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What responsibilities will his successor face?

John XXIII
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Intensely Interested

"A copy of your magazine, *The PLAIN TRUTH*, came into my hands recently and I am intensely interested. As far as I know, none of the orthodox churches print anything of its kind. The matters you discuss are things of which no one should be ignorant. It is the kind of magazine for which I have long been looking."

Woman
Silverdale, New Zealand

Really Gets Around

"My copy of *The PLAIN TRUTH* comes from a neighbour who gets it from a friend who gets it from a friend. I pass it on to a friend of mine who passes it on. In all the passings the magazine shows very little wear and is still good for many more readings. The original owner, whom I do not know, is now going to live in the South and so will you be so kind as to forward me *The PLAIN TRUTH*? It will be forwarded on just the same."

Woman
Queensland, Australia

• If each person requested his *own* free subscription, then you could all keep your own copies for re-reading later! Read the following letter as a sample.

Better Than Reader's Digest

"Certainly I want to continue *The PLAIN TRUTH*. Whatever I am doing when a copy comes has to wait till I've read it through. Later, I go back with my Bible—study and check and try to think it through. Many things are not what I've been taught. I have changed my beliefs on many things. I have the *Reader's Digest*, *LOOK* and others, but nothing can approach the way you tie it all together. You have sent the magazine for two years and every copy is filed in a notebook with the year noted. Every copy is dated and the lead articles listed on the front so teaching on any subject is quickly available."

Florence, Kentucky

Cross Cattle

"In your article on cattle you give Red Polls as a natural breed, but the World Book gives them as a cross between Horned Norfolk and Polled Suffolk. I'm not trying to just find one little statement wrong, but wondered if we've looked at it wrong."

Spring City, Tennessee

• Calling cattle two breeds just because they are in two different counties is a little misleading. The ancient cattle of Norfolk and Suffolk counties in England, from which Red Polls descended, were *not* two breeds, but were all of one general type, except that some were horned and some polled, just as Herefords are today. Red Polls descended from the polled stock of both counties. They are not crossbreeds. Their hardiness, gentleness, and good production of *quality meat and milk* are strong arguments for their purity. God had good reason for stressing the need for purity in *every* aspect of our lives. Purity is good for us. It brings forth good fruits.

In The Dark

"The reference to Dexter cattle in Mr. Robinson's article on the 'Crisis In Farming' proved very interesting to me. I have inquired of everyone around here that I thought might know where they could be seen, or purchased, and all were more in the dark than I. This morning I called the State Experiment Station. The man said 'Dexters are from the coast of Europe, a small breed, grown mainly as a curiosity in the U.S.' There are no breeders of them in the Northwest that he knows of; they have a genetic health problem, he said."

Mrs. L.
Puyallup, Washington

• Dexters are from County Kerry and the Berehaven peninsula in County Cork, in Ireland. In the U.S. they are used primarily as family milk cows, but also as commercial dairy cows, as foster mothers for adopting calves of other dairy breeds, and—because of their ex-

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Personal from the Editor

SOME of the teachings in the Bible are a little hard for the average thinking mind to understand.

James tells us to count it all joy when trials, ordeals, reverses, beset us. *Troubles* a JOY? That's pretty hard to accept, isn't it? And, for the average person, a lot harder to put into practice.

Few find any pleasure, let alone JOY, in the obstacles and troubles they encounter. Yet this Biblical teaching says we ought so to count them. There is a *reason*, although *few* understand it.

In one of the Psalms you'll read that the righteous are going to have to bear *many* afflictions. But, it promises, the Eternal will deliver us out of them all—if we believe and trust Him!

Again, it is through *much tribulation* that we must enter the Kingdom of God. WHY? There's a reason!

Now consider another Biblical teaching hard for some to understand.

Several months ago I wrote an article, now available in booklet form, "*What Do You Mean—BORN AGAIN?*" In the fifth chapter of Ephesians you find a husband-wife relationship pictured as corresponding to Christ and the Church. Scriptural teaching assures us that, at His coming, Christ is going to *marry* the Church. Also the Scriptures teach that the Church will, at His coming, be *born* of God, by a resurrection of all who have died, and the instantaneous conversion from mortal to immortal of those then living (I Corinthians 15:50-53).

So one man reasons: Could a full-grown MAN marry an infant girl baby, just born? If those in the Church are to be just then *born* of God, how can they marry Christ before they grow up?

This, too, seems difficult for some to comprehend. Yet the answer to James' teaching—the UNDERSTANDING of what James really means, is also the answer to this seeming inconsistency.

There is a third seeming inconsistency, hard for some to understand. Some months ago in this column I explained

how, contrary to the thinking of many, a Christian may—and too often does—actually commit sin *after* he is converted. He *should not*, of course. But too often he does, and still remains a Christian. The true explanation of James' teaching, first mentioned above, is also the explanation of this experience.

So *let's understand!*

WHY were we born, in the first place? What is the real PURPOSE of human life? God Almighty the Creator is reproducing Himself! As truly as we mortal humans have been given power to reproduce ourselves—to bring forth progeny in our own image, born with our very nature—even so the Great God is bringing forth sons in *His* image, born with His very divine nature!

The very PURPOSE of our existence is that we be begotten as God's children, and become BORN of Him.

And human reproduction is the very type of spiritual reproduction. What God created at the time described in the first chapter of Genesis was a *physical* creation. You'll find nothing spiritual there. In physical man, made of the dust of the ground, God created the MATERIAL *with which* He may mould, shape, form, and create the SPIRITUAL being. He pictures us as the clay, Himself as the Potter—forming us into the spiritual image of *His* designing.

Now human reproduction, I say, pictures spiritual reproduction. Each human, since Adam and Eve, started from a tiny egg, called an ovum, the size of a pinpoint. It was produced in the body of the mother. The egg is *incomplete*, of itself. It has a life of only about 48 hours, according to some authorities. Unless fertilized by the life-giving sperm cell from the human father within that limited lifetime, it dies.

Each human, spiritually speaking, is like an egg. The average human lifetime is said to be 70 years. Adam was created *incomplete*, and each of us was BORN INCOMPLETE—that is, we were

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THE COVER

A close-up of the late Pope John XXIII, outside the Church of Canadian Martyrs in Rome shortly before his fatal illness. The peoples of the world wait to see what significant changes his successor will make.

made to *need* the Holy Spirit of God. And unless, within our limited lifespan of some 70 years, we are begotten of God—by His Spirit which is HIS IMMORTAL DIVINE LIFE—entering to impart eternal life to us, we shall die—and that shall be the end—except that God has appointed a resurrection of all who have lived, and, for those who reject His gift of eternal life, the final second death in the lake of fire.

But, in the case of the human ovum, once fertilized as a begotten human, the egg—now called an embryo—is kept within the body of the mother, and is nourished and fed material food through her and protected by her. And there it must grow, being fed physically through the mother, large enough to be born. After a number of weeks, the embryo is called a fetus, and at birth it is a human baby.

In like manner, the Bible calls the CHURCH the "mother of us all." That is, the mother of Christians—those begotten of God. It is the function of the Church to protect and feed, spiritually, on the spiritual food of GOD'S WORD, those begotten children of God, so that we may GROW SPIRITUALLY, in the divine character, ready to be born.

Surely this is a wonderful comparison. Yet types and antitypes are not always alike in every detail.

When a physical baby is born, it is not ready for marriage. When the spiritual child of GOD is *born* he will be fully mature for the spiritual marriage. How can this be? This is what one thinking man could not see.

The unborn human fetus is only growing *physically*. At birth, the human baby knows nothing. He is helpless. He must be taught. He must learn. He is born merely with a mind *capable* of learning, knowing, thinking. He is not yet of mature size physically *or* mentally. Many do marry who are still entirely immature spiritually and/or emotionally. But we do assume that one has reasonable maturity physically and mentally before marriage. In the human, this development takes place in the human state *after* the human birth.

Therefore, the human baby is not ready for marriage at birth.

But the spirit-born are different!

Just as the fertilized ovum—the em-

bryo which becomes the fetus—must grow *physically* from material food, so the spirit-begotten child of God must grow *spiritually* before he can be born. *But there is a difference!*

The fetus does not attain to complete physical *maturity* before birth, and has no mental maturity. But, in the spiritual rebirth, one must attain reasonable spiritual maturity *before* he is spirit-born.

Now what *is* spiritual growth? Just as the physical embryo-fetus must *grow* physically large enough to be BORN, so the Spirit-begotten Christian must grow *spiritually* or he will never be *born* of God. But spiritual growth is CHARACTER-DEVELOPMENT.

The Spirit-begotten starts out with a MIND from the beginning. God *is* perfect character—divine, spiritual character. God is also LOVE. And perfect spiritual character is THE WAY of LOVE! Such a character is the attainment of the ability, in a separate independent entity of free moral agency, to be able to discern right from wrong—the true values from the false—truth from error—the right way from the wrong; and then to make the right CHOICE or DECISION, even against self-desire, impulse or temptation; plus the WILL and self-discipline to resist the wrong and to DO the right.

No human, with human nature, has the power—alone by himself—to do this. But God has made the spiritual power and help man lacks *available*. Man must desire to *know*—must hunger and thirst for truth; man must make his own decision, exercise his own will, even against the pulls of his nature. But without the help of GOD—without spiritual POWER from God—man is utterly unable.

That is why truly converted Christians sometimes actually *do sin*. They are like the Apostle Paul, as he describes himself in Romans 7. With his mind he *wanted* to go the way of God's law, yet he found himself unable. Another law—human nature—warred within him against the good resolutions of his mind. But the sequel to Romans 7 is Romans 8—the Holy Spirit chapter. WHO, Paul cried out, could save him from this body of death he struggled against in vain? The answer is,

GOD, through His Holy Spirit.

A true Christian doesn't want to sin—should not. But sometimes he finds himself caught in the vise of habit, or overwhelmed by temptation or by circumstances from which he is unable to free himself. Surely, had such a one been *continually* praying, keeping himself *close to God*, and detached from the world or its lures or the temptations of the flesh, he probably would have had sufficient divine help to have prevented the sinning. But *only Jesus Christ* ever did keep that close to God!

God looks on the heart. In such a case, the Christian does not sin maliciously, with malice aforethought. He is merely caught in the vortex of a temptation which sucks him helplessly down into the sin. Then he is terribly sorry. He is disgusted with himself. He repents. He goes to work to overcome. He may not succeed, due to human weakness, at once. But he remains determined and, finally, does, with God's help, overcome completely. Many a true Christian has had such a struggle over a particular human weakness and temptation, and after even several setbacks, finally, through God's power, won the victory and fought his way free.

God looks on the heart. God FORGIVES in such cases. The living Christ, our High Priest, has compassion, is filled with mercy—as long as the attitude is right, the *desire* of the inner man is to conquer the flesh and overcome the temptation and be FREE from it entirely. In the end, it is GOD who gives the victory. But, in such a struggle, the Christian DEVELOPS CHARACTER.

Now character, I have said many times, is something God does not create automatically. It is *developed*, against the opposing pulls of human nature, with the decisions and wills and struggles of the individual, and through EXPERIENCE.

The development of that CHARACTER is the very PURPOSE of our being alive. Also the development of that character, unlike the purely physical growth of the unborn baby, actually is growth toward SPIRITUAL MATURITY, right now in the *begettal* stage prior to spirit

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OFFICIAL REPORT—

De Gaulle Builds Nuclear Test Base in Pacific

Here is a first-hand, on-the-spot report written by the circulation manager of the Australasian edition of The PLAIN TRUTH. Mr. Hughes investigated and personally verified recent reports that De Gaulle is building a secret nuclear test base in Polynesia's Society Islands.

by Gene R. Hughes

Papeete, Tahiti,
French Polynesia

FRANCE officially admits that she has started work on a nuclear weapons test base in French Polynesia! I have just arrived in Tahiti to investigate recent rumours and reports that this part of the South Pacific is soon to become the French atomic proving ground. It is part of President de Gaulle's plan for a much-touted independent nuclear strike force—his *force de frappe*.

French Nuclear Threat Now a Reality

After conferring with members of the editorial staff of Tahiti's leading newspaper (*le Journal de Tahiti*) I am able to report that the rumoured plans are *not only fact but are already being acted upon*.

As this is being written, a team of 34 men, including radio and meteorological technicians, are setting up a base camp on the atoll island of Mururoa just 775 miles southeast of Papeete, Tahiti's only port of entry.

This expedition is making preliminary preparations for the arrival of construction crews who are expected to have the main testing base completed by early next year. Mururoa is situated at the southeastern extremity of the nearby Tuamotu archipelago 400 miles from Pitcairn Island. A total of five islands in this group are to be used in the project.

Meanwhile here in Tahiti plans are being executed for the acquisition and construction of housing required to accommodate the 2,000-3,000 technicians and military personnel that will be used in the project. Tahiti is to become the rear base for stores, laboratories and

medical services, as well as point of receiving and disembarkation of personnel and supplies.

The present maritime traffic of 80,000 tons a year will be increased by at least 50%. To cope with this, the port of Papeete will be enlarged and modernized at a cost of 600 million French Pacific Francs (approx. 6 million dollars).

Technicians from the Civil Aviation and Public Works Department in Tahiti left in April to plan an international-class aerodrome to be constructed on the island of Hao 500 miles east of Tahiti. A similar but secondary landing strip is to be built on the island of Anaa about 250 miles east of Tahiti.

On the Fangataufa atoll about 20 miles southeast of Mururoa there will be an observation post. Turea, 60 miles north-northeast of Mururoa will be the site of a radar base.

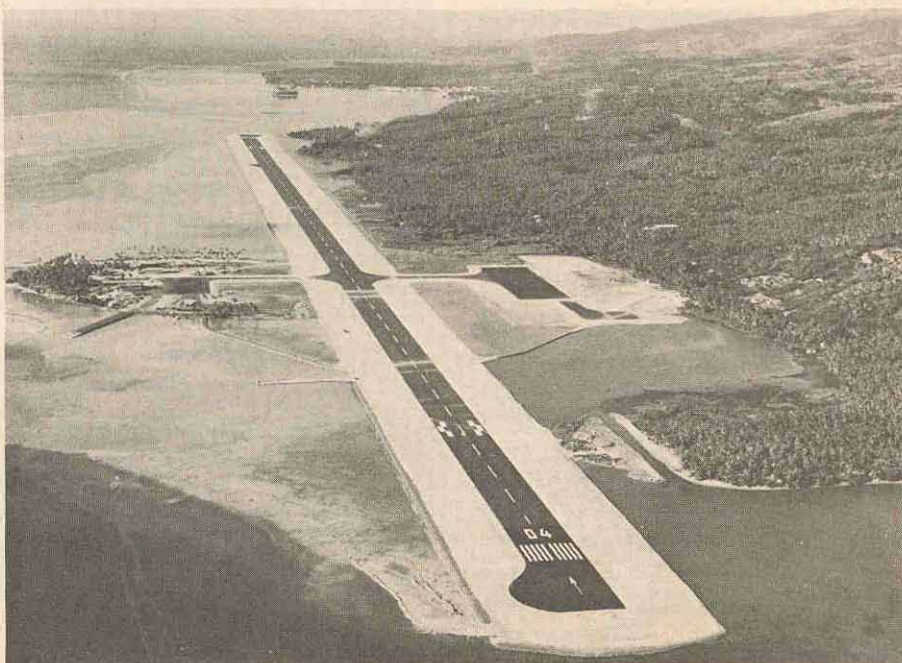
General Thiry, in charge of French nuclear testing in the Pacific, recently announced here in Papeete that the entire project will be in full operation by the end of 1966. It will be under the direct command of Captain Vaisseau Petesche, who will arrive in July to make initial contacts and will assume his official post in October.

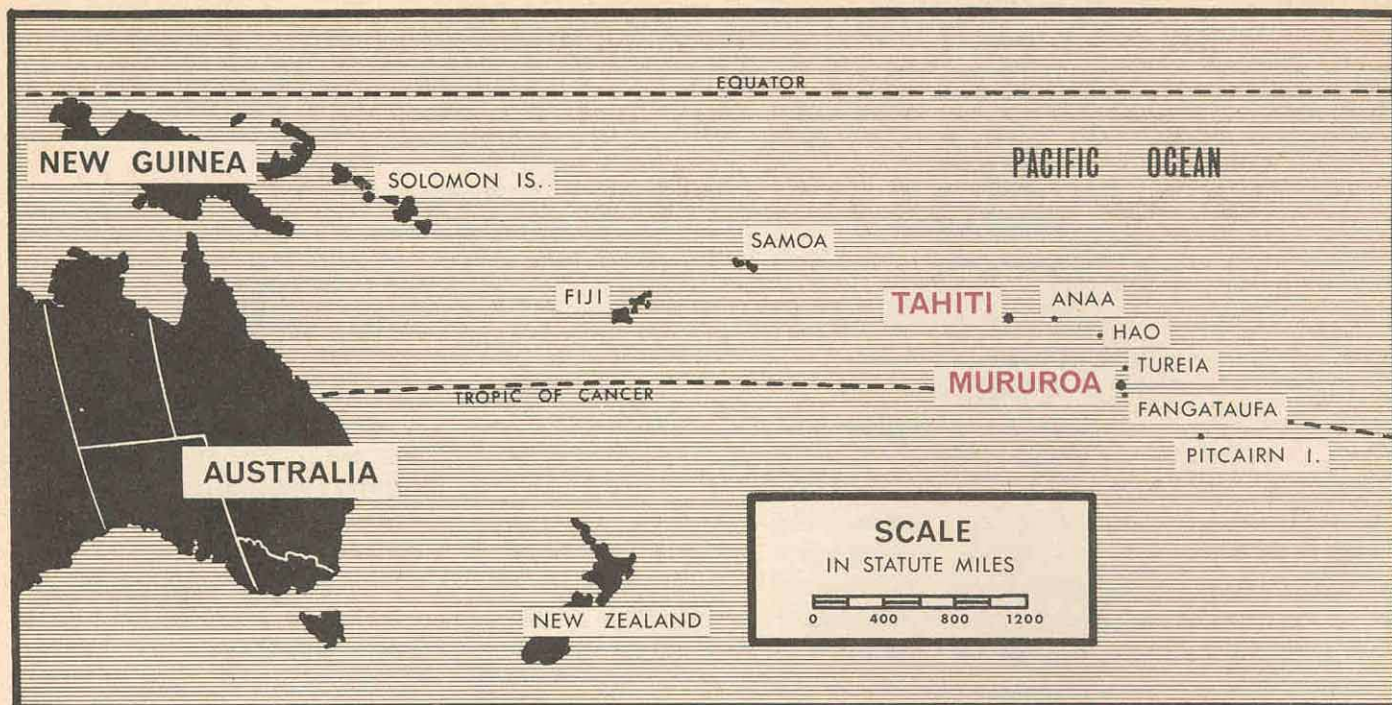
Price to be Paid

In his recent "bombs before butter" speech, French President de Gaulle de-

This remarkable international-class jet airstrip, built in the lagoon at Papeete, Tahiti's only port of entry, is the same type as those being built on Anaa and Hao.

A. Sylvain Photo





clared that France must have her own independent nuclear strike force and that the French people must be willing to pay the cost. However, it is not only the French people who are going to pay, but also the hapless inhabitants of these South Pacific islands. Instead of fresh tropical breezes, there will be fallout-laden air to breathe, as French atomic blasts rock the islands only 775 miles distant.

One of the main reasons for establishing the test base here in the Pacific is to placate the Algerians and other Arab countries of North Africa and the Middle East, who have already complained loudly about the continuance of French testing in the Sahara. However, it does little good for the local inhabitants of French Polynesia to protest against fallout raining down on *them*. As one local businessman told me, "As long as De Gaulle is alive nothing is going to stop this thing. Since this part of the South Pacific belongs to France, they will do with it as they please."

Loud cries of protest have already come out of Australia and New Zealand but have been met with the typical French shrug of the shoulders. It is clear that De Gaulle is more concerned about maintaining the good will of Arab North Africa and the Middle East than he is the friendship of Australasia. The test island atoll is about 3800 miles

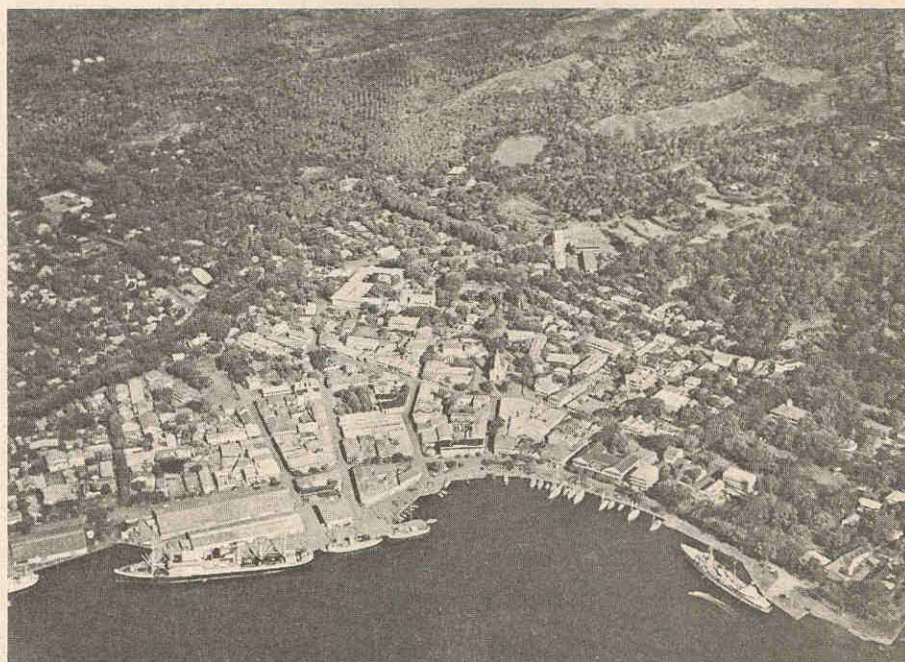
due east of central Queensland and about 2800 from New Zealand. Reports of France's nuclear testing plans touched off protests from parliamentary leaders of both countries, as they faced coldly the prospect of nuclear contamination in the atmosphere of the heretofore relatively unpolluted Southern Hemisphere.

Even before the final plans were being made public, the Australian Minister for External Affairs stated in Sydney on April 19, after having returned from

Paris, that he had registered Australia's deep regret at France's intention to carry out nuclear tests in the Pacific. In an interview with French Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville, he made it clear that Australia feared fallout from nuclear tests—all to no avail.

De Gaulle—Fly in NATO Ointment

As this is being written, a U.S.-sponsored NATO conference is being held
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An air view of the business district of the modern city of Papeete, showing part of the very calm harbor, protected by a coral reef less than a mile offshore.

"And when you see the ABOMINATION . . ."

Christ pointed to a SINGLE, MONUMENTAL EVENT more than any other which would warn of His RETURN TO THIS EARTH! You need to know WHAT IS THAT EVENT—and to WATCH for it!

by Garner Ted Armstrong

YOU ARE living in the *death throes* of civilization! NEVER have there been times such as these! Simultaneously, the world writhes in struggles between the great powers, flames in racial violence and hatred, smoulders in "brush-fire" wars in Viet Nam, Angola, Northern India, the Congo; erupts with fiery volcanic explosions, sighs with restive, topsy-turvy weather conditions, and witnesses one of the greatest single religious movements in history!

These are ominous times—and Jesus Christ of Nazareth *said* it would be this way! He predicted **THESE DAYS!**

The Olivet Prophecy

Shortly before His crucifixion, Christ was asked to supply His disciples down through the ages with **SIGNS** of His coming!

He had been describing the great destruction of Jerusalem which was only a few years ahead—His disciples wanted to know: not only when *Jerusalem* would fall, but also what would be the **SIGN** of **HIS COMING**, and of the end of man's civilization on earth.

"And as He sat upon the Mount of Olives, the disciples came unto Him privately, saying, tell us, when shall these things be? And what shall be the *sign of thy coming*, and of the end of the world [age, society]?" (Matt. 24:3).

Countless thousands have *assumed* Jesus was speaking **ONLY** of the conditions surrounding the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D.! But *think*. If Christ had been describing *only* the destruction of Jerusalem—wouldn't He have plainly said so? He was not *asked* to describe only the destruction of Jerusalem—but to describe the **SIGNS** of real **WORLD IMPORTANCE** which would herald His imminent second coming to this earth,

and the end of man's self-governing rule on earth!

Christ then warned of false christs and false prophets! He said **MANY** would come "in His name," plainly *saying* that He, Jesus, is the Christ—but even with this "Christ-like message," would *deceive many!* (Matt. 24:5).

Jesus then proceeded to give a step-by-step, event-by-event outline of *what would happen* prior to His second coming!

The Focal Point of Prophecy

This famous Olivet prophecy provides a **KEY** to Bible prophecy! Prophecy is **DUAL!** That is, prophecy has a *double fulfillment*. The *duality* of the plan of God is illustrated in *many* parts of the Bible.

Jesus plainly showed that there was a **FATHER** in heaven, to whom He prayed. Yet, He said He and the Father were *one!* There is the "first Adam," and the "second Adam," as the Apostle Paul said in I Corinthians 15. There is the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Bible reveals many basic truths by the use of Bible *types*, or *examples*, which are **DUAL!** There is physical Israel, and there is *spiritual* Israel, the *Church* (Gal. 3:29). Just as the ancient Israelites came out of Egypt, through the Red Sea and into the wilderness, so, says the Apostle Paul, the New Testament Christian is to come out of spiritual sin, through baptism, and into his life of trials and testing! (I Cor. 10:1-11).

Actually, there is no clearer proof of the duality of prophecy than the 24th chapter of Matthew, itself!

Jesus was asked, remember, to show the *signs* prior to His second coming! This He proceeded to do. Unless Jesus

Christ was a liar, a fake, a charlatan and a fraud—or unless He was honestly mistaken, and all of His words were *totally untrue*—then the 24th chapter of Matthew is *absolutely dual!*

Why? Simply because **MOST** all of these prophecies *have never yet occurred!* If Jesus was talking of the fall of Jerusalem in 70 A.D., then what of His promise to **RETURN** "immediately after the tribulation of those days" (verse 29) to this earth with His mighty angels, gathering together His **ELECT!** Has Christ returned? No, He has not! And neither has Matthew 24 yet been fulfilled!

Jesus **DID** give the definite signs which would announce His second coming. He repeatedly warned in this important chapter "**WATCH** therefore—for you know not what hour your Lord doth come!" (Matt. 24:42).

Jesus was talking about *watching world news*—watching world conditions!

What **WERE** these major world events Christ said we should look for?

They Are Happening Today!

Remember, the very **FIRST** thing of which Jesus warned was great religious confusion. The apostle Paul asks, "Is Christ divided?" (I Cor. 1:13). In his letter to the Church at Ephesus, Paul stated. "There is *one body* [the Church!] and one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, *one faith*, [doctrine—belief!] one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all" (Eph. 4:4-6).

Jesus **PRAYED** that His true Church would be kept **ONE**, and absolutely *guaranteed by His own power* that it **WOULD BE!**

But how would you answer this ancient question of Paul's, today? Is CHRIST divided?

No! Christ is not divided. But the churches of this world *are*!

Look around you. How do you describe or come to understand this unusual phenomenon of *hundreds* of differing, disagreeing, arguing churches, schisms, sects and cults—EACH ONE disagreeing with all the others—yet ALL claiming to get their practices and beliefs from the same book?

Remember, Jesus *warned* there would come a time of great religious confusion—of *DIFFERING* doctrines which He said would *DECEIVE* the *many*!

Never has this been truer than now.

Jesus said the very *NEXT* major world event His true disciples should *watch* for would be world chaos and wars as never before!

Think of it! Just since the great chaotic shambles of World War II, culminating in the explosion of the world's first known atomic bombs at Hiroshima and Nagasaki, this world has groped its way blindly through more than *EIGHTEEN* small *WARS*!

At the moment of this writing—there are *MANY WARS* being fought on earth! There are ominous rumblings of far

MORE wars to be fought! And above and beyond it all—the world waits with bated breath in terrible fear of the possibility of a great *NUCLEAR* disaster, perpetrated by either of the two *big powers*, or even by an *accident*!

NEVER have world conditions any more *accurately* and *perfectly* fit the description Jesus gave of the times *just before His return*!

FAMINES!

It is easy to delude ourselves by the permanent-appearing *present* into believing these striking predictions of Christ's are not actually happening! *But they are!*

As never before in human history, this world faces the dread spectre of a monstrous *FAMINE* unknown since nations began! Thirty-nine Nobel prize winners called upon the United Nations for an immediate world-wide program on *birth control* under the direction of the United Nations, because they said, "Unless a favorable balance of population and resources is achieved with a minimum of delay, there is in prospect a *dark age of human misery*, *FAMINE*, under-education and unrest which could generate growing panic, exploding into wars fought to appropriate the dwind-

ling means of survival!" (Emphasis mine.)

Certainly, recommendations from a body of men so respected, and to a source so high, cannot be dismissed with a shrug of the shoulders and a casual opinion to the contrary!

A well-known newspaper columnist said recently, "If there are no *accidental* wars, then my guess would be that one will be started *by design* no later than 1970. IT WILL BE A FOOD WAR. The populations of the nations are increasing so swiftly that some of the big ones will begin to feel the pinch of starvation within 10 years. When that happens, either the people revolt or the government goes to war . . . If you lock 10 men in a room," he continued, "and there was no way out, and enough food was sent in for 6, do you think that you would have trouble? No matter how peaceable the 10 might be, the craving for sustenance would overcome the men and they would have to fight to the death!"

This writer went on to describe how the world, in a sense, finds itself "in a room!" The only way out of this "room" of overpopulation and lack of foodstuffs is by *DEATH*!

Perhaps the most startling warning of all was from a Dr. Georg Borgstrom of Michigan State University's Department of Food Science who warned "The food gap is a *bigger threat to civilization and peace than H-bombs, germ warfare and intercontinental missiles*!"

Dr. Borgstrom declared we ought to seek disarmament—but that a far greater, more *urgent need* is for "a gigantic rearmament to wage the sinister war for human survival" by providing *FOOD* "to give the human race a future!"

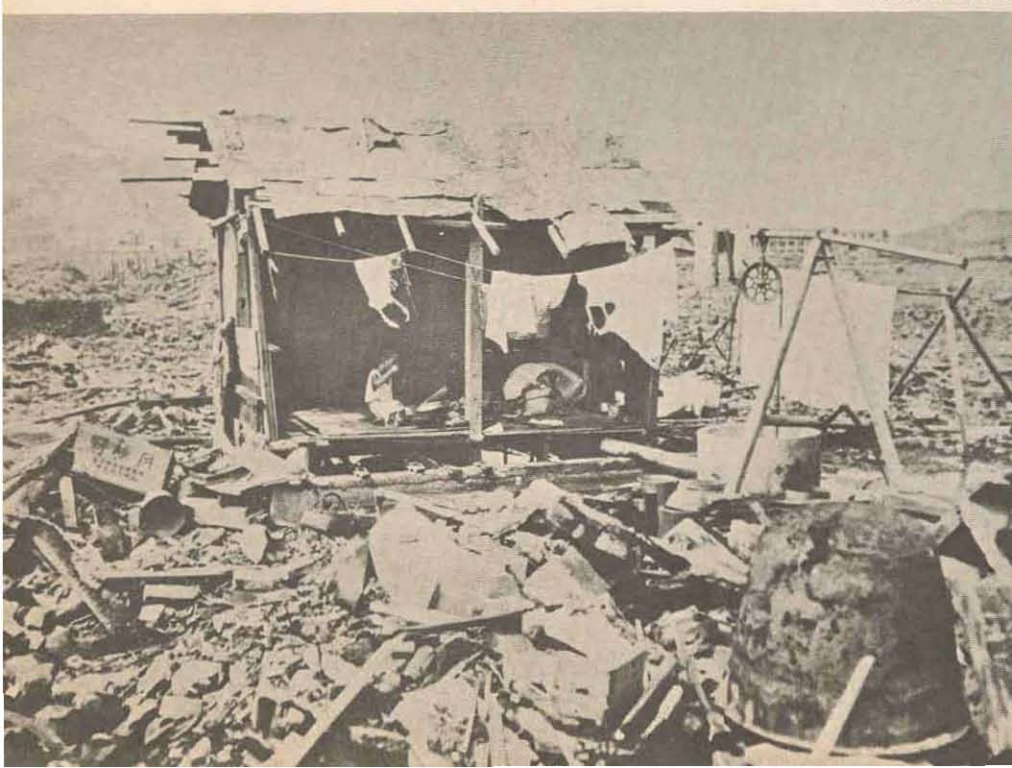
From his knowledgeable analysis, he concluded, "If all the food of the world—including surplus stores—were distributed equally and each human received identical quantities, we would all be malnourished!"

According to Dr. Borgstrom, mankind is facing the alternatives of *EXTINCTION* or *SURVIVAL*—based upon the awesome portent of world-wide *FAMINE*, *alone*!

Think of it! If Soviet Russia *did not* exist as a "political" threat, if the world *did not have* its gigantic headaches of

An infant atom bomb—the one used on Nagasaki, Japan—left this wreckage a mile from "ground zero." Bombs A THOUSAND TIMES MORE POWERFUL will fall in the next war. Where will YOU then be?

Wide World Photo





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Our national food surpluses are greatly overrated. If all the world's surpluses were equally distributed among all people—instead of being dumped as shown here—we would ALL BE UNDERNOURISHED!

germ warfare, nuclear bomb stockpiling, racial tensions, religious confusion, or the topsy-turvy conditions in the weather—these frightening statements of Dr. Borgstrom and dozens of others who specialize in these fields would still be too striking to ignore! This world stands in *terrible danger*—from the threat of FAMINE unchronicled in the experience of man!

Jesus Christ meant what He said!

Outbreaks of Disease

Jesus next prophesied this world would know "*pestilences*" such as never before!

According to U.S. Red Cross officials, the last 10 years have been the worst in the entirety of human experience by way of *natural* disasters which always bring with them the threat of disease epidemics.

In the meantime, dread diseases of all descriptions—long thought to be conquered by medical science—have made their sinister reappearance in all parts of the world!

A Dr. Harry Lillie, who is a British physician and surgeon, said that modern drugs are "99% useless!"

He expects a *world epidemic of the worst virus yet within the next 10 years*—and that it will be the result of the

wide use of penicillin and other antibiotics which, Dr. Lillie says, *upset the bacterial balance of the body*.

Dr. Lillie concluded, "In my opinion, this danger (of a virus epidemic) *completely overshadows any threat of nuclear war!*"

In order to feed the *present* population, much land is overworked, creating dust-bowl conditions—a prophetic curse fulfilled because of man's lust and greed. Meanwhile, 10,000 people die from starvation EVERY DAY!

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It was recently reported that over 15 Western states in the United States of America are potential danger areas for the dread BUBONIC PLAGUE which wiped out so many millions in Europe and Britain hundreds of years ago.

Alan Phillips, writing in Canada's National Magazine "*Maclean's*," said, "Flushed with recent victories over our deadliest foe, the microbe, we no longer see ourselves as engaged in a struggle for survival. But in truth, a task force of medical detectives is discovering, we have merely traded *old epidemics* for *new ones*—and even the old ones seem to be coming back in new ways!"

He said, "All the genius of medical science has failed so far to produce a drug to curb the more than 200 known viruses!" Old germs—like old soldiers—never die! Mr. Phillips said, "We have not rid the world of a single PESTILENTIAL disease!"

And so it goes. From all parts of the world, new outbreaks of dread diseases formerly thought "conquered," in this modern era of medical science, come filtering in! The U.S. Public Health Service ordered strict enforcement of quarantine rules recently when it was learned that a new epidemic of deadly CHOLERA was raging in the Asian-

cholera belt! The dread disease had jumped from China, where it had long been confined, to the Philippines, Sarawak, Borneo and Pakistan.

Hardest hit was the Philippines, where 15,000 cases had been reported with a total of 2,000 deaths!

The World Health Organization said this fearsome outbreak *could* turn into a super-epidemic "*unprecedented in modern times!*"

What you need to realize is that these FACTS are *real!*

They are daily factors in our life on this earth!

They fit *precisely* with the exact words of Jesus Christ of so many centuries ago. We are, truly, *LIVING* in the *exact times* of which Jesus spoke!

Great "Natural" Calamities

MANY past articles in *The PLAIN*

TRUTH magazine have shown the increasing, alarming incidence of great "natural" disasters! This world has entered an era of *unprecedented* earthquake and volcanic activity!

Something is wrong. Something BIG is brewing! In the last issue, you read of the great "ring of fire" all around this earth—and of what Bible prophecy says is going to occur. If you have not yet read our free booklet entitled "EARTHQUAKES!" then write for it immediately.

The last single decade has seen more loss of life, and more imagination-defying calamities than at any other single time in the recorded history of man! It would require many articles to cover only a few of them.

Only the Beginning

But all these MAJOR EVENTS—every

one of which is poignantly *real*—RIGHT NOW—Jesus said were *only the beginning!*

As each of these major world-wide conditions *grow* and GROW in intensity, Jesus said a great "SPIRITUAL," a great "RELIGIOUS" event would begin to take place! He said this great event would lead to the PERSECUTION—*as never before in history*—of His true servants, or of any who would not actually bow down to WORSHIP this great false system which He predicted!

He said, "*Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you, and you shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake!*" (Matt. 24:9).

This great religious martyrdom is the *last climactic phase* of what Jesus called the GREAT TRIBULATION! To understand

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Deplorable earthquake devastation such as this leaves famine and disease epidemics in its wake—just as the prophecy of Jesus Christ forewarns. These natural disasters are on an alarming increase!

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Now Revealed—

The FALSE PROPHET of Revelation!

Is religious peace and harmony just ahead? Will there be REVIVAL in our time? Read here how startling events—including FALSE MIRACLES—are destined to occur!

by Roderick C. Meredith

“AND the beast was taken, and with him the FALSE PROPHET that wrought *miracles* before him, with which he had *deceived* them that had received the mark of the beast, and them which worshipped his image” (Rev. 19:20).

In this famous scriptural passage, *your Bible*—the inspired Word of God—speaks definitely and specifically of a coming FALSE PROPHET—a man who is destined to inspire AWE and ASTONISHMENT within the hearts of millions!

WHO is he? WHAT *teaching* or religious *denomination* will he represent? WHEN will he rise up to *deceive* much of this world's population? WHERE will he have his headquarters? WHY will he be able to *perform miracles* and *deceive his followers*?

A MAJOR Happening

Whether or *not* you happen to be particularly religious, the IMPACT of this coming *false prophet* on world events and on *your life* will be of major proportions! For the inspired prophecies reveal that this man will hold sway over MILLIONS of deceived human beings in the most powerful church-state union in history.

Read this article carefully!

We are now going to give you, in *advance*, some of the BIG NEWS of the next decade! For the news of this soon-coming FALSE PROPHET—and the political-religious union under him—will make front-page, major newspaper HEADLINES over and over again during the next ten years of YOUR LIFE.

So *read and study carefully*—and THINK—and PRAY!

MANY False Prophets to Arise

Jesus Christ is the greatest newscaster

who ever lived—because He foretold the news of the future *before* it happened! In the religious sphere, He foretold the history of His true followers. And He also foretold the rise of a *multitude* of FALSE PROPHETS who would *deceive millions*.

Jesus said: “Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and FEW there be that find it” (Mat. 7:13-14).

He clearly revealed that only the FEW—in this age—are being called by God.

Then He described the *false prophets* which would rise. “Beware of *false prophets*, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. *Ye shall know them by their fruits*. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit” (Verses 15-17).

In this passage, the Son of God revealed that *false prophets* will APPEAR to be like sheep. Outwardly, they SEEM to be very holy and pious men.

But, Jesus cautioned, look at the “fruit,” the *product*, the RESULTS of their teachings and activities.

You, the reader, should learn to APPLY this God-given principle to *every* religious and political “ism” abroad in the world today. Start DOING this right now!

Look at the “Fruit”

Take Communism, for instance, as an example. Are the lives of the people under this political system really FULL and CLEAN and HAPPY?

The answer is obvious.

Rather than devoting the resources of the state to the betterment of the people, the Communist governments concentrate on: (1.) holding a sullen, restive population in line; (2.) preparing to *conquer*—either by direct attack or internal subversion—other nearby states; (3.) spending their resources and man-hours on scientific and WAR projects such as going to the moon in order to insure victory in another world war—which *they themselves* plan to start whenever they think they can win!

Now apply this principle to the major RELIGIONS of the world. Consider *Buddhism*. The people of India, China and Burma are the principal adherents of this religion. By the millions, they have practiced it for *thousands* of years.

What has it brought them? What are the “fruits”—the RESULTS—in their daily lives?

The history of these people is a great human epic of *sadness, suffering, ignorance, superstition, filth, disease* and, finally, merciful DEATH. By the millions, *literally*, they die at birth or in early childhood. In maturity, more *millions—even in recent times*—have died of plain STARVATION.

Whatever “gods” they may pray to, they seem to be under unending CURSES. And this is *literally true*, for their ancient forefathers *forsook* the TRUE GOD of Shem and Noah, of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and “went a whoring”—as God puts it—after FALSE GODS of their own devising.

Yes, they have followed *false prophets*. They are under multiplied CURSES in every phase and facet of their existence.

In the western “Christian” world, what nations and peoples have *always*

been the *most backward, poorly educated, superstitious* in every sense of the word, *filthy, hungry, down-trodden and disease-ridden*? What form of so-called "Christianity" do they practice? Does their kind of religion inspire them to *develop* their minds and abilities, to *GROW* in grace and *KNOWLEDGE* of God's Word? Are they prospered and *BLESSED* after following this type of religion for literally *hundreds of years*?

What are the "FRUITS"?

Jesus' Prophecy

In His Olivet prophecy, Jesus warned: "Take heed that no man deceive you. For *MANY* shall come in my name, saying, *I am Christ*; and shall *DECEIVE MANY*" (Mat. 24:4-5).

Notice that as *He* was speaking, He said many would come in *His* name—the name of *Jesus Christ*—and would "DECEIVE MANY."

Now carpenters, electricians, lawyers and scientists *don't* come "in the name" of Jesus Christ. But professing "Christian" ministers *DO*!

Verse 5 shows that these men will come teaching that *Jesus is the Christ*. They will talk *about* His person and His works. But they will *PERVERT* and *DISTORT* His Message, for these very "Christ-preaching" ministers will "DECEIVE MANY"!

Later, in Verse 11, speaking of the end-time *tribulation* against God's true Church, Jesus said: "And *MANY false prophets* shall rise, and shall *DECEIVE MANY*."

Then, obviously speaking of the *last few months or years* before His second coming, Jesus warned: "For there shall arise *FALSE CHRISTs*, and *FALSE PROPHETS*, and shall show *GREAT SIGNS* and *WONDERS*; inasmuch that, *if it were possible*, they shall deceive the very elect" (Verse 24).

Notice! Even in this "scientific" age, whole nations are going to be *deceived* by *LYING WONDERS*—*FAKE MIRACLES*—which these *FALSE PROPHETS* are going to palm off on a gullible public!

Only the "elect"—those who are *WATCHING* and *PRAYING* (Luke 21:36)—will not be deceived.

Will *YOU* be among these elect?

The *Roman Empire* is described in the symbolism of a "beast" in Revela-

tion 13:1-10. The "dragon" or *SATAN* (Rev. 12:9) gave this empire its power and authority (Verse 2). The original Roman Empire *fell* in 476 A.D.—receiving a "deadly wound" (Verse 3). But in 554 A.D., Justinian *revived* the empire in the West and the "deadly wound" was *HEALED*.

The "Second Beast" of Revelation 13

Then, beginning in Verse 11, Christ shows John in vision another beast. "And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them that dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed" (Rev. 13:11-12).

Notice that this "second beast" does *NOT* replace the first—the Roman Empire—but merely exercises its power (Verse 12). This beast looks like a lamb (Christ) but speaks *as a dragon* (*SATAN*—Revelation 12:9). And he causes all men to *serve* and *obey* the *first beast* "whose deadly wound was healed"—the "Holy Roman Empire" as it was called during the Middle Ages after its revival by Justinian in 554 A.D.

This "second beast" then, clearly, is a *FALSE PROPHET*—who *looks* like a lamb, or Christ, but *speaks LIES* like a dragon, or Satan—and who exercises *power* and *influence* over the Holy Roman Empire. Could anything be plainer?

Now notice Verse 13: "And he doeth *GREAT WONDERS*, so that he maketh *FIRE come down from heaven* on the earth in the sight of men, and *DECEIVETH* them that dwell on earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live."

Here we find this *false prophet* working great *FALSE MIRACLES*! God's Word calls them "great wonders" and says this man will even make *FIRE* come down on earth out of the skies!

Has this really happened YET?

Obviously, since these *TREMENDOUS* miracles were to take place in the area of the Roman Empire in Western Europe *since its revival* in 554 A.D., the

complete fulfillment of these things is *YET* to be accomplished *before Jesus Christ returns to this earth!*

More Miracles Described

In Revelation 16:12, at the time *JUST BEFORE* the second coming of Christ, during the *sixth* of the *seven last plagues*, John sees the water of the River Euphrates being dried up to prepare the way for the Communist hordes of Russia and the Orient to come across for the final battle with the kings of Modern Babylon. Notice Verse 13: "And I saw three *unclean spirits* [*DEMONS!*] like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon [*SATAN*], and out of the mouth of the beast [the coming Fuehrer over the Holy Roman Empire], and out of the mouth of the *FALSE PROPHET*. For they are the spirits of *DEVILS*, working *MIRACLES*, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the *WHOLE WORLD*, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty."

Clearly, this is a *TREMENDOUS* event which is destined to affect *your life* whether or not you have any religion of any kind whatsoever! God says this is going to affect the rulers of the *whole world!*

But note here again that the coming *FALSE PROPHET* is going to be working in close conjunction with the "beast"—ruler over the Holy Roman Empire in Central Europe which will once again be *REVIVED* just before Christ's second coming! And this *false prophet* is destined to perform *MIRACLES* in order to gain a following and *DECEIVE* the leaders and peoples of this empire into following him. But the spirit power he is using to perform these miracles is the power of *DEMONS!*

The TIME is Just Ahead!

The final prophecy describing this coming false prophet is found in Revelation 19:19-20. After describing Jesus Christ coming from heaven as King of kings and Lord of lords, John states: "And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. And the beast was taken, and with him the *FALSE PROPHET* that wrought *MIRACLES* before him, with which he *DECEIVED*

them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone."

The God of your Bible states that the armies of this revived "beast" power—with the soon-coming FALSE PROPHET—will be FIGHTING against Jesus Christ at His second coming! Even though he can perform FAKE MIRACLES, this *false prophet*—along with the coming Hitler or super-dictator over the ten rulers of the coming Roman Empire (Rev. 17:12-14)—is going to be destroyed by the living CHRIST at His second coming in glory and power!

These tremendous developments WILL HAPPEN. You had better be *watching* and *praying* for UNDERSTANDING. When Christ returns to this earth as a conquering King, you had better be sure *whose side you are on!*

What About MIRACLES?

"But," some will ask, "I thought miracles were the PROOF of God's true Church and His true servants!"

What about this?

Obviously, if you have thought about the portions of the Bible we have just covered, you will realize that miracles ALONE are not the proof of God's true servants at all. For the *false prophet* WILL WORK MIRACLES!

God states in His Word that when people turn to familiar spirits or DEMONS, He tells His people: "To the LAW and to the TESTIMONY: *if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them*" (Isa. 8:20).

In every age, God's true servants will obey His law, and have the same practices and teach the same way of life which God teaches through Jesus Christ and the Bible!

In describing His true Church after the days of the original apostles, God NEVER mentions miracles as a sign of their identity one way or the other. Study God's inspired description of the true Church during the Middle Ages which had to flee for safety from the bounds of the Roman Empire. This is given in Revelation 12. Notice the real mark of IDENTITY of the true Church in Verse 17: "And the dragon [Satan] was wroth with the woman [the true



A dark, foreboding, grotesque grotto. Some—without any proof—claim Christ was born here. Although this contradicts the Bible, millions blindly believe and ignorantly worship this underground cavern as a sacred shrine.

Church], and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS of God, and have the TESTIMONY of Jesus Christ."

In Revelation 14:12, God IDENTIFIES His true saints NOT by miracles but by their OBEDIENCE to God: "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS of God, and the FAITH of Jesus."

The Apostle John, writing near the very end of the Apostolic Age, was inspired to state: "He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him" (1 John 2:4). A man does not even KNOW the true God unless he has learned to *exercise the character of God* by OBEYING the Ten Commandments—the great spiritual law which reveals God's character, and helps us know *what God is like!*

According to this plain scripture, any preacher, priest, prophet or minister who claims to represent God and fails to KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS is a LIAR! *Could anything be more clear?*

The Right KIND of Miracles

Jesus Christ did state in Mark 16:17-18 that certain signs *would follow* His true servants in every age. Notice: "And these signs shall follow them that believe: In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall

not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

Notice what KIND of signs these are which Jesus said would follow His Church. They include the *laying on of hands* for the sick which God commands in James 5:14. They include the *casting out of demons*—expelling EVIL SPIRITS which take over the minds of men and which may be causing a great deal more of the *mental illness* today than most people dare realize!

They include speaking in *different languages*—as a supernatural gift. The original disciples did this on the Day of Pentecost when they spoke—NOT IN SOME GIBBERISH—but in the normal languages of the Parthians, Medes, Elamites and others who had come to Jerusalem for Pentecost from all over the Roman Empire (Acts 2:8-11). And these signs include *protection from poisoning* through snake bite or accidentally drinking some poison—as in the case of the Apostle Paul who ACCIDENTALLY picked up a snake when he was gathering firewood in Acts 28:3-6.

Miracles Are to SERVE and HELP

Notice some inspired accounts of how these miracles *actually were carried out* by Christ, our EXAMPLE. In Mark 6:5, Jesus had found that the people in His own home country were *lacking faith*. "And he could there do no mighty work, save that he LAID HIS HANDS upon a few sick folk, and HEALED them." Then

(Verse 7) He sent out his twelve apostles to cast out demons and heal the sick. The Scripture states: "And they cast out many devils, and *anointed with oil* many that were sick, and HEALED them" (Verse 13).

Here we see the example of James 5:14 being carried out. The *sick* were being anointed with oil—a symbol of God's Holy Spirit—and the laying on of hands employed as a sign of God working *through* His human servants to bless and heal.

Often, of course, Jesus was so filled with the POWER of God's Holy Spirit that He simply *commanded* the person who was sick to be healed (Mat. 12:13). But *nearly ALWAYS*—following the example of the *laying on of hands*—Jesus either *touched* the afflicted part or *laid His hands* on them when people came to be healed of sicknesses and afflictions (Mat. 8:15; 12:13).

Another *very important* point to remember is that these miracles had PRACTICAL results in helping and alleviating people who were sick and demon-influenced or possessed. They were performed IN THE WAY that God's servants had ALWAYS healed throughout the Old and New Testaments—except, of course, Jesus' own miracles were of greater number and power in His office as the very Son of God.

However, the miracles of Jesus and His apostles were NEVER performed as a type of "show-off" demonstration in the middle of a big "tent meeting" or preaching service! They were NEVER accomplished to the accompaniment of a lot of violent, demon-inspired, uncontrolled human emotions and screaming!

Nor did Jesus' miracles EVER involve weeping dolls, crosses that glowed in the dark, dead people's breath being "liquified"—or any other *superstitious* and RIDICULOUS and PURPOSELESS manifestation!

Strange Manifestations

In Europe, the *very area* destined to see the rise of the Holy Roman Empire once again and THIS VERY SYSTEM described in the Bible which we have been discussing, notice the kind of miracles to which people have begun to look with awe.

A United Press clipping from Konnersreuth, Germany, states: "Therese Nuemann today began her lonely, PAINFUL re-enactment of Christ's agony as she has every year since 1926.

"The sixty-year-old villager of the Upper Palatinate first suffered the mystic wounds of the crucifixion on Good Friday thirty-three years ago.

"Every year, on Good Friday, the stigmatic has bled from various of the wounds Christ suffered. This year, she is bleeding from the heart wound and from her eyes.

"Her family has reported that since the first appearance of the wounds, she has eaten nothing. In the thirty-three years that have passed since then, they report, the only solids she has consumed were the hosts she received at communion."

Very frankly, this describes a DEMON SPIRIT keeping a human body alive—on very little solid food—and causing an admittedly "PAINFUL" condition which is *supposed to be* a re-enactment of Christ's suffering!

The miracles of Christ and His apostles *never* were the CAUSE of people's suffering! Rather, they were performed to *relieve* human suffering and *heal* people so that they might return to a *normal way of life*, be able to GROW in grace and in the KNOWLEDGE of Christ, to overcome their human nature, and to become in character LIKE GOD—able to rule *with* Christ at His second coming as kings and priests governing the nations of this world (Rev. 2:26).

Demons Playing with BLOOD

Another example of DEMON WORSHIP is contained in another clipping from Naples, Italy. It states: "Thousands will gather in the Cathedral of Naples tomorrow to witness the 'miracle of San Gennaro'—the liquification of the saint's human blood—that has baffled world scientists for 570 years.

"Three times each year, a vial of his congealed blood is placed on the altar, locked and sealed. The faithful pray to their patron saint and, in from ten minutes to three hours, the blood becomes pure liquid."

Did Jesus or His disciples ever run around with jars and tubes of the BLOOD of dead human beings made in

God's image? Did they pray to the DEAD?

From the newspaper accounts, *I don't necessarily doubt* that this dead blood becomes *pure liquid*! However, I would ask a blunt but simple question.

SO WHAT?

Does this "miracle" in any way SERVE God's people? Does it give them *food to eat*—as when Jesus fed the five thousand? Does it give them wine to drink—as when He turned water into wine? Does it make them *strong* and *healthy* again—as when He healed the sick? Does it help them OBEY God, *keep His COMMANDMENTS*, and GROW in the character of Christ? Does it help them UNDERSTAND God's Word and live by it?

"But," some will ask, "isn't this a REAL miracle?"

Probably YES!

But is this KIND of miracle a *Godly* miracle performed by God through *His Holy Spirit* in order to *heal*, to *help* and to *serve* His people?

Clearly, what we have been describing is NOT the kind of miracle which Jesus or His apostles ever performed—EVER, at any time. At best, it is *useless* and *purposeless*. At its worst, this type of miracle—as we have seen—sometimes causes actual *pain*, *suffering* and *DAMAGE* to the human body, the *temple* of God's Holy Spirit! And it is very likely bringing its devotees in contact with DEMON SPIRITS whose power is used to perform these FALSE MIRACLES!

Learn to *use* your God-given mind and look at the "fruit"—the real RESULT, of these so-called miracles that we read about today! Learn to compare these things with what Jesus Christ and His disciples *actually did*. Learn to UNDERSTAND!

The MAN of LAWLESSNESS

Your Bible reveals that the coming great FALSE PROPHET is going to exalt himself and take unto himself titles, functions and prerogatives perhaps more than ANY major leader in history! He is going to BLASPHEME the true God—*yet all the while claim to be His servant!*

In his second letter to the Thessalonians, the Apostle Paul told the brethren

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The Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong

The first year of College—and how opposition developed from within.

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AFTER all, would you say it was a college that finally swung open its door to students the 8th of October, 1947? There were only four students!

There were no dormitories—no place for students to be in residence on the original little “campus” of 1¾ acres. We had some books and encyclopedias on shelves in the one room that served as music room, assembly room, library, study room and lounge—but no real college library. There was no gymnasium, no track or athletic field.

WHY Smallest Beginning

I suppose many people would laugh at the idea of dignifying that by the name “college.” But there is a reason why it *had* to begin that small.

When the Great God, Creator and Ruler of the vast universe, does something by Himself, He demonstrates His supreme power by doing it in an awe-inspiring stupendous manner. But when it is actually GOD who is doing something through humans, it must start the smallest. Like the grain of mustard seed, the smallest of herbs, which grows to become the largest, God’s works through humans must start the smallest—but they grow, and grow, and grow, until they become the biggest!

Had Ambassador College started big, with several hundred or a few thousand students, a great campus filled with large college buildings—an administration building, classroom buildings, laboratories, music conservatory, large ornate auditorium, gymnasium, a fine quarter-mile track and football field, a large library building with 200,000 volumes, dormitories, dining halls—everything complete, then I could certainly have no faith in accepting it as GOD’s college.

Ambassador started in a building that had been a private residence. True, it had been built in an architectural design

more institutional than residential, in appearance. But it had been a residence. Then there was the garage. As I mentioned before, it had been originally stables—way back in the years B. C.—before cars. It had later been converted into a 4-car garage, with apartments upstairs and apartment rooms at both ends.

We had turned some of the living rooms into business offices, and the central garage space into our general mailing room for the radio work. Our small printing shop, with a Davidson duplicating machine, occupied the rear ground-floor room. We called this building the Administration building. Since then it has undergone successive remodelings, and still serves as the Administration building. But, as I write, preliminary plans are on the architect’s drawing boards for a modern new 3-story Administration Building. We long ago completely outgrew this small building.

And, again, I have explained before that God’s number for *organized beginnings* is TWELVE. His original beginnings always start with ONE MAN. God started the human family with the one man, Adam. His nation Israel started from the one man, Abraham. That nation’s government and leadership started with the one man, Moses. The Church of God and GOD’S WORK started with the one man, Jesus Christ.

But God’s own nation on earth had its *organized beginning* through the TWELVE tribes. The Church had its *organized beginning* with TWELVE apostles.

God started the original planning and founding of His college through myself. I had no help from our Church in Eugene. Rather, I met disapproval and criticism. But, on that morning of October 8, 1947, the actual *organized beginning* of the college numbered TWELVE persons in total—four students, eight faculty members, myself included. The property had been purchased, as previously explained, TWELVE years

after the start of the work.

No Dorms

We had no facilities for housing students. Our own son, Richard David (Dick), lived with us in our new home (new to us, that is). Betty Bates had rented a room out in the east end of Pasadena, some five miles from the college. She used the city bus service for transportation. The other two students, Raymond Cole and Herman Hoeh, rented a room together some 2½ miles from the college. They used less expensive transportation—shoe-leather. They managed to prepare their own food, somehow, in their room.

Those pioneer students had to “rough it” in a way I am sure our students of today do not realize. They certainly did not live in luxury. We did manage to employ these pioneer students for part-time work, at \$40 per month. But they had to pay \$31.50 room-rent—per *each*! In order to have enough to eat, they often picked lamb’s-quarter—in place of spinach—where it grew along certain sparsely settled streets and in vacant lots, then prepared it after returning home from school.

Herman Hoeh received weekly packages of food from his parents to help out. Raymond Cole sometimes had a meal with his sister, who was employed in our office. And, many times, they simply went hungry. They were more hungry for an education than for physical food.

Yet they never mentioned any of this, and I have only learned of it myself very recently.

They heard talk from others about “when this thing folds up.” But there was no thought of the college “folding up” in their minds—even as there wasn’t in mine. They had faith. They were there for a *purpose*! It was a mighty serious purpose! It was the one goal of their lives, and they concentrated

on it and worked at it with all their energies! That is why these men, all three, became top-ranking ministers in the greatest activity on earth today!

The part-time work these pioneer students did was janitor work.

Opposition From Within

Previously I have mentioned the opposition faced in getting the college started. There had been plans, plots, and schemes to stop the broadcast work before it started, and to kill it after it started. There were "temptations" to drop it—offers of something "*better*"—financially. Only these didn't really tempt me. There had been apparently insurmountable obstacles to hurdle over.

But there now was opposition, whether intentional from those who brought it or not, from within the faculty.

Remember, I had set out to found a NEW KIND of college—GOD's college. Not a Bible school. Not a "religious" school. A straight liberal arts co-educational institution—but BASED on God's revealed knowledge.

But where was I to find teachers and college professors, at the university level, who taught courses on the very FOUNDATION of God's revealed knowledge? Such instructors simply did not exist. I had to start with those reared and schooled in this world's type of education.

And I have explained before how educators, long ago—from the days of Nimrod and Semiramis—from the days of Plato who founded the curricular system—from the days of the University of Paris which started the present universities in the 12th century—had not retained GOD in their knowledge. The world had inherited education, not from God's teachings, but from PAGANISM.

Since I could do no other, I was forced to choose instructors trained in the prevailing system of education. But I sought those of outstanding qualifications and adequate degrees. I wanted the best!

There was the woman professor of English. She had at least two Ph. Ds.—some eight degrees altogether. This surely sounded like the best. She had taught many years in India. I did not know, when Mr. Dillon and I employed

her, that she was filled and saturated with Hindu philosophies, occultism, and eastern beliefs. She highly respected insects—especially butterflies.

Professor Mauler-Hiennecey frequently jested with her.

"Well," he would say, "what have you decided this morning you are going to be in your next life—a butterfly, bed bug, or beetle?"

Soon I found that our English professor was introducing all kinds of Hindu or Indian expressions and philosophies into her teaching. Now it so happened that the 18-year-old Herman Hoeh had begun, prior to coming to college, to delve into occultism. It had pricked his curiosity. And he had a scholarly mind with a good degree of intellectual curiosity. This interest in the direction of occultism disturbed me greatly.

I realized at once that this young man was a very important potential, but still immature and inclined to get off balance on some tangent, unless taught the necessity of sound balance. I went immediately to work on this problem. I now had to combat both his intellectual interest, and the influence of our new English professor.

I had a very serious talk with Mr. Hoeh. I did not try to refute or even discredit occultism or mystic Indian teachings. I was afraid this might drive him to it the more. Instead I reasoned that it was better to take up one field of study at a time. I tried to show him that what I was going to teach him at Ambassador College was BASIC knowledge—that, to lay his researches into the occult fields on the shelf for the time being, and acquire this FOUNDATION of knowledge would be the proper *preparation* preliminary to his study of the mystic fields.

In other words, I did not ask him *not* to delve into this thought, but tried to persuade him to arrange a time-order system in his study.

"And since you have now enrolled at Ambassador College," I reasoned, "why not put this first, now you are here, and then take that up *later*?"

He agreed. And thus, instead of getting off balance prior to full mental maturity, I was able to steer Herman Hoeh on the track of intellectual BALANCE and sound-mindedness. He had

been gifted with an extraordinarily intellectual mind. Now it was being anchored to the course of sound balance and right UNDERSTANDING. And *what an asset it has become to God's Work!*

As time went on, it became evident to both Raymond Cole and Herman Hoeh that our English professor was not at all in harmony with the real objectives of Ambassador College. She expressed later in the year that she still felt there was some hope for Mr. Hoeh, but she had given Mr. Cole up as hopeless. However, Mr. Hoeh stuck loyally to his agreement to pursue his studies into the Bible under me first. So he proved hopeless, too, for her.

Along about March in that school year, Mr. Hoeh and Mr. Cole came to me together about this instructor. Mr. Hoeh reported that she had told him she was *sent* to Ambassador College by invisible forces in the east, for the purpose of *destroying* the college before it could get fairly started—and that she had said that if she could have just six more weeks' time, "there won't be a grease-spot left of this college."

So that was one of the oppositions from within, at the outset of the college.

Later on in the year we learned that Professor Mauler-Hiennecey did not really believe in God, but had strong agnostic views. Actually this did not appear on the surface for three or four years, but caused some trouble later on. However, he was a lovable old fellow, and a very fine French teacher, as well as a good instructor in Spanish. Under him my son Dick learned to speak French without even an accent. When he went to France, in 1952, he was accepted often as a native Frenchman.

We found M. Mauler-Hiennecey to be the kind of fellow who would give you the shirt off his back—but despise you if you took it! Yet he was pleasant, friendly, kind-hearted. He was with us several years, but finally resigned to prevent dismissal after his atheistic teaching began to emerge in class, and after warning from me, had introduced it again in a burst of anger. But then, he was then getting pretty old. We did love him, and he rendered service for some six years.

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Are We Really CIVILIZED?

by Raymond F. McNair

IN 1960 Mr. Roderick Meredith and I visited a mining compound in Kitwe, Northern Rhodesia—just a few minutes drive from the Congo. We were privileged to be shown through some native markets.

Mr. Meredith and I were appalled to learn that many of these natives can't afford even fly-covered dried fish. They commonly eat less expensive fare—worms! The heaps of worms we saw in more than one native market looked like common grubs.

Not Our Standards!

The "civilized" world of today prides itself on its intelligence, its culture and its advancement in science, technology and philosophy.

The so-called modern, sophisticated, "civilized" person looks on pagans and their customs with disdain and repugnance. The aborigines of Australia, Africa, South America and other parts of the world are treated as backward and "uncivilized."

But are WE really as civilized and cultured as we have been deluded into believing?

Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary defines the word "civilize" as: "To cause to come out of a SAVAGE or BARBAROUS state; to INSTRUCT in the CUSTOMS of CIVILIZATION; EDUCATE; REFINES."

And what of the word "civilization" which we so pride ourselves in having achieved? "Civilization" is defined as: "1. Advancement in SOCIAL CULTURE. 2. A state of social culture characterized by relative progress in the ARTS, SCIENCE and STATECRAFT."

Have we ever stopped to examine our own customs and practices to see if we are really cultured and civilized? In some parts of the Orient it is commonplace for a housewife to walk into a "meat-market" where a plentiful and diverse supply of snakes are caged. The Indian attendant reaches into a cage and pulls out a number of writhing snakes. The oriental housewife then selects the serpent of her fancy. The

proprietor takes a knife, cuts all the way around its "neck," slits its skin from head to tail, removes it, and then passes the still-living writhing, skinned snake to the pleased customer, who puts it into her shopping-bag and makes her way home to prepare it for the family.

Our western world would call this barbarous!

But what about the Western or Occidental world? Are we very much more civilized than they? In most any city of any size in America, Britain, Canada or Australia one can go into a delicatessen and select from the shelves rattlesnake meat, canned worms, or many other "delicacies."

Good Eating?

Now come with me into a modern, plush and very expensive restaurant in New York City. When one enters the restaurant, he is met by the smiling Head Waiter who ushers him and his party to their table. The furniture is very plush; the seats are covered in fine leather; light is mostly by the romantic flicker of candles; soft dinner music can be heard in the background; the waiters are dressed in tails and have thick foreign accents. The general decor and atmosphere make it truly a delightful place in which to have an enjoyable dinner.

A smiling waiter walks up to your table and puts artistically printed menus in front of you. On the menu (and included among the *hors d'oeuvres*) are listed such things as common earthworms and agave worms, fried ants or, if you prefer, chocolate-coated ants or bees, rattlesnake steaks, eels, snails, octopus, turtle soup, shrimp, crabs, oysters. You look at the menu half amused, half-nauseated at the thought.

As you look around, you see competent, civilized, intelligent-looking men who have been successful in the world. *They can afford these "delicacies."* Their female companions are usually elegantly dressed ladies wrapped in furs, decked with jewels.

But is this really "culture?"

You ask yourself how these successful men and women can possibly be so devoid of understanding as to pay so dearly for a dinner which usually includes at least some of these abhorrent creatures! Then you are reminded of the proverb: "*There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death*" (Prov. 14:12).

Now look at the food eaten by the average man-on-the-street.

The average American, Canadian, Australian or Briton exists on a "dietetic horror." Man takes the minerals, bran, the wheat germ and other precious food elements from the wheat. He feeds that to the pigs. Then he feeds his fellow man on the "refined" product. The iron and other vital elements are taken from sugar beets and sugar cane and we are then given the "refined" white sugar. Poisonous preservatives, bleaches, and other noxious chemicals are added before reaching the consumer! Is it any wonder that many are anaemic, constipated, diseased and just teetering on the brink of collapse?

Ridiculous Clothes

Now look at the *clothes* worn by the so-called civilized world. We look with amused curiosity upon the garments of aboriginal tribes, Orientals or people of the Near East and then we smile to ourselves! The garbs of these people appear strange or perhaps ludicrous to us. But just how ridiculous are our customs?

Bikini bathing suits, plunging necklines, short and tight dresses, "short-shorts," skin-tight slacks—are these really any more modest than the dress of the non-western world?

Today on television human beings are turning more and more to nudity, while animals are being clothed! Perhaps one will, in the near future, behold the ridiculous spectacle of a near-nude human being riding on a fully-clothed horse, or leading a well-dressed dog! We surely live in a *mixed-up, topsyturvy world*! Is this true civilization?

We look with amazement at heathen tribes who paint and powder themselves in what appears to us a ridiculous fashion. But doesn't our modern "civilized" woman also use lipstick, rouge, powder, mascara, hair dyes and other forms of "make-up?"

Many foreigners who visit our lands for the first time are amazed and shocked at what they see cultured westerners doing.

"The fantastic world of women's fashion has grown into one of the greatest con games ever devised . . . The tab for fuss and feathers [all types of women's make-up] is now close to 25 billion dollars a year. . . .

"Every man should be able to enjoy looking at a womanly woman, but today's fashions do not permit it. The average female looks like a witch, with heavy-rimmed eyes, hair puffed out into a toadstool shape, and her shape below disguised as a lampshade, T-square or triangle . . ." So says *Reader's Digest*, October, 1962.

Concrete and Steel Jungles

Now consider another aspect of life as found in the "civilized" world. Today it is common to find (in the larger cities of every nation) veritable concrete and steel "jungles." In these man-made jungles live scores of millions of human beings—cooped up like animals! Children born in such circumstances have no parks in which to play, and must often grow up like alley-cats or stray-dogs—running the streets!

"Civilized" peoples ridicule the superstitious practices of the aborigines and the ancient pagans. Yet many superstitions and fables are just as firmly rooted in so-called *enlightened* peoples. Some who ridicule the divine inspiration of the Bible, accept instead the *theory of evolution*—which is not only unproven, but unprovable. The modern belief that life originally sprang from ocean slime is actually an *ancient* pagan superstition.

How many people have you known personally who are fearful of certain "unlucky" numbers; who refuse to walk under a ladder because of superstitious fear; who wear a rabbit's foot, a crucifix or some charm or amulet around their necks?



This beautiful outdoor theatre built by Mussolini was a symbol of this world's civilization. But modern "civilization" is not true culture. Mussolini, through lust for power, was responsible for the deaths of multiple thousands.

You would be utterly appalled if you knew how many people base their lives on their personal *horoscopes* and plan their future "according to the stars." How many people do you know who believe in *water-witching*, crystal-ball gazing, palmistry, or who will use a *plumbob* or some other instrument to reveal to them hidden knowledge. There are many modern forms of wizardry, witchcraft, horoscopy, and other forms of demon practices and superstitions which our people still cling to—practices which God condemns (Deut. 18: 10-12).

We in the "civilized" world ridicule the *witch doctors* and so-called "*medicine*" doctors of heathen lands. But many of the pills, drugs and other concoctions which are daily pumped, piped or pushed into the mouths or veins of human beings were formerly used by many "uncivilized" medicine men. It has been said by a noted English medical doctor that if all these medicines and drugs were dumped into the ocean, it would be much better for humanity and much worse for the fish!

Reports an editor in Maclean's magazine: "For the past several weeks I have been questioning physicians, pharmacologists, hospital clinicians, scien-

tific researchers and others about the 'confusing, dangerous mess' in therapeutics. My own general conclusion is that, *unless we quickly mend our ways, we are on our way to creating a nightmare of drug-induced heart and blood disease; damaged livers and kidneys; impaired hearing, sight and sexual powers; and the birth of an increasing number of severely deformed babies.*" (*Maclean's Magazine*, December 1, 1962.)

In many remote areas in the Americas, the Middle East, Asia, and the Polynesian islands, there are people who are almost without drugs but have a more natural diet, and have healthy bodies that live to a great age. What is so "*civilized*" about the way we wreck our health?

Are we, then, as "civilized" as we would like to believe? Look at the way many people treat animals with great kindness and tenderness; and then compare this with the way *they treat fellow human beings* (made in the very image of God Almighty)!

Modern Art—Is It Civilized?

Or consider the question of *modern art*. Surely the field of "modern art" reveals the mixed-up, weird, wacky and unbalanced tendencies of this genera-

tion as much as any other one thing.

Today it takes only a low intelligence—or no intelligence at all!—to paint prize-winning *modern* "art!"

"Several artists angrily removed their paintings last night from an art show at South Gate, California, after one of the ten prizes was awarded to Miss Teresa Bates for a black and white abstract. They complained that *the judges should have been informed that Miss Bates is only 22 months old.*

"The judges stood by their decision. *'Many times children's art can be better than adult art,'* said one of the judges, Mr. Robert Chuey, an art teacher.

"He added: 'Much adult art and many artists become tired and lacking in fresh viewpoints, whereas a child is untarnished, not yet corrupted.'" (*Daily Telegraph*, April 16, 1963.)

And there is the instance of the painting which was hung upside down and still won a prize—nobody having realized that it was upside down! Also a prize-winning picture was painted by a chimpanzee, and an ass on one occasion painted an abstract, prize-winning painting—with the swishes of its tail!

And what about the musical arts? God intended music to be inspiring, soothing, uplifting.

But what is happening today? Not long ago B.B.C. music chief, Hans Keller, and pianist-composer Susan Bradshaw decided to play a joke on the British music critics—the intellectual snobs who feel they really know good music from bad!

"Now this is the sort of programme the [music] experts just can't resist tuning in to. And when the announcer introduced 'Piotr Zak, brilliant 22-year-old Polish composer, who is one of the most controversial figures in contemporary music,' they fell for it, hook, line and sinker.

"For a deliriously happy half-hour they [Mr. Keller and Miss Bradshaw] banged kettles, bashed drums, kicked chairs, and . . . [beat on] every noisy object in sight.

"*The music experts listened in raptures of delight.*

"*'A new dimension in music,'* they sighed, when the programme came to an end. *'Zak is better than Bach!'*" (*Weekend*, Sep. 19-23, 1962).

What they didn't know was that "zak" is Australian slang for a sixpence—that there was no Piotr Zak who ever wrote a line of music—that they had been completely fooled by Mr. Keller and Miss Bradshaw.

Need we be surprised to learn that the critics were duped by this "music," since it sounded so much like certain forms of modern music?

Wife-Swapping in the Modern World

Compare "heathen" sex and marriage practices with those of "civilized" peoples!

It is common practice among Eskimos and some Arab tribes of Yemen for the head of the family to offer a male guest the embraces of his wife for the night.

But are we, in the so-called "civilized" world, any different? An interesting article appeared in the *San Francisco Chronicle* of April 3, 1963, giving some shocking facts regarding the practice of "wife-swapping" in the United States.

"*Wife-swapping—adultery by mutual agreement—is fast becoming a fad in the Bay Area.* Hundreds of husbands and wives . . . are advertising their marital misery in coded 'classified' columns of a motley assortment of 'magazines' published for the purpose of putting sex deviates of one sort or another in touch with each other. They are getting together in groups of two or more couples in homes, hotels and motels to participate in 'switching-parties' that often take on the proportions of orgies. . . .

"From the facts obtained throughout the weeks of investigation it appears WIFE-SWAPPING ACTIVITY is on the increase not only in the Bay Area, but THROUGHOUT THE REST OF THE NATION . . . Only two weeks ago in Washington it was revealed for the first time that Post Office investigators are finding an 'outbreak' of postal law offences in which wife-swapping is involved. Chief Postal Inspector Henry B. Montague told a subcommittee of the House of Representatives that use of the U.S. mails to promote wife-swapping, in one way or another, is 'no longer limited to isolated instances.'"

This article also points out that most of those who indulge in wife-swapping

had broken God's law (the seventh command—Ex. 20:14) *by committing adultery BEFORE they began the vile practice of wife-swapping!*

Even some psychiatrists and ministers indulge in this vile practice!

Although considered by many to be new, wife-swapping has long been practiced all over the United States.

Modern man is essentially no different from the heathen. That's why your Bible says: "Thus saith the Lord, LEARN NOT THE WAY OF THE HEATHEN . . . FOR THE CUSTOMS OF THE PEOPLE ARE VAIN . . ." (Jer. 10:2-3).

Christ said, "And this is the condemnation, that *light is come into the world, and MEN LOVED DARKNESS RATHER THAN LIGHT, BECAUSE THEIR DEEDS WERE EVIL*" (John 3:19). Perhaps some of you have unknowingly been guilty of the practices mentioned in this article. Are you going to be offended at the truth?

God indicts this world and its civilization. "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that *the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God*" (Jas. 4:4).

But what can you do to overcome the ridiculous customs and practices of the world around you?

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, voluntarily gave Himself to be sacrificed for our sins "that He might *deliver us from THIS PRESENT EVIL WORLD*" (Gal. 1:4)!

This world is not Christ's world (John 18:36). It is not run according to God's ways or laws. The civilization (*society* or Gk. "*cosmos*") which rules *this world during this age* is not patterned after the right principles and laws of God!

The customs, traditions, fads and fancies of mankind are fickle and fluctuate from one generation to another. "But the Word [and ways] of the Lord endureth for ever" (1 Peter 1:23, 25.)

You Can Have A Sound Mind

This present world has little *balance*, little *soundness*. Those who repent of their sins, who are baptized and imbued with God's Spirit, are the only ones who have truly "sound" minds!

Notice II Timothy 1:7. "For God bath not given us the spirit of fear; but

of power, and of love, and of a SOUND MIND."

Today's world is a fearful, frustrated, deceived, mixed-up world. But those who have God's Spirit are not fearful or mixed-up. They have received God's sound, sane mind through receiving His Holy Spirit! The only real sanity in this world today is the sanity or soundness of mind which God imparts through His Spirit! Without the guidance of the Spirit of God, man is led into error, confusion and endless tangents; and gullibly believes and practices many senseless customs and ways of men!

The "civilized" world is not as civilized and cultured as it is deceived into believing! Its customs, practices, traditions and ways are steeped in paganism just as much as are the ways of the heathen in the remotest parts of Africa or Australia!

God Wishes You To Have "Fullness of Joy!"

The reason God tells us not to love this world or this civilization which rules during this age, is that it is going headlong down the road of unhappiness, sickness and misery—toward total annihilation and ultimate death! God wants us to repent, and turn from our sins, so that we won't be destroyed with this present world and its wicked, forward ways.

Of course not everything in this present world is wrong. God requires or expects us to give up that which is bad for us—which is contrary to His Word, or His revealed laws.

God Almighty created the beauty that we see everywhere around us. He created the five senses, and through these senses He wants us to receive enjoyment and pleasure to the fullest, but only in a *truly* civilized manner. He wishes us to live an abundant life (John 10:10). We are told that "*In thy [God's] presence is FULLNESS OF JOY; at THY RIGHT HAND THERE ARE PLEASURES FOR EVERMORE*" (Psa. 16:11).

And in I Timothy 6:17 we are informed that *it is* GOD "WHO GIVETH US RICHLY ALL THINGS TO ENJOY." Yes, God wants us to enjoy all things—but in a *right way*!

What, then, is true art, culture—

civilization? It is God's WAY of life! God's Word gives the only true guide or yardstick by which we can know (Matt. 4:4)!

"Finally, brethren, *whatsoever things are TRUE, whatsoever things are PURE, whatsoever things are LOVELY, whatsoever things are of GOOD REPORT; if there be any VIRTUE, and if there be any PRAISE, THINK ON THESE THINGS*" (Phil. 4:8).

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BIRTH—in this present mortal human life.

Notice how the "mother of us all," the Church, is to protect and *feed* those in it, until they reach spiritual MATURITY. In I Corinthians 12 you'll read how God gives spiritual gifts for various administrations, or functions of service. In Ephesians 4:11-14, Christ has given special spiritual abilities or talents to certain ones in a chain of authority under Him in the Church—and notice for what PURPOSE:

"And His (Christ's) gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, for the equipment of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for building up the body of Christ (the Church), UNTIL we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, *to mature manhood*, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."

In other words, *to full spiritual maturity!*

Now WHY should we count the troubles and problems and temptations that beset us as all JOY?

Simply because we *cannot* hurdle these obstacles successfully in our own power. They drive us to seek help from God. To go to God for the wisdom to know *what* to do, and the power to be able to do it, requires FAITH. This is a *living* faith. It is ALIVE. It is active.

When we meet such trials, we often do not know what to do. We lack the WISDOM to make the right decision. So

open your Bible to the first chapter of James. Notice verse 5.

If you lack wisdom, in such trials, GO TO GOD for it! But ask IN FAITH—no wavering—no doubting. Be SURE God will not fail, but will give you this wisdom. Depend upon Him for it. If you waver, you are like a wave in the ocean—tossed back and forth—going nowhere! So, instead of wavering, BE STEADFAST. And if you don't get the answer immediately from God, have PATIENCE. Don't give up. Trust Him.

Now notice verses 2-3: "Count it all JOY, my brethren, when you meet various trials, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness" (Revised Standard version). These trials force you to your knees. You must have FAITH to meet them. They *test* your faith. They *develop* spiritual CHARACTER!

In the King James version, it says the trying of your faith produces patience. It produces that kind of patience that is steadfastness. THAT IS CHARACTER!

Sure, it may be unpleasant for a while. But, Paul assures us that if we suffer with Christ, we shall REIGN with Him—and the GLORY *to be* revealed in us is so incomparably greater than anything we now are, that this promised future for eternity is something to REJOICE over!

Yes, count it all JOY! Even if unpleasant. It is maturing you, *now*, for the marriage to Christ. The CHURCH of God shall be BORN the KINGDOM OF GOD! The Kingdom of God will not be composed of spiritual know-nothings and infants.

When we are born again—born of God—resurrected in spirit bodies, those bodies will not be small, like a human physical infant which must *grow* to full physical size. We shall *look* as we do now, so far as form and shape and features are concerned. But the resurrected body will be a *different* body—composed of SPIRIT instead of flesh and blood (I Cor. 15:35-44).

The original twelve apostles were Christ's *witnesses*. That is, they were actual eye-witnesses that Jesus rose from the dead—that the living resurrected Christ was the *same* Jesus who had been crucified. They were with Him forty days after His resurrection. But nobody

will be foolish enough to suggest that when Christ was BORN very Son of God by the resurrection (Romans 1:4) that He was resurrected in a tiny infant's body composed of spirit. He was resurrected FULL GROWN, as He had been when crucified. How did the apostles *know* He was the *same* Jesus? Because they knew what Jesus had looked like—and in His born-again resurrected body *He looked the same*, except He now was composed of *spirit* instead of matter!

The resurrected Christ was PERFECT—He was very God! But He did not grow up into perfection *after* He was resurrected. It was during His human lifetime, setting us the example, that He *was made perfect* as you read in Hebrews 2:10 and 5:8-9).

Thus it is plain that we must develop spiritual character, growing to spiritual adulthood, *during this life*—not after our resurrection in GLORY! *This* is the *spiritual* growth, of which the *physical* growth of the unborn child, from tiny embryo to a size and weight of some six to eight pounds at birth, is a type. The physical growth of the unborn human is a growth of physical size and weight. The *spiritual* growth of the begotten but yet unborn *spiritual* child of God is a growth in spiritual CHARACTER, not of physical volume, size or weight. The human baby merely grows large enough to be born prior to birth—NOT TO PHYSICAL OR MENTAL MATURITY. But he *does* grow. And this physical growth is the TYPE of the spiritual growth by feeding on the Word of God, and prayer, and Christian fellowship, and participation in the Work of God in the life of the begotten child of God.

The *difference* is merely the difference between matter and spirit. One is a material growth. Material growth is measured by volume, size, weight. The other is spiritual growth, measured by character development.

Jesus was BORN very Son of God by His resurrection (Romans 1:4). He was born fully *mature*. He was born in a spirit body, which was manifested to His apostles in the same apparent size and shape as when He died. When He appears on earth the second time, in His

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"And When you see the ABOMINATION . . ."

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these prophecies more fully, and also the alarming portent of what is just around the corner, you need to write in immediately for the booklets "The Key to the Book of Revelation," and "The Book of Revelation Unveiled At Last!" The booklet on the KEY to the book of Revelation shows how *these events*, as Christ outlined in the 24th chapter of Matthew, actually *interpret* and enlarge upon the events John saw IN VISION in the 6th chapter of the book of Revelation!

Then, after describing this terrible time of religious persecution—when even brothers, fathers and sons, and members of *families* would begin to horribly persecute one another—Jesus pointed to the one BIGGEST and most *vitaly important* event of all!

Why important? Because this *one great event* was to be the SIGN for God's true people to FLEE—in order to *escape* the great tribulation which was to befall all those who had not been watching! *If there is any one major world event you need to thoroughly understand—this is it!*

The Abomination of Desolation

This GREAT event is one which is beginning to develop *right now*—before your very eyes!

Jesus gave a stern warning. He said, "Whoso readeth, *let him understand!*" (Matt. 24:15).

This interjected warning—sternly positioned in this seemingly "vague" reference to a great world event, is too clear to ignore! Jesus meant this *great event*, which your Bible calls a great "ABOMINATION"—an abomination which is going to make *desolate*—is *too significant to ignore!*

Let's notice it! "When you therefore shall SEE the *abomination of desolation*, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the HOLY PLACE (whoso readeth, let him understand:) THEN let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains . . ."

Matthew records a great abomination,

which was to "make desolate," which would be standing in the "HOLY PLACE!"

In Luke's account, Luke describes, "And when you shall see *Jerusalem compassed with armies*, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh!"

So, once again, the warning is dual!

Matthew's account, inspired of God's Holy Spirit, includes the "spiritual" event which is to take place—the great "religious" event which will actually stand in what is called the HOLY PLACE!

Luke's account, JUST as inspired of God's Spirit, talks of a *military* action—Jerusalem surrounded with armies!

What does it mean? Few seem to know! Theologians of past centuries have tried to assign this GREAT event to the standards of Roman Soldiers occupying Jerusalem, the desecration of the Temple by the Zealots, who seized it, and made it into a stronghold just before the armies of Titus attacked, or the attempt of Emperor Caligula to have his own statue set up in the Temple and worshipped!

But NONE of these events happened as a CULMINATION OF SUPER-WORLD EVENTS AS CHRIST FORETOLD!

The sacking of Jerusalem and the Temple WAS a PARTIAL fulfillment of this great DUAL prophecy—but only a forerunning TYPE of the really AWE-SOMELY GREAT event Jesus said was to come!

Scholars have not understood the absolute AUTHORITY of Scripture—the absolute ACCURACY of it! Just as with nearly ALL prophecy—this major Prophecy of Christ is DUAL!

This great warning is for US—NOW!

First, then, *where* is this event to occur?

Jesus said to watch for JERUSALEM being surrounded by ARMIES, and to watch for a great ABOMINATION in God's sight being set up in the "Holy Place!"

Could anything be clearer? The ancient Tabernacle, and then the Temple, were partitioned into *two* rooms, be-

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ABOMINATION

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side the outer courts, porches and living quarters.

There was the outer court, in *front* of the Holy Place, where the priests made continual offerings and sacrifices. The innermost room was typical of *God's own throne*, called the "*Holy of Holies!*" or the MOST Holy place. Into this innermost room the high priest could enter only ONE TIME EACH YEAR, on the Day of Atonement, picturing mankind made "*at one*" with God. The outer room, through which the priest had to pass to enter the Holiest Place, was known as the HOLY PLACE. In it were located the table for the shewbread, and the golden candlestick.

It is in this precise room of the Temple Jesus said a great ABOMINATION is to be set up!

The PLACE of this great abomination couldn't be clearer!

It must take place *in the city of Jerusalem*, inside of a TEMPLE which apparently must YET BE BUILT, in a room called the HOLY PLACE! That, at least, is HALF of the ABOMINATION of which Christ warned!

The OTHER half, explained in Luke's Gospel, is the warning of imminent MILITARY TAKEOVER OF PALESTINE?

But by whom? When? Why?

"Spoken of by DANIEL the Prophet!"

Let's do as Jesus said—let's go to the prophecies of DANIEL to understand this strange warning!

Daniel was given specific visions of events to occur in OUR TIME! He told Nebuchadnezzar, ". . . there is a GOD IN HEAVEN that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar *what shall be in the later days*" (Dan. 2:28).

Daniel was told his prophecies were for the TIME OF THE END—NOW! (Dan. 12:4).

The answer to Christ's warning is found in the 11th chapter of Daniel, the longest and most clearly detailed single prophecy in all the Bible.

Notice! "And at the TIME OF THE

END (this prophecy, then, is absolutely DATED as pertaining to OUR DAY, NOW) shall the king of the south push at him (the "king of the north") and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over" (verse 40).

Bible scholars have recognized the FIRST, TYPICAL fulfillment of this surprising prophecy, but have failed to see its LITERAL application to OUR TIMES!

It is known, for example, that the *ancient kings of the north* were the Seleucidae of Syria, warring against the Ptolemies of Egypt. But what of the MODERN powers meant by these designations?

Remember—the Bible is written, SPIRITUALLY and GEOGRAPHICALLY, from the point of view of PALESTINE!

If you were to look on a map, and try to find two powers fitting this description, you would have a fairly easy task—if you KNEW the "king of the North" COULD NOT BE RUSSIA!

How can you know this? Because *Russia* is to the NORTH and EAST of Palestine—and is mentioned as yet a THIRD power in this *same prophecy*—and one that *challenges* the power of the KING OF THE NORTH (verse 44).

Who else could this be, then, except the coming UNITED STATES OF EUROPE, a resurrection of the ancient ROMAN EMPIRE, just as we have been fearlessly proclaiming for nearly THIRTY YEARS over the WORLD TOMORROW program, and in the pages of this magazine!

A rearmed GERMANY, heading up a final union of TEN NATIONS IN EUROPE—THIS is the Biblical KING OF THE NORTH!

The King of the South? EGYPT, of course. *But not Egypt of today*. Egypt of a few more years from now—Egypt as she continues to expand the U.A.R., bringing more and more of the North African Mohammedan nations into the same Afro-Arabian power bloc!

Daniel's prophecy shows the TIME when Christ's prophecy of ARMIES AROUND JERUSALEM WILL BE FILLED!

Notice! "He shall enter also the GLORIOUS LAND, and *many* countries shall be overthrown, but *these* shall

escape out of his hand [the REASONS for this were covered in Dr. H. L. Hoeh's article in the last issue—on a way of ESCAPE for God's true people!], even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon" (Daniel 11:41).

Notice further, "And HE SHALL PLANT THE TABERNACLES OF HIS PALACE BETWEEN THE SEAS [MEANING JERUSALEM] IN THE GLORIOUS HOLY MOUNTAIN . . ." (verse 45).

Speaking in modern language, then, when YOU, yes YOU, YOURSELF, SEE a revived, remilitarized *Germany*, at the head of a UNITED STATES OF EUROPE—the coming third power bloc of the world in central Europe—MARCHING INTO PALESTINE—then you had better realize THE ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION IS BEGINNING!

Why in the "HOLY PLACE?"

But what about the REST of this stern warning from Jesus Christ?

He said, "When you see the Abomination of Desolation . . . stand in the HOLY PLACE . . . then . . . FLEE . . ." (Matt. 24).

Remember, the HOLY PLACE is an *actual room* in the TEMPLE!

Herein is the great "RELIGIOUS" fulfillment of Christ's warning!

The very FIRST WARNING JESUS GAVE, and His most *oft-repeated* warning, was that of *false ministers, false christ's*—religious BABYLON!

Many parts of the Bible make this warning really PLAIN!

The great *pagan* religions of the world, nearly always stemming from EGYPT and BABYLON, have always had one major thing in common—IDOLATRY!

It seems each major babylonish system in its turn has had a single GREAT STATUE to which it looked—a *chief* idol—whether of an actual "deity" or supposed replica of its "founder."

Don't forget this remarkable prophecy has had a *previous*, TYPICAL fulfillment! While the REALLY IMPORTANT fulfillment is to take place in *our* time—there *has* been a forerunner of this prophecy.

In the times of the Seleucidae of Syria, the most dreaded and notorious of all the Syrian kings, Antiochus Epiphanes, succeeded in setting up an actual IDOL, a *statue* IN THE HOLY PLACE! It was the statue of "JUPITER OLYMPUS"

chief deity of the pagan Hellenists of Macedonia and Greece! According to profane history, the statue finally found its way to Rome; and, through the ages, disappeared. If anywhere in existence today, the statue would be of *great antiquity*—darkened and worn with age!

Modern "mystery" religions are no exception! They, too, have their favored idols—cherished as something almost "sacred," and bound up in ages of tradition and history!

But NOT JUST AN IDOL is to become an abomination in the very Holy Place—but a *living human being*! One who is ALIVE, TODAY! One who will rise to GREAT OFFICE AND POWER, and will make GREAT CHANGES on the world scene—one who will SPEAK GREAT WORDS!

Jesus Christ, the Revelator, revealed to John the picture of a great fallen WOMAN who had made the world spiritually *drunk* on the "wine" of FALSE DOCTRINE!

Read it! "So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness, and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet colored beast (our free booklet, "Who is the BEAST?"), and the article appearing in the last issue fully explain this Bible symbol of a revived ROMAN EMPIRE in modern day Europe!), full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns" (Rev. 17:3).

These *heads*, representing *governments* in Biblical language, show the continuous stages, or phases of this babylonish system which was to continue from the time of the first Roman Empire until the second coming of Christ. (Dan. 7th chap.)

But what power RULED over these successive stages or revivals in Europe?

Read verse 4! A great harlot WOMAN is described! The Bible speaks of this woman as a GREAT FALSE CHURCH! She, in the female gender, commits spiritual "fornication" with the kings of the earth (Rev. 17:2), having *political* relations with *this world*!

Instead of COMING OUT of this evil world, and being totally SEPARATE from it, as God *commands* to every true child of His (Rev. 18:4; I John 2:15; Jas. 4:4; Rom. 12:2) this great false woman became *very much a part* of THIS WORLD!

"And upon her forehead was a NAME written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH!" She is, then, a great MYSTERY religion! "Mystery, Babylon the great" merely means BABYLONIAN MYSTERIES! Her doctrines are the *identical* SAME doctrines of the ancient pagan religions of BABYLON and EGYPT, started by the mother-wife of Nimrod, Semiramis, and perpetuated in the first century by Simon Magus and his henchmen!

Notice—she is called the MOTHER OF HARLOTS! She has many DAUGHTERS, then, WHO ALSO MIX WITH THE POLITICS OF THIS EVIL WORLD—FOLLOWING their fallen mother in her basic evils—yet having *come out* of her!

She is called the MOTHER, *not only* of HARLOTS—but of the ABOMINATIONS of the earth!

The GREATEST SINGLE ABOMINATION OF ALL will be fostered by this SAME BABYLONISH SYSTEM!

The Apostle Paul was inspired to give the whole story! He fearlessly foretold of a single man who *was* to ascend a *great religious throne*, and begin to make wholly BLASPHEMOUS and HIDEOUSLY ABOMINABLE proclamations—even appropriating to himself titles that belong only to GOD! He would eventually begin to claim that he, himself IS GOD!

"Let no man deceive you by any means," begins Paul (II Thes. 2:3), just as Jesus began *His* prophecy of the SAME TIMES—with a stern warning about *false doctrines*—"for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that MAN OF SIN be revealed, the SON OF PERDITION (DESTRUCTION)" (II Thess. 2:3).

Notice he is called a MAN OF SIN! But the DEVIL is called the very *author* and *beginner* of sin (John 8:44 with Rev. 12:9), the father of lies! This human being, to ascend a great religious throne, will be a SON OF DESTRUCTION! And Satan is called the DESTROYER! (Rev. 9:11—margin).

This man will be a son of SATAN, spiritually, and perhaps even directly POSSESSED by SATAN HIMSELF!

Notice the great POWERS he will wield! "Who opposeth and exalteth

himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that *he as God* (acting AS IF HE WERE GOD HIMSELF!) sitteth in the TEMPLE OF GOD . . ." (II Thes. 2:4).

IN THE TEMPLE! OF COURSE! IN THE HOLY PLACE!

Just as Jesus Christ warned, this MAN, a human individual even *now* alive, and perhaps even NOW Satan inspired, WILL PLACE HIS THRONE IN THE VERY TEMPLE OF GOD, CLAIMING TO BE GOD!

Could ANYTHING be MORE of an evil, foul, dirty, slimy, blasphemous ABOMINATION in God's sight?

Read the *rest* of this alarming prophecy! ". . . sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God . . . for the *mystery of iniquity* (a babylonish MYSTERY religion!) doth ALREADY work (yes, Paul said it had its insidious beginnings *even then*!) only he who now letteth (an old word meaning "restrains") will let, until HE BECOME TO BE!"

(The original Greek verb, "ginomai" has *this* sense, rather than "taken out of the way," as it appears in the King James translation.)

"And then shall that WICKED (A WICKED ONE—ONE EVIL PERSON IN HIGH OFFICE—is the whole subject and content of this passage of scripture!) be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of His mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming" (II Thes. 4:8).

There it is! This great false spiritual leader will make UNPRECEDENTED changes in the whole religious pattern of the WORLD!

He will ascend a HIGH SPIRITUAL OFFICE, claiming to be the spiritual leader of the WHOLE EARTH—finally claiming HE IS GOD! Think of it! He will say THERE IS no God in heaven—that HE, HIMSELF, IS GOD!

Jesus warned YOU to *watch*! He said, when you SEE this great ABOMINATION beginning to develop, when you *see* these frightening signs in weather, in the political climate of the world, and in *religion*, then you can KNOW that His return to this earth is really NEAR!

This great false god will have the *very power of Satan*! He will deceive MOST of the world, and only the VERY ELECT

will not be deceived by the tremendous MIRACLES he will perform (Matt. 24:24).

Jesus warned, "whoso readeth—LET HIM UNDERSTAND!"

YOU have been warned!

Autobiography

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But in Dr. Taylor I felt we had a sympathetic Christian believer. Dr. Taylor, in spite of his illustrious academic record which included faculty membership at such institutions as Harvard, M.I.T., Cornell, and Wheaton, strongly professed Christianity.

But how his Christianity ran counter to ours, and actually proved a most serious problem of opposition, yet finally resolving into a very happy and pleasant relationship until his death, will have to be withheld until next month's installment.

Letters

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treme gentleness—as children's 4-H Club projects. Only in extremely rare cases does a Dexter have a health problem, genetic or otherwise—because Dexter breeders and their associations have long known the value of good breeding principles and the dangers involved in careless inbreeding and line breeding. Some have admittedly disliked Dexters because of their small size, which probably accounts for rumors, intended to create disfavor, which have been believed and even reported by supposedly reliable sources. Noted cattle authorities who deal with the facts of all breeds usually put no stock in such unfounded, misleading rumors.

Fertilizer Economy

"I enjoy your PLAIN TRUTH; however, being a cattleman and College Agricultural graduate, I disagree with your agriculture articles. The man you have writing that does not know economics. If chemical fertilizers were used in China you would not have so much starvation."

Bill P.

Kissimmee, Florida

- What is this about economics, Bill?

And the productivity of Chinese farms? The agricultural accomplishments of the pre-Communist Chinese—who used organic fertilizers and no chemicals—are amazing. An American agriculture professor travelled extensively in the Orient and made an astonishingly detailed analysis of every aspect of their farm economics and techniques. Here is what he had to say about their efficiency as compared to ours: "When we reflect upon the depleted fertility of our own older farm lands, comparatively few of which have seen a century's service and upon the enormous quantity of mineral fertilizers which are being applied annually to them in order to secure paying yields, it becomes evident that the time is here when profound consideration should be given to the practices the Mongolian race has maintained through many centuries, which permit it to be said of China that one-sixth of an acre of good land is ample for the maintenance of one person." (Page 192 of *Farmers of Forty Centuries* by F. H. King, D.Sc., formerly Professor of Agricultural Physics in the University of Wisconsin, and Chief of Division of Soil Management, U.S. Department of Agriculture.) Continuing on pages 225-226 we read: "There were twelve in this man's family, which he maintained on . . . 2.5 acres, together with . . . a cow and small donkey, besides feeding two pigs. This is the rate of 192 people, 16 cows, 16 donkeys and 32 pigs on a forty-acre farm." If Chinese could not produce any better than we can—if their land supported no more population than ours does—they would all have starved to death centuries ago.

Good Start

"I have just finished reading the second installment of your farming articles. I would like to do everything according to God's plan. I am just getting started raising sheep and now am determined to raise only pure breeds."

Mr. W.

Hart, Michigan

Struck

"I always enjoy reading *The PLAIN TRUTH* but those articles on the farming situation in the world today really struck me. You see, I was supposed to have learned something those four years

I was in Agriculture College, and now I see it would have been better not to have learned anything at all concerning agriculture (farming in particular). Thank you for opening my eyes."

Mr. S.

Durham, North Carolina

Dislikes "Store" Eggs

"We are ranchers in the sandhills of Nebraska and were very much interested in your farming articles. We have a small flock of chickens and never pressure them for more eggs. We take eggs to our parents in town because they can't stand to eat 'store' eggs."

Paxton, Nebraska

Literary Critic

"I find where *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine is second class mail. I see where it says 'second class postage has been paid at Pasadena, California.' I don't want to be getting second class magazines. Please stop mine."

Theron W.

Ozark, Arkansas

- The *quality* of the magazine has *nothing to do* with the "class" assigned by the Postal authorities. "Time," "Life" and "U.S. News" are all sent as "second class mail." If you were to order a Bible through the mails, it would come to you as *FOURTH CLASS* mail. Do you still want to cancel?

Hell-Bound?

"I am an Iranian citizen studying in America and for the most part people have been nice to me. The only thing that causes me to resent Americans is the way they react to my religion. A certain preacher, for example, told me I was 'hell-bound.' One night while listening to radio station KAAY in Little Rock, Arkansas, I heard my first interesting religious program—*The WORLD TOMORROW*. It was very different. Your rationalism and logic were appealing as were your direct statements. Do you, like many others, think all Moslems will go to hell? I would appreciate a response from you."

Abdolreza M.

Arkansas

- The Creator God is not interested in burning people—but *is* interested in

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The GOSPEL— In the Old Testament

What has the Old Testament to do with the Gospel? Why is it even included in the Bible? How did Jesus, Peter and Paul preach the Gospel?

by David Jon Hill

JESUS CHRIST never read the New Testament! Yet He preached the Gospel. He quoted from Scripture!

John the Baptist preached the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. The Apostle Peter on the day of Pentecost in 31 A.D. preached a sermon of salvation that brought three thousand people to repentance—he quoted *many scriptures*, yet *not one* was from the New Testament. After his conversion, the Apostle Paul preached the Gospel of Jesus Christ—yet through most of his ministry he did not have access to *any* of what we recognize as the New Testament today—in fact, he himself was responsible for writing fourteen books of it!

The *only Bible* that Jesus and Peter and Paul were conversant with and preached from was what we regard today as the *Old Testament*!

Old Testament Useless?

The Bible is a consistent best seller year after year! It has been translated into nearly every language and dialect used by mankind! Yet this most translated and consistent best seller is the least read and studied of any of the best sellers! And even those who do read and study the Bible consistently ignore the largest part of it—the Old Testament.

Somehow the term "Old" Testament as opposed to the "New" Testament has made most people feel that it is not necessary to read the Old—almost as if it had nothing to do with the New, or as if it were a completely useless part of the Bible. Yet, consistently, millions upon millions of copies of the Bible, *including* the Old Testament, are reproduced and sold.

The Bible has 66 books in the King James Version. Comparing it to a novel or a textbook, if each of these books were just a long chapter—wouldn't it seem strange to *begin* reading a book

at chapter 40? There are 39 books in the Old Testament and the book of Matthew beginning the New Testament is the 40th book of the Bible—comparable to the 40th chapter of a textbook or novel!

Are those first 39 chapters of God's book unnecessary—or did God have a reason for inspiring them?

How Did the Apostles Preach the Gospel?

How did Jesus Christ preach the Gospel? To *what authority* did He appeal? Where did He get His ideas of *love and grace*—of *forgiveness and salvation*—of the message of the Kingdom of God? When Peter preached about grace and salvation, *upon what authority* did he base his statements? When the Apostle Paul expounded and proclaimed to the *Gentiles* about the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, *from what books* did he preach?

New Testament Answers!

Certainly the "Golden Rule" is accepted as summing up the basic teachings of Jesus Christ—of New Testament theology. "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them" (Matt. 7:12). But how many of you read the *last part* of this verse—or heard the *last part* of this verse explained and expounded—the *last part* of this verse which, in the words of Jesus Christ, explains where He got the idea of the Golden Rule? The *LAST PART* of this verse reads, "for *THIS* [the Golden Rule] *IS THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS*!" (Matt. 7:12).

Jesus Christ was NOT doing away with the *Old Testament*! His *very life* and Gospel message was an *explanation* of the Old Testament—a *clarification*, a *magnification*. When the Pharisees and

Sadducees would ask Him a trick question, He would consistently ask them, "Have you not read . . .?" (Matt. 12:3, 5, etc.) He was more conversant with the Old Testament than the ablest of scribes!

Yes, the Gospel of Jesus Christ is a Gospel of *love*—but *what kind* of love? Let Jesus Christ Himself explain this to you—when a hypocritical lawyer of the Pharisees asked Him a question to tempt Him, asking *which* was the greatest commandment, Jesus Christ answered him saying, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy might . . . Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself [this is the great *commandment* of love that Jesus Christ gave—the "new" commandment, see I John 2:7-8]. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets" (Matt. 22:37-40). And Jesus quoted His answer from Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18! When Christ was tempted by Satan the Devil, He pointed out the over-all precept, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by *every word* that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matt. 4:4—also Luke 4:4). But this was not an idea that Jesus Christ thought up *independent* of the Old Testament—this was not changed, *New Testament* theology. This tool that Jesus Christ used to resist Satan the Devil was taken directly from the *pen of Moses* and is quoted from Deuteronomy 8:3!

Peter's Theology

The Apostle Peter plainly showed that the whole purpose of the *writing* of the prophets of the Old Testament was for the use of those who are called to the Gospel of Jesus Christ! (I Pet. 1:10-12). In closing off his second epistle he warned all those who were followers of Jesus Christ that they

should watch out for individuals who twisted the meaning of the epistles of Paul—but *comparing* this deceitful use of Paul's epistles to the practice of those who also deceitfully use the *other scriptures*, the Old Testament! (II Pet. 3:15-16). The very *authority* of Paul's writings, Peter showed, rested on the Old Testament!

The source of the Gospel that Paul preached, is recorded for us in the book of Acts! "And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he [Paul] expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, [the Gospel] both out of the *law of Moses*, and out of the *prophets*, from morning till evening" (Acts 28:23). This historic statement regarding the teaching of the Apostle Paul was recorded at the very end of his ministry—long after he had turned from the Jews and begun to concentrate on the Gentiles.

Paul Commanded Old Testament Preaching

Paul was the apostle in charge of carrying the Gospel to the Gentiles. As an apostle he held a very high office and was also responsible for the training of many men under him. These evangelists and elders were responsible for carrying the same Gospel message to the local churches that Paul raised up, after his departure. Paul's personal instruction to the Evangelist Timothy is preserved for us to this day so that we will be able to tell how the Apostle Paul instructed the Evangelist Timothy, and all of those elders under him, to conduct their preaching, and from whence to get their information.

Using all of the power of his office, Paul said, "I charge ye therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; **PREACH THE WORD!**" (II Tim. 4:1-2.) The expression "the word" is the common reference to the Old Testament—The Holy Scriptures. Just a few verses before this Paul had instructed Timothy, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Tim. 2:15). Urging and ex-

horting Timothy to *study the Old Testament in order to preach Christ!* Is this the kind of instruction being given in the theological seminaries today?

Or has the prophecy of Paul which he gave to Timothy in this same book already come to pass—"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 ["Thy word is truth"—John 17:17], and shall be turned [from the Gospel truths of the Old Testament] unto fables [the teaching of men having turned a deaf ear to the Word of God and thought up *their own theology!*]" (II Tim. 4:3-4).

No, Paul did not think up a new "*Pauline theology*"—he didn't disagree with Moses, or any of the prophets, or Jesus Christ—his instruction was, again to Timothy, "And that from a child you have known the *holy scriptures* which ARE ABLE TO MAKE THEE WISE UNTO SALVATION THROUGH FAITH *which is in Christ Jesus*. ALL SCRIPTURE [all of the Bible that today's Christians regard as the Old Testament] is given by inspiration of God [not the ideas of men *about* God, but the writings of holy men inspired by the Holy Spirit prior to the time of Jesus Christ, see II Peter 1:21] and IS PROFITABLE [Paul under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and using the full authority of his apostleship states in a letter of instruction to a fellow minister, in the fulfillment of his duty in the ministry that the *Old Testament* IS PROFITABLE] for DOCTRINE [the doctrines of the Apostle Paul were not "*Pauline theology*" at all, but the same basic truths that were preached by Noah, a preacher of righteousness, by Abraham, by Moses, by Elijah, by John the Baptist, and by Jesus Christ—and *their source was the Old Testament!*], for REPROOF, for CORRECTION, for INSTRUCTION IN RIGHTEOUSNESS [there is a way to be righteous, and that way is described in the Old Testament]" (II Tim. 3:15-16).

And this quote, you will notice, is just directly prior to the first verse of chapter four in which Paul tells Timothy *what* to preach!

Lay Members Urged to Read Old Testament

The Apostle Paul had no doctrines contrary to *any single verse* written from Genesis to Malachi. He never urged any—even of his Gentile converts—to ignore the Old Testament. In fact the historic record of his preaching to Gentiles at Berea, tells us that he was *highly pleased* by those citizens of Berea who *checked up by daily Old Testament Bible reading* on the things that he proclaimed to them—the Gospel of Jesus Christ! "These were *more noble* than those in Thessalonica, *in that* they received the word with all readiness of mind, and SEARCHED THE SCRIPTURES DAILY, whether those things were so" (Acts 17:11).

There is *one* reference in the New Testament of Paul in his preaching referring to one of the *poets*. You know how common it is for ministers to quote from Shakespeare, Tennyson, Shelley and Keats. When Paul was speaking to the Athenians on Mars Hill he said, "For in him we live, and move, and have our being; *as certain also of your own poets have said*" (Acts 17:28). But his use of poets' clever sayings is nil in comparison to the dozens and dozens of times, in the book of Acts, and in the many epistles which he wrote, in which he *quoted word for word and used as his authority* the Old Testament scriptures.

In his letter to the Gentile Corinthians the Apostle Paul commanded that church to be familiar with the Old Testament—"Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and *they are written for our admonition*, upon whom the ends of the world are come" (I Cor. 10:11).

Shall We Desert the New Testament?

Since the examples of Jesus Christ, the Apostle Peter and the Apostle Paul show that *their* theology, ministry and Gospel were derived directly from the Old Testament, shall we assume that we should do away with the New Testament and not read it?

God forbid!

No, since the New Testament is just as much a part of God's Word as the Old (II Pet. 3:15-16) then we should read and study it with *equal diligence*.

Once we understand that the New Testament is *Holy Scripture* just as much as the Old Testament is, then we must apply the very statement that Jesus Christ made to Satan the Devil when He was resisting him in the temptation on the Mount, and agree that we must live by EVERY WORD OF GOD!—both the Old and the New Testaments.

It is only by the Spirit of God that *any man* is able to understand *either* the Old or the New Testament. There were preachers in Jesus Christ's day—the Sadducees and Pharisees, and many other splits and denominations, but *they did not understand* the scriptures of the Old Testament—any more than *most* of the ministers of today understand the New! When Paul instructed Timothy to *study* the Old Testament, the Holy Scriptures, he explained to him that these Holy Scriptures contained the wisdom that would *bring him to salvation*, but *only* through the FAITH OF JESUS CHRIST! (II Tim. 3:15).

New Testament Example

Is there then an example in the New Testament of an individual, ordained by God to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, who used as the *sole basis* for his preaching the Old Testament? YES!

The eighth chapter of the book of Acts, beginning verse 26, portrays the history of how Philip brought the Gospel of God to an Ethiopian eunuch. In verse 28 it is explained that the eunuch was reading out of the book of Isaiah. "And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? Of himself, or of some other man? Then Philip opened his mouth, and *began at the same scripture*, and PREACHED UNTO HIM JESUS!" (Acts 8:34-35).

Surely God was working with this Ethiopian eunuch, and causing him to read in this particular verse in Isaiah. However there are more than three hundred specific prophecies regarding Jesus Christ recorded in the Old Testament—both concerning His first coming, as the humble carpenter of Nazareth to be sacrificed for the sins of the world, and regarding His second coming to be King of kings and Lord of lords ruling over the entire earth in the King-

dom of God—soon to come!

Philip's Gospel Message

Let's turn to the scripture that he was reading from in the book of Isaiah, and see just *how* Philip could preach Jesus Christ, Him crucified and the Gospel of the Kingdom of God—of salvation—from the *Old Testament*! Isaiah 53:7 was the scripture that the Ethiopian eunuch was reading: "He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth" (Isa. 53:7). In answer to the Ethiopian's question Philip, began to explain that this referred to the Son of God, sent by the Almighty Father in heaven to become a human being, to live a perfect life, and then to be sacrificed for the sins of mankind. Beginning at the very verse the eunuch was reading, he went on to explain how *all* the verses of Isaiah 53 applied to Jesus Christ—but Isaiah 53 is not the only chapter in the Old Testament that applies to Jesus Christ, many more were needed for Philip to explain completely the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the eunuch—out of the *Old Testament*.

As any commentary will explain, and as I am sure Philip explained, he would have either turned to or explained to the Ethiopian eunuch about Genesis 3:15. This prophecy regarding Jesus Christ, the seed of the woman, Eve, was to redeem mankind from his sin! This would show how the Savior of mankind *was expected from the very beginning*—from the time immediately after Adam and Eve committed the first sin of mankind in disobeying their God and His instructions in the Garden of Eden.

He explained Genesis 12, and Genesis 15, and Genesis 22 about the promise that the God of heaven and earth had made to Abraham, the father of all the Israelites—of how He had promised him a particular Seed that would be the joy, the glory, and the solace of all mankind—of how He was prophesied so many centuries ago! That this Seed would *fulfill the promise* of eternal inheritance of the whole earth, made to Abraham.

Since it was on everybody's mind at that particular time, Philip mentioned

the 70 weeks' prophecy of Daniel 9, verses 24 through 27, which had everybody expecting that the Messiah would appear. He pointed out how *other verses* in the Old Testament explained that this Messiah when He came at first—in His *first coming*—*would NOT be* the King of kings and Lord of lords, to restore a mighty kingdom to Israel—but would be a *humble man*, Who would be *persecuted and despised* by all mankind (referring again to Isaiah 53), Who would be *sacrificed, sold* as a slave, *rejected*, Who would speak in parables, Who would *suffer*, Who would be *betrayed by a friend*, Who would be dead three days and three nights—and be RESURRECTED! Explaining these things Philip showed that since this same Jesus was now *alive* He *would fulfill* the prophecies in the future which portray Him as King of kings and Lord of lords—at His *second coming*, to establish the Kingdom of God on earth forever!

Using the book of Zechariah, Philip read, "Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, *but by my spirit*, saith the Lord of hosts" (Zech. 4:6). Then Philip would pause and explain again to the Ethiopian eunuch that the Savior of mankind did not come first as a conquering hero and king to restore a physical kingdom to a physical Israel—not by any physical strength or might, but by the very power of the Holy Spirit this Savior came with the strength to overcome the physical pull of human nature, and *live a perfect life* by the strength of that Spirit. That He would cry, "Grace, grace unto it" (Zech. 4:7) regarding Jerusalem, and Israel, and the whole world! Philip would turn over quickly (or quote from memory) to chapter 9 of Zechariah and read in verse 9—"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; *lowly*, and riding upon an ass, and *upon a colt the foal of an ass*" (Zech. 9:9). Philip would explain to this Ethiopian that despite the fact that this Being had been God in heaven, that yet He had *emptied Himself of being God and become* JUST A MAN (Phil. 2:5,6,7), a lowly

man, not regarding Himself as any great Being, not trying to take over the kingdoms of the earth, but living an example—an example of perfection, living according to the laws of God, and pleasing the Creator of heaven and earth in everything that He did.

He would point out to the eunuch that, just as Herod had been told (Matt. 2:5-6) that the Savior was to be born in Bethlehem, that He was eventually to be Ruler in all Israel and that He had really existed from everlasting, that He had been God from the beginning—Micah 5:2!

More from the Book of Zechariah

Philip would again refer to the book of Zechariah and explain to the Ethiopian eunuch how it had been prophesied long ago that the One Who would come and fulfill the prophecies of the Messiah in His first coming would be sold for 30 pieces of silver—the price of a slave—(Zech. 11:12-13). It had been prophesied long ago that Jesus Christ would *not be accepted* by the multitudes but *rejected completely*, that it was *no mistake* that the Son of God had been rejected of mankind—"The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner. *This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes*" (Ps. 118:22-23).

Going back to the book of Zechariah Philip would explain how it had long ago been prophesied that this Messiah would bring *grace* to mankind, forgiveness for their sins—unmerited though it might be, and sacrifice Himself completely for their sins! "And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, THE SPIRIT OF GRACE and of supplications" (Zech. 12:10). Philip would explain to the Ethiopian eunuch that there was a new covenant that this Individual brought—"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah . . . I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people" (Jer. 31:31-33). He would show the eunuch—before Paul had a chance to write in the book of Ephesians (Eph. 6:10-17)—how Jesus Christ, the Captain of our salvation,

was to have righteousness as a breastplate, salvation as a helmet and zeal as a cloak! (Isa. 59:16-17.)

Philip would turn to Psalm 22 and read the first verse—the last words of Jesus Christ on the stake as He suffered death for the sins of mankind! "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (Ps. 22:1). He would turn to verse 16 and show how Jesus Christ had had His hands and feet pierced with spikes, to verse 17 and show how Christ had hung in desperation on that stake, in humility and ignominy! He would turn to verse 18 and explain how the Roman soldiers had even gambled and cast lots to see who would be the owner of the fine cloak that Jesus wore.

In explaining all these things that had been prophesied so long ago, and only fulfilled recently in the Person of Jesus Christ, Philip would mention Psalm 41 verse 9 which explains, "Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me." Recounting again for the Ethiopian eunuch he would explain how that when Jesus hung on the cross He was offered gall to drink when He said that He was thirsty—but he would explain patiently to the eunuch that this had been *prophe-sied*, that Christ had expected it—"They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink" (Ps. 69:21).

Just as Peter did on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:27-28) Philip would explain to the Ethiopian eunuch about the prophecy in the book of Psalms regarding the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, "For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption" (Ps. 16:10). He would point out the assurance of Job, when he said, "For I know that *my redeemer liveth*, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth" (Job 19:25).

The Purpose of the Gospel

In explaining these things—and many more we do not have room to refer to here—Philip would point out to the Ethiopian eunuch that this was *not the end* but only the BEGINNING of a great plan of salvation that God Almighty had envisioned for mankind. Turning

back to Zechariah 9 he would show him that even though the King would come as a lowly individual riding upon the colt of an ass *at first*, that He would *also* come in a SECOND COMING as King of kings and Lord of lords to rule the entire earth—"And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be cut off: and he shall speak peace unto the heathen: and his *dominion* shall be from sea even to sea, and from the river even to the *ends of the earth*" (Zech. 9:10). (To understand these scriptures better write for the article, "Why the Jews Reject Jesus".)

There are so many books and chapters that he could refer to in prophecies regarding the *second coming* of Jesus Christ that it is difficult to tell which of these chapters and verses Philip may have referred to in explaining the Gospel of the Kingdom to the Ethiopian eunuch. Surely he turned to Zechariah 14 and explained that when Jesus Christ returned again He would put His feet on the very Mount of Olives (Zech. 14:4)—that He would be Lord and King over all the earth (verse 9) and that at that time He would require all nations on the surface of the earth to keep His Holy Days in remembrance of the plan of the salvation of mankind! (Verses 16-19.)

The AIM AND PURPOSE OF THIS GOSPEL (good news) he would point out to the eunuch is *the establishment of the Kingdom of God!*

Today's Good News Also

Mankind has suffered so long under the rule of fellow man, that it is certainly *good news*—and particularly in this age when mankind is about to destroy himself from off the face of the earth—to know that the *same One* Who had the compassion, love and mercy to sacrifice Himself, for the sins of mankind on this earth, some 1900 years ago, is going to return to this earth in a *very short time* to establish His rule of peace, His Kingdom of joy and enforce the laws that govern happiness, health and prosperity! (see the entire chapter, Isa. 11.)

We lack space to explain how even all of the sacrifices of the Levitical priest—*(Please continue on page 44)*

The Evolution of the THEORY of EVOLUTION

Who really started the theory of evolution?
And why?

by L. E. Torrance

IT MAY come as a surprise! But the "modern" theory of evolution did not begin in the lifetime of Charles Darwin. It commenced over 2000 years ago with the ancient pagan Greek philosophers!

Theory of Evolution Not New

It may surprise you even more to discover that the ancient pagan Greek theories of evolution sound almost exactly like the pronouncements of modern-day, world-famous scientists. Here is an example!

One of the first Greek philosophers known to have speculated on the origin of life was Thales (640-546 B.C.). He "taught that living things developed from . . . slime under the influence of heat" (A. I. Oparin, *The Origin of Life*, p. 3).

Doesn't that ancient theory sound surprisingly modern? How many times have you read a similar assertion in the newspapers or heard it over the radio?

Another Greek philosopher, Anaximander (611-547 B.C.) "claimed that everything living arises in sea ooze and goes through a succession of stages in its development" (A. Makovelski, *The Pre-Socratics*, 1914).

These mouthings might have come from almost any famous scientist living today—in our time. That's why the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* remarks that "Anaximander agrees with modern evolutionists . . . in assigning to organic life on origin in the inorganic materials of the primitive earth" (Article "Evolution," 11th Edition).

That statement is misleading, however. The truth is that modern evolutionists fundamentally agree with the ancient Greek philosopher, Anaximander. Any modern scientist might well win world acclaim by taking Anaximander's ancient theory of evolution and claiming it as his own. Few people would know the difference!

Another Greek philosopher who knew God but refused to acknowledge Him (Rom. 1:20-21, 25, 28) was Aristotle (384-322 B.C.). He carried Anaximander's theory one step further. Aristotle taught the theory of spontaneous generation of living things. He taught that living things arise and always have arisen from dead, lifeless matter (*Encyclopaedia Britannica*, Article "Evolution," 1961 Edition).

According to Aristotle: "Ordinary worms, larvae of the bee or wasp, ticks, fireflies and many other insects develop from the morning dew, or from decaying slime and manure, or from dry wood, hair, sweat, and meat" (*The Origin of Life*, p. 6).

Aristotle claimed that worms were generated by moist soil. "Man," he speculated, "may have a similar origin." Aristotle refused to believe that life can come only from life!

Aristotle's vain speculations were blindly accepted as truth for many centuries.

Aristotle's Theories Become Church Dogma

Ridiculous as it was, Augustine, of the Roman Catholic Church (354-430 A.D.), "accepted Aristotle's theory of spontaneous generation of living creatures as an irrefutable truth" (*The Origin of Life*, p. 7). Augustine chose to reject the Bible account of creation and accept the evolutionary theory of atheist pagan philosophers.

Augustine not only claimed that the spontaneous generation of living things was the will of God, but he also established this dogma as Church doctrine.

Aristotle's theory was blindly accepted as divine revelation for hundreds of years. For a long time no one even attempted to prove by scientific experiment whether spontaneous generation actually did take place. After all, who should doubt the "divine revelation"

pronounced by the Roman Catholic Church?

The first recorded attempt to demonstrate this long-cherished superstition by scientific experiment was made by the famous Brussels physician, Van Helmont (1577-1644). Van Helmont placed a sweaty shirt and wheat kernels in a room, and 21 days later found mice in them!

Van Helmont claimed his experiments proved that vapors from a sweaty shirt mixed with vapors from wheat kernels would generate live mice (W. Bulloch, "History of Bacteriology" in *A System of Bacteriology*, Vol. 1, 1930).

Most of the leading scholars of the time blindly accepted Van Helmont's experiments as scientific proof that spontaneous generation was occurring. The Dark Ages still had a complete strangle hold on the "best" minds of Europe.

Aristotle's Theories Questioned

In 1668 these scholars were badly shaken when the Italian biologist, Francesco Redi, proved that spontaneous generation does not occur. Redi astounded the world when he described how he had proved by carefully controlled experiments that little white worms came from eggs laid by adult flies, instead of being spontaneously generated by decaying meat, as the whole world had for so long assumed (Redi, "Esperienze intorno alla generazione degli insetti," 1688).

Redi described how he had placed meat in a large vessel and covered it with Neapolitan muslin. He found that even when flies swarmed over the muslin and laid eggs on the cloth and the eggs then hatched into worms, the meat remained free of worms. He proved that flies had to lay eggs before the worms would appear (Garrett Hardin, *Biology, Its Principles and Implications*, p. 224, 1961). What an astounding discovery!

Many scholars now saw for the first time that life can come only from life. Redi had proved the theory of spontaneous origin of life from the non-living elements to be a pagan myth, or at best an ignorant superstition. The theory of spontaneous origin of life from the dead inorganic matter was discredited.

This all-but-dead theory was unexpectedly revived in 1675 when a brilliant Dutch naturalist, Leeuwenhoek, made a startling new discovery which gave the scholars the excuse they were looking for, an excuse to again teach the theory of spontaneous generation.

Leeuwenhoek astonished the world by announcing that, while looking through lenses at stagnant water, he saw swarms of tiny living creatures which he called "wee beasties."

This careful scientist made accurate drawings of these "wee beasties," and sent them to the London Royal Society (V. Omeljanski, *Principles of Microbiology*, 1922).

Leeuwenhoek's startling claim slowly began to arouse world-wide interest. Other scientists began making microscopes to look at tiny microscopic life. Bacteria, yeast and other organisms were discovered, named and studied.

Scientists soon found that bacteria caused meat broth and other organic liquids to spoil. They were all too willing to tell the world that bacteria were being spontaneously generated by meat broth and other organic solutions. This "great new truth" was quickly accepted by teachers and professors the world over, who began teaching their students that organic matter spontaneously generates bacteria.

Again the world was taught a lie that had been carelessly assumed to be a proven fact.

The leaders of the educational and scientific world were embarrassed when in 1862 Pasteur proved spontaneous generation of bacteria impossible by surprisingly simple, though carefully carried out, experiments. He sterilized meat broth by boiling it in flasks. He then proved that this meat broth would not spoil whenever he kept air-borne bacteria from reaching it. He proved that meat broth, as well as other organic solutions, did not spontaneously

generate bacteria. Pasteur went on to prove that bacteria can come only from other bacteria.

He also showed that when bacteria fell into organic solutions, the bacteria rapidly grew and reproduced (Harry J. Fuller, Oswald Tippo, *College Botany*, p. 24, 1954).

The 1961 *Encyclopaedia Britannica* admits that Pasteur and others have definitely proved "that all known living organisms arise only from pre-existing living organisms" (Article "Abiogenesis").

In other words, evolutionists admit that Pasteur proved spontaneous generation does not take place. But, on the other hand, since they believe the earth was once a barren, lifeless planet, how else can they explain how life began? What a dilemma!

Evolutionists were faced with a problem they could not solve. They knew there HAD TO BE a time when life first appeared (*Encyclopaedia Britannica*, Article "Evolution").

Yet, since they stubbornly refused to acknowledge God, to them there was only one possible solution. They had to look for another new proof that spontaneous origin of life from dead, inorganic matter takes place.

Those who chose to believe in evolution, rather than a Creator, cleverly revived the long-disproved theory of spontaneous generation in still another form, a form they believed no scientist would be able to disprove. They claimed the spontaneous origin of the amoeba occurred from inorganic matter a billion or so years ago.

Darwin's book, *The Origin of Species*, added strong support to this new theory.

Students soon were taught that all species of life that we know today evolved by gradual change over millions of years. They were taught that in the "struggle for existence," the law of "survival of the fittest" caused each succeeding generation to be better "adapted" or developed than the last, until new species gradually evolved.

At first this new theory was presented for what it was—a guess—but as more and more people began to accept and believe it, this theory began to be called a proven generalization. Teachers, pro-

fessors and writers began filling our books, newspapers and magazines full of stories about the "facts" of evolution.

Scientific Researchers Ask Questions

It became obvious to all that life could not evolve from an amoeba unless there was first an amoeba to evolve. Once again, scientific researchers began to ask questions. "What would an amoeba eat—even if it were to suddenly appear on a barren, lifeless earth?"

Scientists eventually observed that life as it is found on earth can be sustained only by organic food—food that either is alive or had been alive. But how did that *food* come to be alive?

Other scientists replied that if an amoeba could not survive without food, neither could a supposed evolving protoplasm—which has not yet evolved enough to be an amoeba—survive the rigors of nature.

How would the *first newly evolved cell* of life find nourishment in a barren earth devoid of all other life or food necessary to cell life?

Not only had scientists demonstrated that the first cell could not *survive*—they were soon to demonstrate that the first cell could not *arrive*!

Life's Complexity Disproves Spontaneous Generation

When most of the recent theories about the origin of life began, a half-century ago, scientists "thought the cell had a fairly simple structure" (LIFE, Article, "Inside a Human Cell," p. 52, March 29, 1963).

They thought it would be a simple matter for so simple a thing as a single cell to evolve. But they did not know that a single cell is so very complex that it could not come into existence by any simple process.

Scientists recently have begun to realize how astonishingly complex a single cell of the human body really is. They have found that even though one human body cell is less than one thousandth of an inch in diameter, this cell contains thousands of different enzyme molecules, protoplasm, cell walls, genes, chromosomes, hundreds of protein molecules, amino acids, deoxy-ribonucleic acid, adenine, guanine, cytosine, thymine, mito-chondrions, a highly com-

plex, nucleus, lysosomes, coenzymes, glucose, and many other factors not yet understood (See *Scientific American*, p. 66, October, 1962; *Scientific American*, p. 80, March, 1963; *LIFE*, p. 48, March 29, 1963).

God must certainly laugh at the evolutionist!

God made a single cell so fantastically complex that it is just as impossible for such a cell to have spontaneously sprung from the dead inorganic earth, as it is for a large factory—complete with smokestacks, pipes, boilers, electric blast furnaces, flashing electric neon lights, coffee-break buzzer, machines, air conditioning systems, time clocks, cars, trucks, office equipment, secretaries, typewriters, computers, cafeteria completely stocked—to suddenly spring into existence by "some natural process," let us say, by an earthquake, or a stroke of lightning, or a volcanic eruption.

Man can produce such a factory. GOD CAN create such a living cell. Even the simplest single-celled creature is so as-

tonishingly complex that even an amoeba or a paramecium can no more spontaneously spring from the dead earth than can a large, "ready-to-go" factory spring forth spontaneously.

The Dilemma

In May of 1963 scientists admitted there are only two possible ways for life to begin. "It could be created supernaturally." But the objection is, "Belief in supernatural creation in an act of faith." To even consider God as a possibility makes them lose sleep.

Or as the scientists said, you can believe "life could be created by spontaneous generation, where the atoms present on earth, before life began, got together to form materials and substances which make up all living creatures."

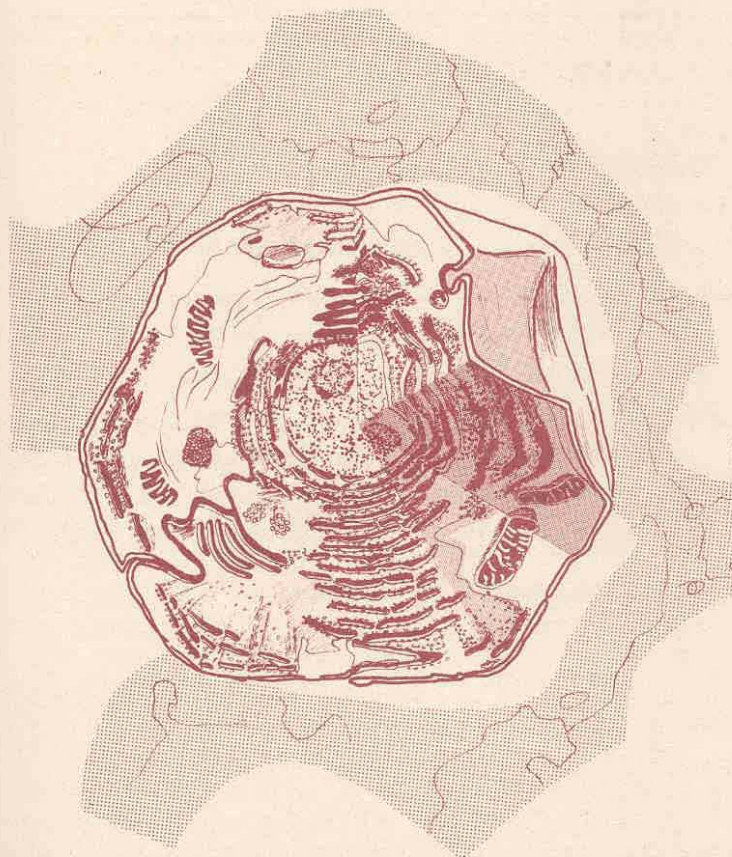
The scientists admit, "It requires as much faith on the part of a scientist" to believe in spontaneous generation "as it does on the part of the laymen to believe in supernatural creation" (*Los Angeles Times*, May 16, 1963). This

leads us to the inevitable conclusion that what scientists don't like about *creation* is the CREATOR! Nor do theologians really like the Creator either—for if they did they would obey Him!

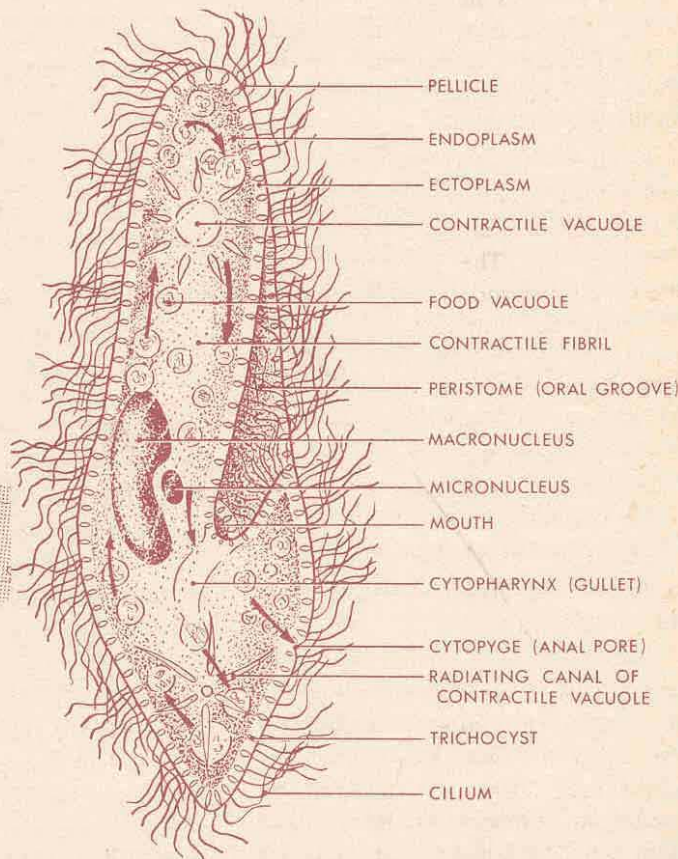
Today, many theological institutions teach young ministerial students that there is no conflict between the Bible and evolution. When these same deceived young men become preachers they teach their flocks the fiction that evolution was God's METHOD of creation. To cover up, they invent a false interpretation of the first chapter of Genesis to harmonize with the theory of evolution.

Because they don't understand the meaning of the book of Genesis, they don't know WHAT we are—WHY we are—WHERE we are going—what is the real PURPOSE of life—what is the WAY to peace, to happiness, to success, to prosperity in this life. They don't know why God created man in His own image!

Because the influence of the theory of evolution has caused theologians to



Partially cutaway view of a human body cell, enclosed in a diaphanous membrane. Recent scientific discoveries enable man to see the vast array of intricate details of the human body cell. Did non-living matter accidentally arrange itself into such an amazingly complex design? and then give itself life?



Powerful microscopes reveal the single-celled *paramecium* to be dumbfoundingly intricate. Did this highly complex creature suddenly evolve from the mud? How could a creature of such complicated structure—be it ever so small—invent itself and arbitrarily decide to start living? and then start life's processes?

misinterpret and completely misunderstand the first chapter of Genesis, they fail to understand that God is Ruler and Creator, that the Bible is His revelation to man. These theologians might as well throw the Bible—the one FOUNDATIONAL textbook of ALL KNOWLEDGE—out of the window. Their theology has become a mere speculation about what other scholars think about what some ancient half-pagan church father thought about the Bible.

A Word of Caution

New hypotheses are going to come out; for, as the *Encyclopedia Americana* admits, "Evolution is incomplete as a scheme of the universe without the hypothesis of spontaneous origin of living things from inorganic matter" (Article, "Spontaneous Generation").

Because there will be scores of new, different, and often conflicting theories, all of which claim to explain how life originated, you need to know how to prove that the existence of God can be tested. Send for the free booklet, "Does God Exist?" and the "Proof of the Bible," and also for the article "Seven Proofs that God Exists."

Think for a moment! Who is your source of truth? Is the God who was present at the creation—who saw, and knew, because He created it all—the source of all truth (John 17:17), or is the skeptical atheist who was not present at the creation—and whose theories have been proved by world-famous scientists to be impossible—the source of all truth? This is the real issue in evolution.

The evolutionist CANNOT know *how* life was created because he wasn't there.

But God reveals in His Bible things we can't possibly otherwise know.

The Bible, God's revelation to man, reveals that "the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the BREATH OF LIFE" (Gen. 2:7). God does not say He formed an amoeba in the warm ocean slime and gave it life so it could evolve INTO a man.

Your Bible plainly reveals that God put the breath of LIFE into a MAN.

Neither did God form man in the warm ocean slime—but "of the dust of

the ground" (Gen. 2:7). Again, man was not created as a single-celled amoeba, but as a complete physical MAN.

Do you think it is logical to say a worm can progressively evolve (CHANGE) into a man just because scientists tried to stretch the period of evolution over millions of years?

You need to fear to deliberately INSULT Almighty God by placing a worm or an amoeba in His place as Progenitor and Creator of man (Ex. 20:2). Your Bible states that "the fear of the LORD is the BEGINNING of knowledge: but FOOLS despise wisdom and instruction" (Prov. 1:7).

Do you choose to accept the speculation of the evolutionist—who wasn't there at the time—that all life has evolved and gotten better and better ever since the amoeba appeared, or do you believe the first-hand account of the Almighty, All-powerful Creator who was there when creation took place?

If God be God, follow Him. Believe

the All-powerful Creator when He teaches us through His BIBLE that our first ancestor was created physically PERFECT, after the very IMAGE OF GOD (Gen. 1:27), but that this first man SINNED. That man is now helpless and lost until he comes to Jesus Christ as his REDEEMER and his Savior—admits that Jesus died for him because all men have sinned, and the penalty for sin is death (Rom. 6:16).

Believe God's claim that Jesus Christ will REDEEM the faithful believer and make him this time *spiritually* perfect—when He gives eternal life to the faithful at the second coming of Jesus Christ, when, "in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump . . . the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed." For then "this corruptible . . . shall have put on immortality" (I Cor. 15:52-54).

There is the goal of man revealed! All evolution promises is that you will die like a worm! Which will you choose?

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.

Would you please explain what the Bible says about insurance? When is it advisable?

Insurance is simply an arrangement for individual losses to be absorbed by a group. It is a plan for sharing the burdens of each other—similar to the principle expressed in Galatians 6:2.

This does not mean that insurance can in any way prevent physical calamity. It cannot! As its part of the agreement, the insurance company pays a prearranged sum of money to the one who suffers a loss. In such a situation,

the company is only giving back money which a group of individuals has been saving for this purpose.

Insurance does not prevent an accident, is never a substitute for God's protection. Time and circumstance befall us all. Accidents DO happen. Paul was shipwrecked, fell among thieves. But only God has the power to deliver the righteous out of all these troubles (Ps. 34:17-19).

You should never allow insurance to diminish your dependence upon God
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The Bible Story

by Basil Wolverton

CHAPTER FIFTY-SEVEN

CONQUEST TO THE NORTH

THE hissing sound from the sky was short warning to the Canaanites as to what was about to happen. Suddenly there was stinging pain from sharp blows on their heads and shoulders. Many were killed outright by falling objects. Others were beaten to the ground to quickly die as their prone bodies were exposed to more blows.

Few Escape

Some were able to reach the shelter of protruding rock ledges, and from there witness that they had been caught in a terrible shower of giant hailstones! Within minutes almost all the Canaanite soldiers and their animals were battered to death. Then the tremendous shower of heavy hailstones miraculously stopped as suddenly as it had begun. Some of those who had been spared managed to escape and take refuge in nearby cities, but most of them either died of their wounds or were later caught and slain by Israelite soldiers. (Joshua 10:8-11.)

Shortly before this event produced by God, the five kings of the five Canaanite cities, fleeing southward near Makkedah with their troops, held a hasty conference.

"There is no hope of holding out against the Israelites," the king of Jerusalem remarked fearfully. "Our men have no more desire to fight. They're frightened because it is still daylight, whereas the sun should have gone down hours ago. Israel's God has something to do with this awesome thing. I propose that the five of us hide in one of the caves in this area, and let Israel pursue our troops. Then perhaps we can return later to safety."

The other four leaders quickly agreed. They gave orders to their officers to proceed without them. Taking scant provisions, they hurried away from their men and

sought out a cave some distance up the side of the ravine through which they had been moving. (Verses 16-17.)

They had been in hiding only a short while when the storm of giant hailstones struck. They realized that their remaining troops would hardly survive such an onslaught from the sky, but they were more concerned about themselves than about their men.

What they didn't realize was that God had no intention of allowing them to escape. When the pursuing Israelites arrived to find dead Canaanites scattered throughout the ravine, a search was made for possible survivors in the rocks, defiles and caves. One soldier was as startled as were the five kings when he walked into the cave where they were hiding. He ran to notify Joshua at once, who gave orders to deal with them immediately. (Verse 18.)

Trapped!

A short while later, as the occupants of the cave peered out at the main body of Israelite soldiers moving on to the south, they were surprised by large stones rumbling down from above and thudding in a growing heap on the ledge at the mouth of the cave. Almost before they realized that many men must be rolling the rocks from overhead, they found themselves trapped by a solid bank of stones much too great to be removed from the inside!

Meanwhile, at Joshua's command, the Israelites moved southward to seek out and slay most of the few enemy troops not killed by the storm of gigantic hailstones. They pursued them as far south as the city of Makkedah, where they temporarily camped.



Thousands of tons of huge hailstones crashed down on the fleeing Canaanites!

Then Joshua sent men to the cave where the five kings were trapped. The men removed the stones piled there, seized the prisoners and took them to a spot part way between the cave and the city of Makkedah. There were a number of trees there, and five of them were chosen for a grisly purpose. The five kings were killed and their bodies hanged on the trees till sundown. Then they were cut down and taken back into the cave where they had tried to conceal themselves. For the second time great stones were piled against the mouth of the cave, this time to form an infamous burial crypt for the five men who had tried to lead their armies against Israel. (Verses 19-27.)

While the five kings were still hanging on the five trees, Joshua and his troops rushed into Makkedah and slew all the people and disposed of the king of that city in the same manner accorded to the ruler of Jericho. (Verse 28; Joshua 6:21.)

In the days that followed, Joshua and his troops stormed over the southern region of Canaan to attack and overthrow a number of cities. The idol-worshipping inhabitants were slain and the leaders killed and hanged—all according to God's instructions. God wanted idolatry and child-sacrifice completely eliminated throughout Israel's land. Included in these cities was Hebron, the place Israelite scouts had passed through four decades previously.

The campaign that had started out as a move to defend the Gibeonites turned into a tremendous victory for Israel. Successful because of God's help, the soldiers returned to Gilgal with a great wealth of the spoils of war—household goods, tools, implements, livestock and farm produce. (Joshua 10:29-43; Joshua 11:14,16.)

The defeat of the armies of these cities didn't mean that all of the southern part of Canaan was conquered. There were still more cities and tribes to take over in that region. Even after many more military operations by Israel's army during the next year or two there were still a few fortresses and armed areas to subdue.

Meanwhile, the most powerful ruler in the northern part of Canaan had been increasingly concerned about the Israelites. He was Jabin, king of Hazor, the foremost city of the upper region of Canaan, situated about nineteen miles west of where the Jordan river widens out to form Lake Huleh, in those days known as the Waters of Merom.

King Jabin's Grand Strategy

Regular reports of the Israelites' success had been brought to Jabin, who felt that his city was safe as long as the Israelites stayed to the south. He knew that they would one day come north after they had conquered most of the southern territory, and that while Israel was still fighting in the south, no time should be lost in developing a fighting force that would more than match that of the invaders.

To accomplish this, Jabin told the kings of the various tribes and cities in that general region that all rulers should build up their armies and then combine to move against Israel.

By the time Israel had almost completely conquered southern Canaan, the kings of the north were ready to make their move. They began to assemble their forces together and head toward the level area by the Waters of Merom, not far from Hazor, which was not many miles north of the Sea of Chinnereth, the body of water now known as the Sea of Galilee. The total of these armies was very great. The Bible refers to their numbers as being like the number of grains of sand on a seashore. (Joshua 11:1-5.) One ancient historian claimed that there were 300,000 foot soldiers, 10,000 cavalry men and 20,000 chariots.

It was about ninety miles from Gilgal to the place where the enemy congregated. That was about a three-day march for hurrying foot soldiers, but it didn't require three days for Joshua to learn about the powerful threat. He had kept lookouts and scouts constantly moving through all parts of Canaan for a long time, and his knowledge of what was going on in the land was generally rather thorough.

It was even hoped by the enemy that Israel would quickly learn that this mighty mass of fighting power was gathering in preparation to attack. It was part of King Jabin's strategy that Israel would come up to meet the Canaanite armies so that they could engage in battle on level ground where his chariots and cavalry would have an advantage.

To learn if and when Israel would arrive, Jabin sent spies to the south. If they spotted the Israelites arriving by day, they were to race back to camp on fast horses with the word. If the Israelites were to reach the enemy camp by night, the spies were to signal by fire from a distant ridge.

Scouts Report to Joshua

From the moment he received news of the enemy war preparations to the north, Joshua lost no time getting his army into action. He wanted to meet his enemies long before they could reach Gilgal and threaten the women and children. For three days the greater part of the army marched hastily northward, resting during the night hours. Late the third afternoon officers brought excited Israelite scouts before Joshua.

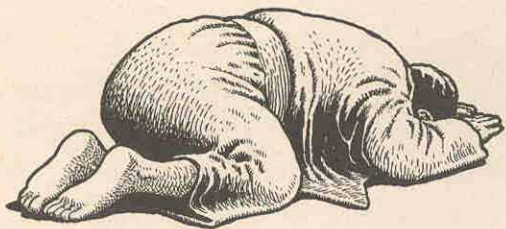
"We have come to report that the enemy has just today assembled at the Waters of Merom, where the various armies have ample room to gather together," the scouts told Joshua. "On our way down we happened across Canaanite spies who were waiting to report your progress to the north. We slew these men. Unless there are others lying in wait on the way for the same purpose, the enemy does not know we are very close to

them and they will fail to learn when you will arrive."

"We can't take a chance on running into other enemy spies who would report our approach," Joshua told his officers. "We're probably much farther north than the enemy realizes because we have been marching so fast. By moving on within the next hour or so, we can get off the direct, natural route and swing around to approach the enemy from another direction!"

"Whatever your plans are, sir," the spokesman of the scouts concernedly remarked, "we have one more vital thing to tell you. We have learned that the enemy hopes that you will come to do battle on the level ground where he is now camped. That is mostly because of his thousands of chariots equipped with huge blades that protrude from the sides of each vehicle. If those 20,000 chariots manage to charge in among our foot soldiers, one can easily imagine the horrible results! Our men would be cut down by the thousands—like a scythe reaping grain—in just a matter of minutes!"

When Joshua and his officers learned this, they became depressed and fearful. Joshua went at once to his tent to ask God for help.



When Joshua heard of the fearful weapons of the Canaanites, he immediately asked God for help.

God Encourages Joshua

"Don't be afraid of your enemies," was the answer from God. "Take your troops onward tonight and surprise them before dawn. Use careful strategy, and by this time tomorrow there won't be any more of their horses and chariots to fight against." (Joshua 11:6.)

Because the Israelites had covered so many miles in their hurried march from Gilgal, they were already only a few miles from the enemy, and there was plenty of time to arrive at the enemy camp well before the night was over. Joshua decided that the extra time should be used by moving northwestward into the foothills and then northward into the ravines skirting the enemy's position to the west.

Using scouts who knew just where to go, Joshua led his army up from the level valley area and into the hills. The closer the Israelites came to the area of the enemy, the more careful they were not to make any unnecessary noise. When they finally arrived at a point due west of where the Canaanites were camped, the hundreds of thousands of Israelite troops were spread out to poise behind ridges to the west of the slumbering enemy camp. Obviously no enemy spies had spotted the Israelites' approach. Otherwise the Canaanites would have been ready.

Every Israelite soldier was instructed in what his specific duty would be. It was still night, but the low, flickering fires of the enemy gave just enough light to faintly point out the objects to be attacked. At a signal from Joshua, line after line of soldiers rushed down the slopes toward the enemy camp. Those to the north and to the south started first, so that they could swing in to envelop the Canaanites from the north and the south along with those Israelite troops who set out just a bit later to push in from the west.

God Grants Victory

Once they had started to attack, the Israelites could no longer conceal their presence. The thump of thousands of feet alerted the enemy sentries, and the shrill blasts of alarm horns pierced the early morning air.

By the time the Israelites closed in on the enemy camp, the Canaanites were on their feet, but only a part of them were armed and ready to fight. While they were struggling to organize and equip themselves, the Israelites fell upon them in line after line, quickly downing them with a furious onslaught by swords, spears, arrows, slung stones, and knives. (Joshua 11:7.)

As for the chariots with their gigantic blades protruding to right and left, they were quickly hitched with horses and manned with archers and drivers. But before those deadly vehicles could get rolling, Israelites surged in to cut down the drivers, slash the harnesses, and hough the horses, that is, sever the leg arteries and tendons just above the hocks of the horses so that they were unable to run, while they painlessly bled to death.

The Canaanite cavalymen weren't any more successful than the charioteers. Israelite soldiers swarmed in on them in such numbers that they couldn't even begin a charge. Bridles were seized and riders were yanked to the ground, while the horses were houghed as the chariot horses were.

Jabin had counted on a swift disorganization of the Israelites by his bladed chariots and his cavalry, with his footmen to mop up whoever was left, but the quick destruction of his chariot forces and his cavalry reversed the picture entirely. Thus the main part of the battle didn't last long, even though close to a million men were involved. Hemmed in by a lake and the Jordan river on the east and faced by Israelites from the other three directions, there was not much opportunity for the Canaanites to escape.

Nevertheless, in the heat of battle and in the semi-darkness of dawn, some of the Canaanites escaped to the west and to the east through the thinning lines of Israelites. Meanwhile, Israelite soldiers completely mopped up the camp of the enemy. All their horses were mercifully disposed of by bleeding and the chariots were hauled into

a vast pile and burned. (Verses 8-9.)

Some may wonder why valuable horses and chariots were destroyed. It wasn't God's will that the Israelites should acquire horses at that time, because that could have caused the more adventurous Israelites to move faster and farther than God intended. Keeping the main part of them on foot meant keeping them together. And the Israelites did not need horses as farm work animals. They generally used bulls—which are proportionately stronger—for draft animals, and they used a few camels and donkeys.

As for the chariots, they were, of course, useless without horses, but in the first place God didn't want Israel to possess such an aggressive type of battle equipment at that time. He wanted Israel to learn that victory was based more on obedience to His laws than on heavy war equipment. These same chariots, if kept, would have made Israel as proud and vain as they had made Jabin.

No Safety in Flight

Realizing that some Canaanites were fleeing to the east and to the west, Joshua sent troops in both directions in pursuit of the fleeing enemy soldiers. Some of the enemy almost reached safety in cities to the east, but were overtaken and slain. Some of those who went through the mountains to the west managed to get as far as cities close to the Great Sea, but still fell before the pursuing Israelites.

Among those who fled were the kings and high officers of the cities whose combined armies had started to move against Israel. Chief of these was Jabin, king of Hazor and the supreme commander of the combined forces. He had carefully arranged that the kings would camp at a considerable distance to the north of where the armies were camped. This was done to allow the Canaanite leaders the opportunity of escape in case of the remote possibility that Israel's soldiers would overcome the Canaanites.

When the Israelites rushed in to suddenly overcome the Canaanites, Jabin was shocked to realize that his army was no longer in existence.

"Saddle horses for all!" Jabin shouted to his aides. "We must leave at once!"

Within only a few minutes the men who had come to lead their armies against Israel were headed northward back to Hazor and their other cities, leaving their troops to make out the best they could. The sad plight of these idol-worshipping kings mounted rapidly and the tragic penalty of their barbaric living became increasingly more obvious as each new move utterly failed. God was proving that there is absolutely no way of escaping His punishment. (Amos 9:3; Galatians 6:7.)

Jabin's Desperation Increases

The kings' return in defeat created great fear among their people. They realized

that it would probably be only a matter of days before the Israelite army moved farther north.

In fact, as soon as Joshua's soldiers had returned from pursuing the Canaanites and had enjoyed a well-earned rest of several hours, they received the order to move to the north. The army marched directly to Hazor, the ancient capital of upper Canaan. (Joshua 11:10.)

When Jabin was informed that Israel's army was approaching, he became frantic with fear. He considered fleeing to some other country or at least to some hiding place in nearby mountains, but he was now in such disfavor with his own people because of his defeat that he was afraid to flee lest someone should assassinate him for cowardice. There was nothing to do but order the gates locked and hope that his few remaining soldiers could hold off the Israelites.

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The king of Hazor was shocked to learn that his massive army had been wiped out!

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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."

Gods 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!

De Gaulle Builds Nuclear Base

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in Ottawa, Canada. The objective is to lead Europe away from a De Gaulle-inspired desire for an independent European nuclear force and accept a U.S.-controlled NATO substitute. Embarrassingly enough for the U.S., the French are moving full speed ahead here in the South Pacific—in developing General de Gaulle's now-embryonic *force de frappé* into a mature independent nuclear strike force, in spite of NATO planning.

Since January, the United States has been actively working to sell the European members of NATO on the creation of a "multilateral" European nuclear force within the framework of the Atlantic Alliance. The plan pushed by the U.S. calls for the setting up of a truly

integrated force of Polaris-missile-carrying surface ships manned by mixed-nation crews. The U.S. hope has been to offer the Europeans as attractive a package as possible—short of straight-out hand-over of nuclear weapons without any strings attached. This is offered in the hope of receiving in return the abandonment of any desire for the development of independent home-grown European nuclear programs. U.S. leaders hope European nations will be willing to accept a minor role in a program financed and dominated by US instead of paying big money for their own right to push the button.

The biggest source of contention right from the start has been General de Gaulle—with his rejection of Britain in

Europe and his refusal to go along with the Nassau talks. He has steadfastly refused to give up any idea of his own independent nuclear strike force, or to make any move that would give the appearance of putting French arms under "foreign" command. He has succeeded in breeding a certain amount of distrust among other European leaders. He has sold many Europeans on the concept that the U.S. cannot be counted upon to risk destruction of its own cities in order to protect Europe in the event of a Russian attack upon Europe, only. The fear is that as long as U.S. fingers control the NATO nuclear push-button, then there is no guaranteed protection for Europe. Thus De Gaulle envisions a need for the development of a nuclear deterrent on a strict "Europe for Europeans" basis. This is what De Gaulle offers through his yet-infant *force de frappe*. This provides the other European members with a lever to be used in exacting greater demands from the U.S. for military aid and assistance.

However, at the present time Europe is in no position to deter Russian aggression on its own strength. It must rely on the U.S. nuclear umbrella for protection. De Gaulle is well aware of this and is not about to be so obstinate as to lose U.S. protection and aid until he and the rest of Europe are in a position to stand alone.

Therefore, a certain amount of reluctant cooperation is being received



Details of Papeete Harbor, to be expanded at least 50% at a cost of \$6 million. Local inhabitants are fearful of the fallout to come, but some compromise with danger, being willing to jeopardize their safety for the added prosperity the nuclear test project will bring.

from France in the Atlantic Alliance meetings going on in Ottawa. Cooperation allows France access to vitally needed and hard-to-come-by technical know-how for her own atomic program. The U.S., on the other hand, is not achieving anything near her hopes and objectives.

For the French, the plan finally being agreed upon represents only a minor concession. It involves only those arms already pledged to the Alliance and does not interfere with her plans to develop an independent nuclear bomber strike

force by the end of the decade. NATO members influenced by this thinking regard NATO as a necessary but temporary evil.

Because of the danger portended by the possible entry of some 6 to 10 nations into the nuclear club by 1970, the U.S. is quick to make light of difficulties or setbacks encountered by France in her nuclear program. It is hoped that other scientifically capable nations will, upon seeing the vast amount of money expended by France in order to achieve an *as-yet-limited* degree of success as com-



A. Sylvain Photo

In the Pacific island paradises, yet-unspoiled by modern 20th-century "civilization," many families can now catch health-giving fresh fish daily from the doorways of their clean, comfortable cottages.



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Typical Polynesian scene, where balmy tropical breezes, now carrying delightful fragrances of the isles, are soon to carry deadly radioactive fallout.

pared to the United States, be dissuaded from launching into their own programs.

Just How Powerful Is De Gaulle's "Force de Frappé"?

After eleven years, and an expenditure of 2.4 billion dollars, France is now reported to have built up a modest stockpile of atomic bombs. At their present stage of development these weapons have three times the power of those which destroyed Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

In these times when nuclear capabilities are expressed in such terminology as "overkill and megatons" this may not sound very impressive. But the fact still remains that 100,000 people were killed in Hiroshima by just *one* bomb, one-third the size of the current French achievement.

Earlier this year the French Information Minister, M. Alain Peyrefitte, said that France's atomic force would be a reality at the end of the summer and

Below, South Pacific Islanders are noted for healthy—even if half-naked—bodies because they eat primarily natural, unpolluted fresh fish, fruits, and vegetables. Without buying white man's society, they must nevertheless pay the price of having their simple life forcibly wrested away from them.

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Polynesia, a travel-folder dreamland which has remained relatively unpolluted since the era of Captain Cook's early explorations and the storied "Mutiny on the Bounty," is soon to become the victim of radioactive fallout.

that "France has no atomic worries. The scheduled program is going according to plan without any new difficulty." While this may be something of an overstatement in that U.S. observers estimate that the program is now 18 months to 3 years behind schedule, General de Gaulle is not going to rest until he has a made-by-France arsenal equipped with the biggest and the best. American nuclear onlookers report that, in order to achieve this, he will have to spend more money and step up his testing. The new Pacific test base is De Gaulle's biggest long-term step taken toward this objective.

Along this same line, it has been announced that France has purchased 5.6 million dollars worth of plutonium from Britain under the Euratom Treaty. Plutonium is a vital but difficult and costly-to-produce ingredient for both peaceful and military uses of atomic energy. Since it is unlawful under the terms of the Euratom Organization to sell plutonium for weapon development, France has made this purchase to supply her peaceful nuclear reactor projects. This allows her to funnel all her own plutonium production directly into military weapon development.

It has also been recently made known

that France is no longer supplying Israel with either plutonium or technical know-how needed in her fledgling nuclear program. Two objectives have been achieved by this move: the betterment of French-Arab relations, and conservation of French plutonium for her own stepped-up activities.

Meanwhile, it is very likely that the establishment of France's Pacific test center—following upon the heels of the Franco-German reconciliation treaty entered into by General de Gaulle and Chancellor Adenauer earlier this year—will lead to German technical contributions to the stepped-up nuclear program.

Suspicious German Activity in Egypt

While France has remained in the spotlight as the chief roadblock in the realization of U.S. aims for NATO, Germany has contributed her share of unrest, according to recent evidence turned up by Israeli agents. They report a massive German missile development being carried out in Egypt. Jon Kim-sche, expert on Middle Eastern affairs, had this comment in the *Brisbane Sunday Mail*: "In short, the bigger question which has been quietly worrying some NATO officials is whether the Germans are again doing what they did after

World War I, when the Bolsheviks provided them with training facilities for the Reichswehr which were prohibited by the Versailles Treaty.

"In other words, are the West Germans getting around the Allied restrictions on the German development of nuclear arms and missiles by appearing to assist the Egyptians in their anti-Israel development?

"But these local weapons, deadly enough for their purpose aimed at Israel, appear to be only the tip of the iceberg that is showing.

"A great deal more than that is going on . . .

"Someone is clearly producing another button to press. But whose finger will be on it? . . .

"This is clearly a case for more light on a dangerous subject."

With De Gaulle's exclusion of Britain from Europe and his crash development of a French independent nuclear force along with the surreptitious German activity in Egypt, it is no wonder that U.S. officials are becoming worried. And it is no wonder that they are trying every means of maintaining a controlling hand in Europe through the medium of NATO. Western leaders are worried about the outcome.

An item in the April 5, 1963 issue of TIME went so far as to speculate: "In

the brave new world of build-your-own-bang; it could even happen that EUROPEAN hydrogen bombs might not fall on the Soviet Union at all, BUT ON THE U.S."

This is just what PLAIN TRUTH readers have known for seventeen years.

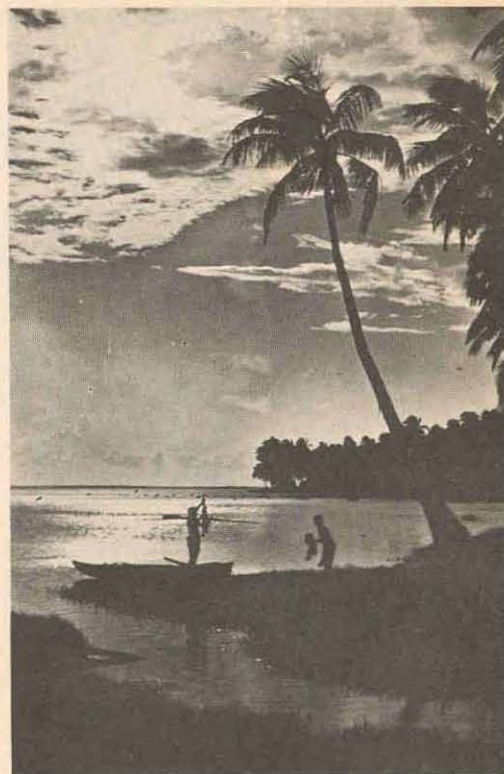
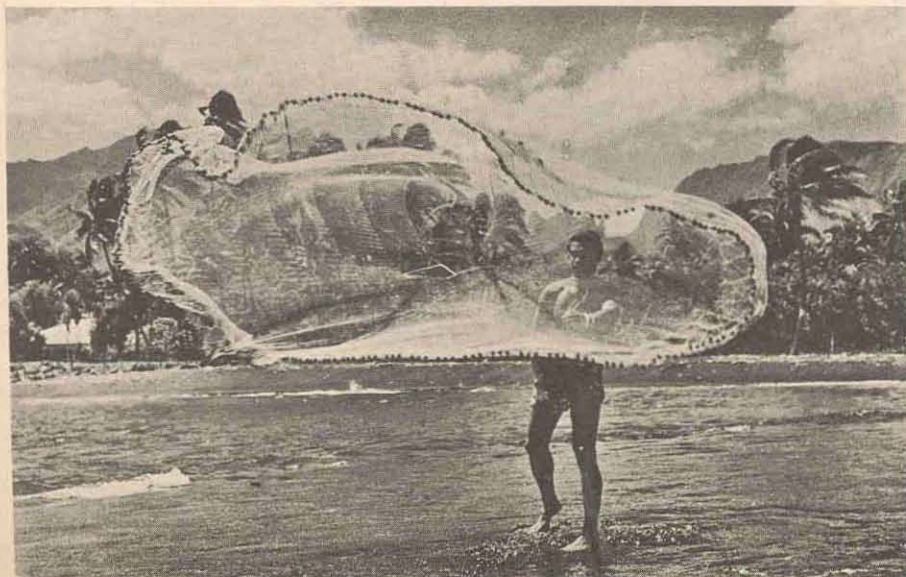
Outcome Is Made Clear

You don't have to wonder what the outcome of all these things will be. They have been revealed in the prophecies of your Bible, written thousands of years in advance of their fulfillment. You have been reading of their fulfillment continually in the pages of *The PLAIN TRUTH*. Through these pages you have been repeatedly warned to watch the world events which Jesus Christ proclaimed in Matthew 24 would lead up to His return.

Under the head of a *super-dictator*, France and Germany are going to combine their mutually or independently developed nuclear bombs and rockets with the weapons of the other eight members of a ten-member European Fascist super-state. This is referred to in Rev. 17:12-13 as the end-time resurrected Roman Beast power, as explained in the June PLAIN TRUTH. With their combined military efforts these nations will rain down unprecedented nuclear destruction upon the major nations of

French propagandists tell South Pacific residents they will "control" radioactive fallout. General Thiry says it is ridiculous to think there will be no fallout. Northern Hemisphere residents know that no one has been able to control fallout here. Soon this man's net will draw up only radioactive fish.

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"Paradise Lost." Sun is setting on un-bespoiled area of the South Pacific.

modern-day Israel—specifically the United States and Britain.

Yes, this very nuclear test base being established here in the now-tranquil South Pacific may well perfect the hydrogen bomb that will take *your* life unless you seek the *one* and *only way* open for your protection. (Luke 13:1-5).

Short Questions

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as your Provider and Protector. Insurance is never a substitute for faith. Faith is the assurance that God will deliver you out of every difficulty in which you may become involved. Insurance cannot deliver you out of trouble. All it can do is compensate you for your loss.

Now notice what the Bible reveals about saving for the future. Notice Proverbs 30:24-25: "There be four things which are little upon the earth, but *they are exceeding wise*: the ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer."

The ant SAVES. The wise ant gathers

in summer for the coming winter. She does not have to beg for help in the time of need. This is why Solomon said: "Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise; which having no chief, overseer, or ruler, provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest" (Prov. 6:6-8).

The principle involved here is that it is wise to be prepared for unforeseen troubles. Joseph, in Egypt, laid up in time of plenty for the time of want. He acted on faith. He was prepared.

Some have misunderstood Jesus' saying: "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven . . . for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matt. 6:19-21).

This does not mean that Jesus frowned upon saving for future emergencies. Not at all! These verses show that Jesus APPROVED of the *principle* of saving—"Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven" which Christ will bring with Him when He returns.

Jesus did, however, warn against saving money for selfish, grasping reasons.

The Bible teaches that a good man will save for his grandchildren as well as for himself (Prov. 13:22). A wise and righteous man does not build up a bank account or take out an insurance policy for himself alone, but *for the benefit of his family*. God clearly states that any man who does not provide for his own household is worse than an infidel (I Tim. 5:8). One should make arrangements to provide for family needs so that a calamity such as accident, fire, or early death will not impoverish the heirs.

Certain types of insurance are more necessary. Most states require car owners to have either automobile insurance or a large sum of money in the bank to cover accident expenses. *Christians have an obligation to comply with these laws* (Rom. 13:1; Tit. 3:1). Most people do not have a cash reserve large enough for this purpose and automobile insurance is the least expensive and therefore the most expedient way to obey the law. Many people foolishly drive their cars without insurance and suffer

severe penalties when they become involved in accidents. In order to obey God, and for your own protection, *you should not drive your car without accident insurance if it is required in your state*.

By contrast, the varieties of health insurance are of only limited worth to Christians. Although circumstances may arise in which these insurances could be rightly used—as in the case of setting broken bones—a person who looks to God for healing and who practices

God's laws of health will have little recourse to this kind of insurance. There is little need for doctors, drugs and hospitals. For economic reasons, these factors need to be carefully weighed in the light of your faith and the probability of your using such insurance.

Choosing the right type of insurance for your particular needs should always be done cautiously and in wisdom. If it is selected and used in this manner, insurance can be of some benefit to Christians.

The Gospel in the Old Testament

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hood (especially Lev. 1-6) picture and typify the many ways in which Jesus Christ was a sacrifice for mankind. We do not have room to explain how Moses, the author of the first five books of the Bible, anticipated the coming of Jesus Christ when he was inspired to write, "I will raise them up a Prophet [Jesus] from among their brethren, like unto thee [Moses], and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him" (Deut. 18:18). Moses even knew that there would come some individuals who would have the gall to preach in the name of God and claim that they were His prophets, and yet speak lies in His name—"But the prophet, which shall *presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die*" (Deut. 18:20).

False Prophets of Both Testaments

God knew there would be scoffers, individuals who would agree to take some of the Word of God but not *all of it*! God knew that the great majority of mankind until the coming of His Son as King of kings and Lord of lords, would *not* accept the principle that Jesus Christ resisted Satan the Devil with: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by EVERY WORD that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matt. 4:4).

God knew this—that's why He prophesied through His servant John

that He was allowing Satan the Devil to deceive this whole world (Rev. 12:9). But *that time* is nearly over now—the prophecies which Philip preached to the Ethiopian eunuch about the *second* coming of Jesus Christ *are just about to be fulfilled!* They're going to be fulfilled in *your lifetime* and mine! The same Jesus Christ who walked this earth 1900 years ago as the humble son of a carpenter of Nazareth is going to return in the clouds in glory and in power and in majesty.

He is going to ask where *your* talent is! He is going to ask *what you have done* with the information that has been given to *you*. He is going to ask whether *you* believe the *Gospel of the Kingdom of God*—both Old and New Testaments—He is going to ask *you* if *you* have been living by EVERY WORD of GOD! *What will YOUR answer be?*

What YOU Can Do

Exercise the wisdom and nobility of the Bereans mentioned by the Apostle Paul in Acts 17. Read over these many verses that have been quoted in this article, and ask the living God, Creator of heaven and earth, *to help you see* that He has not written one scripture in vain, that not one word He has uttered or inspired for mankind to write down will be allowed to drop to the ground unfulfilled or unheeded, but that every word that He has inspired from Genesis 1 to Revelation 22 will be required especially at the hand of all those who claim to be Christians. Search these Scriptures whether these things be so!

How You Can Find A Good Job

Here is how to locate and keep the job you need. Others have done it. So can YOU!

by L. E. Torrance

MULTIPLE MILLIONS are *unhappy*, dissatisfied, in their present jobs.

Even more serious, over 4.4 million are now unemployed in the U.S. Statistics show they will be unemployed for an average of 15.1 weeks—over 15 long heartbreaking weeks without a job!

Some of you reading this magazine are in desperate need of a job. Your rent is due, your money is gone, and you don't know where the next meal for yourself and your family is coming from.

You *can* locate a good job! Here is the way to find one. Read this carefully!

Jobs Are Available

Remember, businessmen are constantly having to hire workers to replace those who quit, those who retire, or those who are fired, or who die. New jobs are constantly being created as business expands. *One of those jobs can be yours!*

In 1960 there was an average of 2,536,000 people hired every month (*Annual Review of Work Experience*, U.S. Department of Labor). These figures do not include workers hired for household or government jobs.

Even though there are *millions* of jobs available, there are still not enough jobs in the U.S. for everyone.

Available jobs go to those who know how to get them!

Employment agency officials report that those who tramp up and down the streets, visiting companies in a hit or miss fashion in the hope of "turning up something," waste most of their time, and seldom find a job.

There are definite steps to take in finding a job. Here they are.

Analyze Your Abilities

Your first step in finding a job is to analyze your experience and your ability. You need to find out how many *different*

types of work you can do successfully.

Ask yourself, "What jobs have I done successfully? What work have I done that others have commended me for doing exceptionally well? What machinery and equipment am I qualified to operate? What vocational training have I received in school or in the armed forces?"

Make a list of the abilities and skills you have to offer to an employer.

Most people underestimate their working potential. It's amazing how many different jobs a human being can do.

Plan a Course of Action

Don't go out blindly hunting a job from door to door. You will save yourself many fruitless, heartbreaking hours if you *first* take the effort to find out the exact name and location of business concerns who hire people who have your abilities and skills.

There are definite, precise ways to find the names and addresses of the companies you might work for. Also the names of their key personnel who have the power to hire you and put you to work.

For example, you can go to a public library and have the librarian help you find the valuable *Manufacturers' Guide*. It lists all the companies in your city. You can also find the Chamber of Commerce *Directory of Business and Industry*, which lists every industry in your area that employs five or more people.

While you are at the library look carefully at the Yellow Pages of the telephone directory. Take down the telephone numbers and addresses of any companies who have work you are able to do. Get yourself a city map, so you can easily locate these possible places to work.

Other good sources of information are

newspaper ads, trade journals, professional publications and trade associations.

Note carefully that the Chamber of Commerce *Directory of Business and Industry* gives the names of the key personnel who hold important company positions. Call these key personnel and ask them for an interview. You could very easily land a job before your first day of search is over.

It may surprise you to know there are hundreds of such concerns in any large city, perhaps even thousands, needing employees.

Ask yourself, "Where is the strongest need for people with my background?"

Make a list of the organizations that look like good prospects. List them in order. Check off those you'd like to work for.

You should be able to locate many, many job prospects in half a day. These concerns do not have to be advertising for help for you to find a job. Employers are impressed by people who have the ability, drive and initiative to go out and find a job for themselves.

Don't overlook the excellent job opportunities that can be found on a new office building or factory construction project. Remember that every new office building or factory that goes up needs workers, everything from maintenance crews to business executives. By a little thinking, you can often make a list of at least a dozen jobs you are qualified to do in just one new office building alone. Many are going to be hired. Why not you? If you are on your toes, you can land one of the better jobs.

Remember that the government is the biggest employer in the country, employing millions. There are usually many thousands of jobs available all the time. Study the civil service announcements at your local post office.

Don't make the mistake of overlook-

ing your most obvious source of information—friends, neighbors, relatives and business acquaintances who may be able to help you get a job. Ask them for specific information—names, companies and addresses.

What To Know About Your Prospective Employer

Realize you may be working for your next employer for the next seven or eight years.

Find out the answers to the following questions before you ever go for your first interview. Is the company reliable? (Some are not.) Is the job temporary or permanent? Is it only seasonal? You may find most of these answers in the *Chamber of Commerce Directory* and the *Manufacturers' Guide*.

The manufacturers' guide gives a run-down on industries—financial status, number of employees, products.

Find out how much of a demand there is for this company's product. Is it needed by a great number of people?

If a great many people depend on this industry, your future job will be more secure.

Not only know the products of the company, but also know the general financial standing. Know the names of certain men in high positions in the company, and the history and background of the company.

After finding out the names and locations of various concerns, be there at quitting time. The kind of workers will tell you a lot about a company's efficiency and hiring practice. Find out whether this company is a good company to work for.

Prepare for the Interview

First impressions are important. Be neat! Be clean!

"If the hair is combed, nails are cleaned, shoes are shined, step is confident, handshake firm, clothes are well-pressed, then that impression has to be good," said Orville Fenton of McCain Distributing (*Liberty*, May 1961, p. 45).

Another very important point is to prepare what you expect to say in advance. Be able to give honest answers to direct questions, such as: "What sort of job are you looking for? What is your experience? Why did you leave your

last job?"

Make your answers short, but not so short that you leave out important information.

Tell your prospective employer what you can do. Don't underestimate yourself! If you can do the job, tell him *you can*—not that you think you can.

Prepare a one or two page easily read summary of your education, your experience, your skills and abilities. Give him this resume.

Emphasize experience that shows you are qualified for the kind of position you are applying for.

Take plenty of time to write it. Seek advice from those qualified to give it. Few people realize that no job-hunting tool is more useful than a good resume, yet most people skip it or do it badly.

Your resume must be very neat in appearance, but do not make it elaborate or expensive-looking.

In certain instances you may want to have a printer run off two or three hundred copies to mail to key personnel. Your prospective employer may offer you more than you would dare to ask, so always leave your salary requirements open for negotiation.

Sell Yourself!

When you go for an interview, don't be afraid to tell the personnel director you have investigated the company, and you know the company is financially sound. He will be pleased to hear it. Employers are impressed by the rare individual who is able to show such initiative, enthusiasm, and real zeal. They NEED this type of individual.

Also be able to honestly tell him you want to work at this company because you have talked to the employees and have found that they enjoy working for the company.

Be dynamic! Be forceful! Your personality—your interest in the company, your resourcefulness, your friendliness—may be the deciding factor in "landing" you the job.

Look your interviewer straight in the eye. Tell him in a straightforward manner if you have prepared long and hard for this type of work. Tell him you believe in doing as much as possible for him and the company, that you like this kind of work and you are prepared to

go "all out" in making a success on this job!

Tell your employer how you can help him, not how he can help you. Remember the company is buying your services, your experience and your abilities. An employer wants to hire you only if you can make him money. Sell him your ability to make him money. Prove to your employer your services will be profitable to him!

Be factual! Get to the point and say clearly and concisely what sort of abilities you have to offer and what your experience is. Do not reel off endless details about jobs you held years ago.

Employers also look for loyal, cooperative employees who do not complain and criticize their last employer. Employers want to know that you are a well-adjusted, happy person *who got along well as a team with your last employer* and your fellow workers. They want someone who is willing to work, and do as he is told.

A word of caution.

Most interviewers will turn down any job applicants who launch into a philosophical "spiel" about their "eagerness," their "willingness to work," "character," and "ambition."

Also, an interviewer almost always turns down any job applicant who discusses his personal difficulties. They are hiring money-making producers, not problems.

Be Persistent

Make job-hunting a full-time job. Begin looking for a job early in the morning. Don't quit until closing time.

You work for an employer 40 hours a week. Why not work at least that much for yourself?

Job researchers insist the job-hunter should be able to make one application an hour, forty a week for non-executive jobs. They state that jobs on the executive level require much longer interviews.

Set a goal of a certain number of applications a day until you land your job.

Call up and ask to speak with the directors of the various company divisions, the lab directors, or the shop foreman. (Remember key company personnel are listed in the Chamber of

Commerce Directory of Business and Industry.) If you have good qualifications the lab director may hire you even if there is no opening at the moment. He must look ahead to future needs. Show initiative, drive. Put forth this effort. Prospective employers are impressed by initiative.

Most job-seekers stop with the interview, when many a job could be secured by a follow-through.

Keep going back. Some employers make it a policy to hire a man only after his second or third visit. They want a man who is persistent.

Sometimes a thank-you note to the interviewer for the time he gave you, or a telephone call in a week or so may remind your prospective employer what a good man you are and may win the job for you.

Look Ahead

Once you get the job, keep alert to what's going on in your organization. Know how you are doing and what your boss thinks of you. You should usually know how long your job is going to last.

If you see that the end of your present job is in sight, IMMEDIATELY begin laying the groundwork to find another job.

In today's tight labor market, don't ever quit your job unless you already have somewhere else to go. It's far easier to find another job while you still have one than when you don't.

Don't ever turn an offer down flat because it doesn't meet your every requirement. Be willing if necessary to accept a position that requires traveling, or be willing to take company training for a new job.

If you are in a small town where there aren't any jobs available, then you must be willing to go to a larger city where there are jobs. You may well have no other choice.

The unskilled often find it difficult to find jobs. Remember you are never too young or too old to learn a trade.

The ALL-IMPORTANT Rule

You can diligently follow every step in your search to find a job and still fail if you don't take the most important step of all.

Most of you readers of *The PLAIN TRUTH* know there are Seven Laws of

Success. (If you haven't read the free booklet, "The Seven Laws of Success," you need to write for it immediately.) When you read this booklet you will see that even though you expend your every last ounce of effort in hunting for a job, you may still need to ask for DIVINE guidance, enlightenment, and help to guarantee you will find just the right job.

Go to God in prayer. Tell Him about your problem. Ask Him to guide you.

If you are having trouble finding a job, examine your life, see where you are cutting yourself off from God's help by disobeying Him.

Success can be yours. God promises, "Whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight" (1 John 3:22).

We know that it is God's will for us to prosper. The Apostle John was inspired to write, "Beloved, I wish above

all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth" (III John 2).

Then you must put *your financial house in order*. Too many people who have good jobs still can't seem to make ends meet.

There is a vital key to unlocking the door to financial success. This key most people have lost. You can discover it in our free booklet "Ending Your Financial Worries."

You can get and hold a good job if you work at it. You can enjoy your work, too.

Do your part in hunting for a job. Trust God. Then pray earnestly and ask Him in FAITH for His PROMISED help in finding employment.

God promises you: "The LORD knoweth the days of the upright . . . They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine *they shall be satisfied*" (Ps. 37:18-19).

What our READERS SAY

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saving them! Write for our free article on the subject of hell.

A Tip to Farmers

"A tip for the farmers and others who must work late and can't hear *The WORLD TOMORROW* program. They could buy a transistor radio with an earphone and listen while working. It works fine."

L. S.

Goodrich, North Dakota

Amazed

"Please send me your magazine. A buddy of mine at work has been letting me read his *PLAIN TRUTH* for a number of months. I do not agree with a lot of things you say concerning basic Christian doctrines; however, I am following your articles on the Common Market and recently, in your April issue, your article on 'The New Germany.' Much to my amazement, the other night while reading the newspaper I saw an article where Governor Rockefeller has recommended the very thing that was revealed in your article—giving the Atomic and Hydrogen bombs, guided

missiles, nuclear submarines, and the whole nuclear weaponry to Germany."

Ralph J.

New Castle, Delaware

• Have you been looking up the Scriptures, and trying to *prove* even the doctrinal articles?

Happy Accident

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Reader from

Mt. Albert, New Zealand

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from the Editor

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spirit glorified body, we shall be resurrected, or instantaneously changed, to a body that will be *like Him* (1 John 3:2)—*full grown—adult!*

At that instant, our present mortal physical *vile* bodies will be *changed* like unto His glorified body. *But* our vile carnal *characters* will not be suddenly and instantly changed. Our *character* must be changed, and developed to spiritual adulthood *now*, during *this* life. Otherwise we simply shall not be then born of God!

But all who are then born of God will be born full adult spiritual beings! Yes, ready for the marriage to Christ!

If we *now* overcome, we shall reign with Christ (Rev. 3:21; 2:26-27). We shall be married to Him! We shall be born SPIRITUALLY MATURE. This development to spiritual maturity is precisely what *is* spiritual GROWTH sufficient to be born.

But, once *born* of God—born spiritually MATURE—do we then *stop* spiritual growing? I ask, once a human grows up to human maturity, does he then STOP growing? Physically, yes—but mentally, morally, spiritually, emotionally he *should* continue to grow and develop as long as he lives. Perhaps many humans don't. But we all *should*. I reached this physical maturity many years ago. But I still learn new things continually.

If you are meeting problems and trials, don't be discouraged. Take them to CHRIST for wisdom and power and help. Have FAITH. And count it all JOY! And *never* quit or give up! Have perseverance!

FALSE PROPHET

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there not to be concerned about the coming of Jesus Christ by either spirit or word of any *fake letter* that might be passed around claiming to come from him (II Thess. 2:1-2). Then he warned: "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that MAN OF SIN be revealed, the son of perdition; who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God" (Verses 3-4).

Here the Apostle Paul warned that after his death and after the death of the original apostles of Christ, there would

be a great APOSTASY from the truth. A man of sin—or as the literal Greek means, LAWLESSNESS—was to rise up and sit in a temple showing himself as GOD by his titles and claims. Here is a man, then, who OPPOSES the laws and commandments of the true God, while at the same time sitting in the temple and calling himself GOD—and *allowing himself to be worshipped as God!*

Paul stated: "For the *mystery* of LAWLESSNESS [correct Greek rendering] doth already work: only he who now hinders will hinder, until he be taken out of the way" (Verse 7). The *false prophet*, then, is part of a whole SYSTEM of LAWLESSNESS—a religious teaching like the ancient pagan "mysteries" which were filled with ceremony and ritualism but DENIED God's law and authority.

Paul showed that this *false system* was slowly building up even in his lifetime. Paul knew that soon it was to come on the scene and DECEIVE the world: "And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and SIGNS and LYING WONDERS" (Verses 8-9).

Notice that the great FALSE PROPHET eventually rising up out of this *lawless system* will be living at the TIME OF THE END—at Christ's second coming! For, Paul said, Christ shall DESTROY him "with the brightness of his coming" (Verse 8).

And this *false prophet* is again identified as one who performs—through SATAN's power—great *signs* and LYING WONDERS!

Do you BELIEVE what God's Word truly states?

Most will not. For this coming *false prophet* misleads them with signs and lying wonders, "and with all DECEIVABLENESS of *unrighteousness* in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved" (Verse 10). These people apparently WANT to be deceived—they WANT to follow human traditions and vanities which seem interesting and exciting and allow them to DO AS THEY PLEASE.

God says that they have not received the "love of the truth" that they might

be saved. They do not really LOVE and STUDY God's Word, the Bible. For God's Word is *truth* (John 17:17).

Learn to STUDY and UNDER- STAND Your Bible

The *deceived masses* of our supposedly "educated" twentieth century refuse to BOTHER THEMSELVES to really STUDY the Bible and to UNDERSTAND God's law and the purpose of human existence!

Therefore, when the political, military and religious pressure gets TOO STRONG—even the wavering ones among them will fall into line and learn to "BELIEVE" in the great FALSE PROPHET described in this chapter and in the book of Revelation! They will allow themselves to be ASTONISHED and AWED at his FALSE MIRACLES done through the power of DEMON SPIRITS!

Your Bible reveals that this man is going to have a *hypnotic effect upon* MILLIONS. Like Adolph Hitler, his eyes may have a strange, *blazing, piercing* quality—with a DEMON in control part of the time!

This soon-coming false prophet is going to ally himself with the Fuehrer or super-dictator over a revived Holy Roman Empire. He will use its military and secret police powers to CRUSH God's people and any other dissidents as long as God permits. There will be a terrible time of PERSECUTION upon God's people before Christ intervenes!

But FALSE MIRACLES will be performed—and *millions* of people will come to WORSHIP this *false prophet* and idolize him as GOD! They will think that a *millennium* has been set up on earth under his auspices. They will *bow* and *scrape*, *obey* and WORSHIP him and his *false system* of LAWLESSNESS.

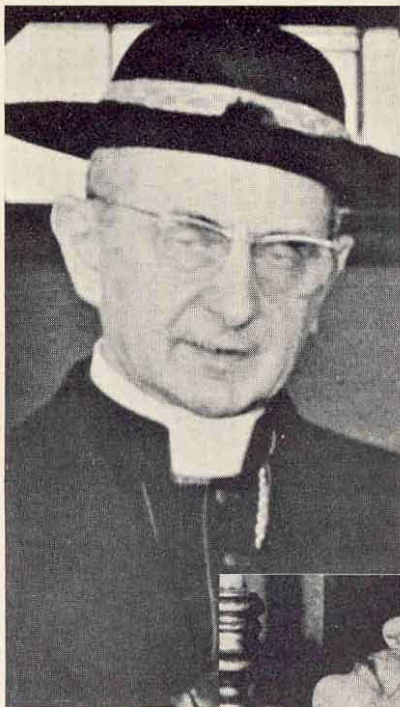
This man is ALIVE somewhere on earth today—*probably in Europe!* The time of his revealing is SOON—for he will be destroyed by Jesus Christ at His coming! His *headquarters* will be in Europe—and perhaps later in Jerusalem, Palestine—as head of a coming *Holy Roman Empire!*

World events are *speeding up* to hasten the appearance of this man in the *very NEAR FUTURE!* It is *later than you think!*

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

AS WE GO TO PRESS...

Cardinal Montini (top left) has just been elected to fill the Papal chair left empty by John XXIII (center). Taking the name Paul VI, the new Pope faces unprecedented responsibilities. What new policies will be adopted? How will these other prominent Cardinals influence them?



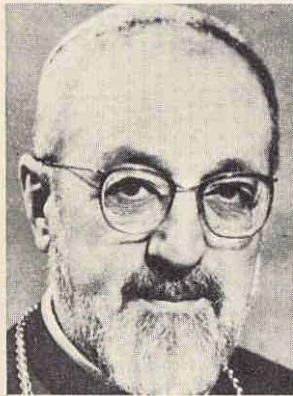
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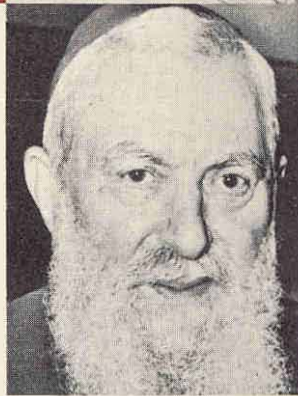
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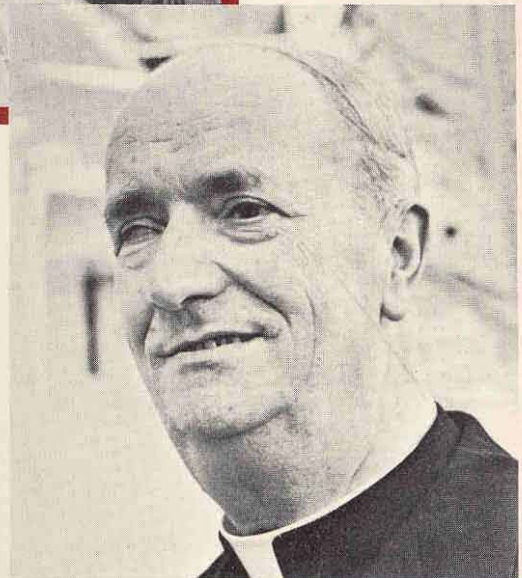
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