God who made you? Will you OBEY new truth and *walk in it* as God reveals it?

Autobiography

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The article continued to show what is wrong with this world's education today—what has happened to it—how it has drifted into materialism. It showed that the revelation of God—in the Bible—is the very FOUNDATION of all true knowledge—the right approach to knowledge—the concept through which to view and explain what is seen, measured and observed. But in this world's education, the false theory of evolution has been substituted as that basic concept and foundation.

The article concluded with detailed, but brief, facts about the new college—its location, courses offered, tuition.

Planning College in Europe

This chapter of the Autobiography is being written in early December, 1962. We now have a second Ambassador College as a going institution, in its third year, in England.

It may come as a surprise to many readers, but the conception of a second college abroad actually was generated in late December, 1946, or early January, 1947.

I had gone back to Pasadena at the end of December, 1946. On New Year's eve, I spent the night as Dr. B.'s guest, in the building still occupied by him and his sister, which was to become Ambassador College. In these days Dr. B. was very friendly. About 4:30 A.M., New Year's day, I was awakened by crowds trudging up the hill in front of the building, carrying blankets, camp-chairs, and stools.

The world-famous Tournament of Roses parade starts each year just one block south, on Orange Grove Boulevard. This first of our college buildings is only a half block east of Orange Grove Boulevard.

This was my first opportunity to see the fabulous rose parade. I found the excitement of the throngs lining up along the parade course, beginning on South Orange Grove, and then making a right turn into Colorado Street—the main business street of Pasadena—was even more exciting than the parade—if possible. In order to secure an advanta-

geous position along the curb and parkway, vast throngs begin to assemble long before daylight.

It was during this visit that the idea of the second college in Europe came about. It was during a conversation with Dr. B. I was quite concerned about our future foreign language courses. I knew we had to have people trained in many languages, to get the Gospel to all nations. I felt the average foreign language course, as taught in most colleges, inadequate. I wanted our young people to be taught to speak these languages as the natives of those countries do—without a foreign accent. This is almost impossible, as taught in an American classroom. I felt students needed to actually *live* in these foreign countries, learning the languages there.

I knew, of course, that Switzerland is peculiar in that it has no one native language of its own. In northern Switzerland the official language is German. In central and western Switzerland, French is the official language; and in southeastern Switzerland it is Italian. Yet I knew most Swiss people speak all three, and a very large portion speak English beside.

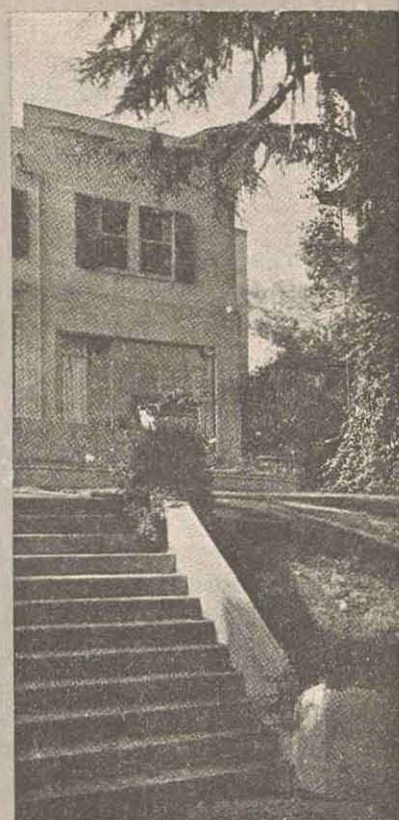
In Switzerland, children are taught the official language of their district from birth. Then at age 6 most children start to learn a second language, and at age 10 or 12, a third—and often one or two more later.

As we were discussing this situation, Dr. B. mentioned that he had a very close personal friend, a Madame Helene Beber, of German birth, the widow of a very wealthy Frenchman, who owned the newest, finest, most modern villa in southeastern Switzerland, at Lugano. Mme. Beber, he said, had lost all her money during the war. It had been in Paris banks, and had been confiscated when the Germans occupied Paris. She had some money in New York banks, but wartime regulations, not yet released, apparently tied it up and prevented transmission of it to Switzerland. She was left with this ultramodern and super-elegant five-story villa, facing on beautiful Lake Lugano, yet without funds even to employ a single servant.

"She still has all her fine clothes, dozens of mink wraps and coats, and

her villa, but no money," Dr. B. explained. "Since you would not want to start your college over there for about three or four years, I believe you could effect a purchase—if you can stretch to it—on a basis similar to the one between you and me on this property here. You could begin making payments now, which would provide her with an income to live on. She could continue living in her villa for the next three or four years, with an income—sort of eating her cake and having it, too, these first few years. Then, when you take possession and start your school, you will have a very sizable payment made on the purchase. By that time she will have her money from the New York banks, and will continue to receive regular sizable monthly payments from you for a few more years.

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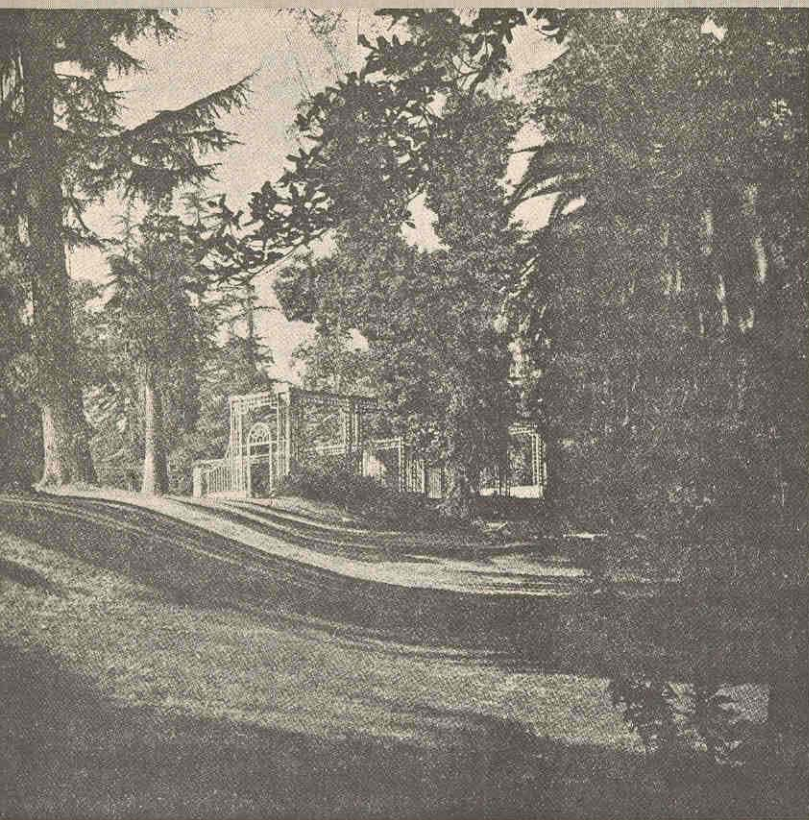


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Above—view of portion of beautiful campus, corner of main building, and tennis court of future

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Pasadena, California

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such as large student bodies running into
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laboratories, gymnasiums, athletic fields;
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Later in this article we will tell you the
thrilling details.

A MIRACLE Has Been Performed

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

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

WHY We Must Have a College

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us in punishment unless our people "come
out of Babylon" and turn to God and His
ways; to convert souls and bring them to
Christ; and to "feed the flock"—teach and
lead them in true Christian living.

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

This work started with the personal ef-
forts of Herbert W. Armstrong. For a few
years the only active assistance was that
of Mrs. Armstrong. After a few years a lit-
tle secretarial help was added—part-time
help at first, then more, until today a well-
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and properly trained.

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

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

The PLAIN TRUTH About Modern Education

Now let us explain the real WHY of Am-
bassador College—its purpose, goals, and
policy—its urgent NEED as a general edu-
cational institution.

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

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

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

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such a deal—and it would make it pos-
sible for you to acquire your second
college without capital—just monthly
payments, beginning now."

I was intrigued. I did not realize that
the "good doctor" actually had designs
on marrying the rich widow—surmizing
that she probably would also get her
money from the Paris banks some day—
and that he probably had no more
thought of allowing us to actually ever
gain possession of the Lake Lugano
villa than he did of allowing us to
actually gain possession of this property
in Pasadena!

I thought over the idea for some time.
Finally, along about the 10th of Feb-
ruary, 1947—or a day or two later—I
talked to Dr. B. on the telephone from
Pasadena about the Switzerland idea
further. He suggested we go over and
see it. He offered to go along. We de-

cided to go immediately. There was a
sailing of the Cunard liner *Queen Eliza-
beth* from New York on February 19th.
Dr. B. said he would meet me aboard
ship.

How, even as the train was pulling
into the station at Eugene, Oregon—due
to leave in 10 minutes—Mrs. Armstrong

decided to go with me to Europe, packed
her suitcases and caught that train in
ten minutes—our first trip overseas—
and how we planned strategy to gain
possession of the college property in
Pasadena in spite of Dr. B.'s efforts to
prevent it, will be covered in the next
installment.

Should We Repeat The "LORD'S PRAYER"?

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ence and respect His Holy Names! We
should also pray that all the people of
God might hallow God's name. By hal-
lowing God's name we will not bring
reproach on Him, on Jesus Christ, or on
His Church.

2) Thy Kingdom Come!

Today the governments and kingdoms
of this world are run according to the

ways of Satan and not according to
God's laws. God is permitting mankind
to have his own way during this 6000-
year period. Man has chosen to rule him-
self contrary to God's ways and has
chosen Satan's ways instead. He has re-
jected the Government and the Law of
God. He has rejected the Gospel of
the Kingdom of God that is soon to
rule the whole earth with a rod of iron!

Today, as a result of man's disobedi-

ence, the world is in chaos. On every side are wars and rumors of wars. Crime and corruption, juvenile and parental delinquency are very great problems for our time, and are bringing trouble of an increasing magnitude. Sickness is increasing. Unhappiness and trouble of every kind are snowballing to the end of this age. The land, the sea and even the air is becoming terribly polluted as a result of the waste, greed, and lack of planning by the world's inhabitants. Even nature is crying out for deliverance. The animals are becoming increasingly diseased or rabid. Even the plaintive cry of the animals calls out for deliverance.

All of these things along with the trembling of the earth in convulsions and earthquakes should remind us of Paul's statement, "that the whole creation groaneth in pain together until now," looking forward to the revealing of the sons of God. In other words, these things should remind us of the resurrection and soon coming of God's Kingdom to this earth.

All this rebellion against God is going to cease soon. Jesus Christ will soon return literally to this earth and will set up the government, kingdom and rulership of God. Rebellious people will be put down, righteousness and equity will prevail. All people will then know God and will be filled with the knowledge of God and His ways. There will be no more religious confusion and division but there will be *one true* religion. Even nature will work for man instead of against man as it is doing today.

When we see all this trouble in the world and also read of the wonderful world tomorrow when all this will be changed, we should be able to also cry out with every fibre of our being, "THY KINGDOM COME!" God speed that day of happiness!

Before that Kingdom can come, Jesus said that the advance news of its coming must be proclaimed as a witness to all nations (Matt. 24:14). Here is a wonderful opportunity to pray for the broadcasting and publishing of this really GOOD NEWS to the world in ever increasing power and authority. After this news is given sufficiently as a witness then Christ *will* come and *not until then*.

3) Thy Will Be Done

God's will is done in heaven. His commands are instantly and completely obeyed. Are they obeyed in this manner in *your life* and in those you know? Are the people of the world acting according to the will of God? Of course not!

Here is your opportunity to pray fervently that the will of God shall be done in our own personal lives for this day. We can pray for His will to be done in the lives of all His saints, brethren in Christ throughout the world. Pray that His will might be done with the nations of the world. Pray that God's will shall be done for those who need guidance and strength. Here is the occasion to pray that we will be a proper example and light to our employers, to our friends, relatives and acquaintances.

We should want God's will to be done in carrying out His work on this earth. The broadcast and the publishing of literature need to expand so that more people will hear this end-time warning to the world. God's will must be done in His *true Church* and the people in that Church.

There is so much to pray about that concerns God's will on this earth. Let's pray that God's will shall be done in all these and all other things.

4) Give Us Our Daily Bread

This fourth request or petition is the first one where we ask for our personal needs! Jesus put the big things, the spiritual and important things concerning God, FIRST! Just as in the ten commandments, where our relationship to God is mentioned in the first four commands, so in this case the spiritual things are listed first.

The fact that this concerns our *daily* bread, or as Luke states, "*day by day*" (Luke 11:3), implies that this is a *daily* PRAYER. Jesus did not say that we are to ask for tomorrow's bread. God supplies us our needs oftentimes on a day-to-day basis and not for a long time in the future. This ought to show us that we should not expect more than what is required for today. If God gives us provisions for a longer time we should be *very thankful* and grateful.

At this time all our physical needs for the day such as shelter, food, clothing and other needs may be mentioned. God

knows of these needs even before we ask. However, He has not said that He will automatically supply what we do not ask for. James tells us that some people do not receive things because they do not ask for them, and then sometimes when they do ask for things they do so for reasons of lust and greed (James 4:2-3). We should ask for our real needs, and not just what we would like to have.

An important point that we should not overlook is that this request concerns OUR, not *my* daily bread. Ask God to supply the physical needs of *all* His begotten children. There is usually always someone, somewhere, who is following God's ways who has need. We may not know the person ourselves, but we can pray for those people whether we know them or not.

Jesus also said: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matt. 4:4). Pray that God will supply the *spiritual food* that you and all His children need for this day.

5) Forgive Us Our Debts

This fifth request is to "forgive us our SINS" (compare Luke 11:4). If we have sinned, we have incurred a great debt to God. Here is the first opportunity to ask God to forgive our sins that may have been committed since we last asked for His forgiveness. Remember, to ask that OUR, not *my*, sins might be forgiven. Learn to be concerned for others, to have proper love and compassion for them. Otherwise God will have no mercy or consideration toward us.

This principle is brought out in the very next statement which says "as we forgive our debtors." Only if we forgive those who may sin against us, will God forgive us of our sins against Him. If someone sins against us, it is a very small matter compared with the enormity of the sins we commit against God, since the penalty of sin is death. Therefore, we ought to have a completely forgiving attitude toward someone who sins against us and who then *asks* that *forgiveness*.

6) Lead Us Not Into Temptation

This request is one of the hardest for

most people to understand. The scriptures state that God does not tempt any man (James 1:13). That would seem to contradict this statement of Jesus in Matt. 6:13. How can we reconcile these texts? The word translated from the Greek into the English word temptation in Matthew 6:13 is the same word used in Matthew 26:41, and again in Revelation 3:10. The word is sometimes translated TRIAL in various versions. It means simply *sore trial*. We are to pray that we will not enter into *sore trial*.

The time of trouble to come is mentioned in Revelation 3:10 as a time of *sore trial* that will come on the whole earth. Those who have part in God's end-time work are described as the Philadelphia Church in Rev. 3. They are promised protection from this terrible time of trial. The final Laodicean Church is not promised that same protection.

All of God's servants are going to have trial and tribulation. It is through much tribulation that we must enter into God's kingdom. All of these things happen for our good to train and teach us vital spiritual lessons. God teaches us many things in various ways. When we do not learn these lessons as we should, when we are unresilient and not pliable in the hands of the Almighty Creator, He must take more drastic action.

That drastic action may be to *lead* us into a situation where we are sorely tried in *severe trial*. We need training, chastening, moulding and fashioning. We must ask God for this chastening, for this training, and we should ask for it DAILY. However, let us also ask God that we will LEARN the necessary lessons NOW so that He will not find it imperative to lead us into *sore trial* either now, or during the terrible period of severe trial immediately prior to Christ's return.

One important way to escape such *sore trial* is to pray daily, and earnestly, so that we will be spiritually strong and learn these important lessons.

7) Deliver Us From Evil

This is the seventh and last request. Evil and trouble of every kind are all around us, and yet this is referring primarily to an even *greater* evil. In the

Greek text the word here means *evil one*. The meaning is to ask for God's protection against Satan, and from his demons.

Occasionally a person will become fearful and in terror of unclean spirits. We need to understand their power and influence, be able to recognize their work, but we should *never* fear them. We are to *fear* GOD! If we resist Satan then he will flee from us; therefore, there is nothing to fear (James 4:7). Your *main* prayer should not be for God's protection as this is selfish.

Remember, this prayer is not for *you* only but for *all* of God's people. You are to pray, deliver *us*, not deliver me from evil. Ask God's protection for *all* His people, for His ministers and others who may be in danger or who must travel a great deal in God's service.

"For Thine Is The Kingdom . . ."

At the beginning of our prayer we acknowledge God and address our prayer to Him. This reminds us of His greatness and love as well as His many blessings to us. Then we may in great detail ask the seven separate petitions. Then, as a conclusion, we *again* acknowledge the great power and rulership of the Almighty Creator. This conclusion should remind us that God is concerned for us and He has the power to ACT in our behalf. Some critics want to leave out this conclusion, but it is a part of the INSPIRED SCRIPTURE. *It is those who don't want to acknowledge God's Kingdom who want to leave it out.*

God is the ruler of His Kingdom. He has the POWER and the GLORY. Not just for the present but FOREVER! We must *realize* and *believe* this!

All of these requests should be made in Jesus' name (John 14:13), or by His authority, as He instructed us to do. Finally, we may *affirm* that what we have prayed is so, and that we really *mean* it by concluding with AMEN. Amen simply means "be it so."

Now you should have more than enough things to pray about each day. You should have many important things to pray about that you were neglecting before. Now your prayers can be complete without becoming vain repetition.

In addition to this complete prayer

you should be in a constant attitude of prayer to God at all times. When problems arise you will have *instant* access to God in fervent and sincere prayer. God will hear and answer!

There may be many other questions you have about prayers. Prayer is a very important and large subject. If you wish further information write today for our free article, "The Answer to Unanswered Prayer."

United States of Europe

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be accounted worthy to escape the horrifying events yet to be unleashed on the earth and to be able to rule with Him when He finally comes to utterly stamp out the rebellious governments of man and to establish the peaceful Kingdom of God (Luke 21:36).

Here are some *specific things* to watch in the near future, especially in the light of this article. Watch the Common Market grow from the present six to ten members—ten nations or groups of nations—the number Bible prophecy says it must have (Rev. 17:12). Watch the maneuverings of Spain, Ireland, Yugoslavia, others.

Watch this coming colossus acquire fantastic military power and strength (17:13).

Watch the development of the great ecclesiastical power in Europe. Watch the "woman"—in the Bible the term "woman" when used as a prophetic symbol always means a church (Rev. 2:20, 12:1, 14:4)—mount and rule over this coming beast just as she did when she controlled or condoned the previous six resurrections of the Holy Roman Empire under Justinian, Charlemagne, Otto the Great, Charles V, Napoleon and Mussolini (Rev. 17:9).

Lastly, *watch yourself!* "Ponder the path of thy feet" (Prov. 4:26). *Make sure* you are not *in any way* connected with this world's Babylonish system upon which the very plagues of God are going to fall! (Rev. 18:4.)

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Immediate all-out nuclear war with Russia is NOT foretold. This, of course, does not rule out the possibility of limited wars and minor conflicts.

Yet it is pertinent that prophetic Scriptures DO describe a mighty all-out attack by allied Red forces at some later date!

Coming Russian Attack

People familiar with Biblical prophecy will know of the outstanding pronouncement of Ezekiel 38 and 39. What they may *not* know is that these passages refer to Russia.

In order to grasp *when* and *where* the Russian attack will occur, it is necessary to examine the time-sequence pattern of the complete Book of Ezekiel. This time-order is climaxed by the coming of Christ as world Ruler, as described in Chapters 36 and 37. It shows the British and American peoples united with world headquarters at Jerusalem.

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Contrary to popular supposition, then, the time of Ezekiel's famous prophecy is shortly *after* Christ's coming in supernatural power. True, many prophecies—in both Old and New Testaments—promise the return of the Messiah as the all-conquering King of kings, ruling the world in peace. But these prophecies do *not* show the peoples of the world receiving him joyfully! Instead, a resurrected Roman Empire—the modern United Europe currently forming—is revealed *fighting* Him. The outcome will result in the supernatural destruction of

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The time of the prophecy is described as "in the latter years" (Verse 8)—our near future. What's more, an air invasion is clearly indicated—"Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm . . ." (Verse 9).

What will happen is that the allied Red armies will attack "the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste . . ."

But the Messiah, in Universe-ruling Power and Glory, will be opposing them from Jerusalem. In Ezekiel 39:2 He says to the invading Reds, "I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee . . ." He further adds, "Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and the people [allies] that is with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts . . . Thou shalt fall upon the open field: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord God."

The Big Burial

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