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Wide World Photo

RACE RIOTS in New York—Negro men yell and wave during civil disturbances in Rochester, New York. Read, in this issue, the truth about the race crisis.

What our READERS SAY

The Beatles

"We were just appalled at your description of the Beatles in England. What is our dear old England coming to?"
—Lady, Victoria, B.C.

• *To grief!*

Cain's Wife

"I am going to challenge you. . . . In Genesis 4:17 it says, 'And Cain knew his wife and she conceived and bare Enóch.' At this time according to the Bible there were only three people on earth—Adam and Eve and Cain. Abel was dead; Cain killed him. Who was Cain's wife? And where did she come from? I have a lot of doubts, so you can expect to get a lot of questions from me, and I expect answers."

Walter S., Massachusetts

• *Read the geneological record of chapter 5, verse 4, Walt. Adam and Eve, like most folks today, had girls as well as boys. Cain married his sister. See the Short Questions in the August Plain Truth.*

Tongues Question

"The article about speaking in tongues is so revealing I couldn't wait to read another thing before I wrote you about a sister of mine. She has fallen prey to this nonsense and no one can talk her out of it. So I am writing to ask you please to send her *The PLAIN TRUTH* henceforth and especially please rush a copy of the July issue. Hoping she'll wise up. I just live for my copies to arrive."

Mrs. C. R. W., Pennsylvania

"I just finished reading 'Truth about Speaking in Tongues' and it saddens me. . . . I find that it disagrees completely in almost all instances with what I have always been taught by real men of God. Therefore, I don't want to be bothered with it any longer."

Bonnie T., Kansas

• *Trouble is, Bonnie, you compared it with what you had always been taught,*

instead of with your own Bible, as we asked you to do.

Smoking Is a Sin

"Have just finished reading the article 'Smoking is a Sin.' I can personally say every word of this article is absolutely true. I started picking up cigarette butts and smoking them at age 6, and continued until I was 43. That adds up to 37 years of puffing away on the weed. I smoked my last one March 15, 1963. I can truthfully say I have no desire to even smell someone else smoke. And I'm thankful to God for the help He gave me."

Vernon C. E., Texas

By-Passing God

"My husband and I will be very grateful if you will enroll us in your Bible Study Group for the next course. We firmly believe that the great need in the world today is a comprehensive knowledge of Almighty God as revealed to us in the Holy Bible, by His Holy Spirit. Speaking generally it seems as though, in the search for truth we have by-passed this God . . . and have wandered on through the fields of human endeavour, Science, art, literature, etc., and now find ourselves in an impenetrable maze of doubt, delusion and despair. Under these circumstances we believe, with you, that the Bible (under God's guidance) holds the key that will unlock all barriers and will lead us back to God, the real Way and the Vital Truth and life everlasting."

South Brisbane, Queensland.

It's Free

"To the skeptic who doesn't believe that your literature is free I submit the fact that I have every issue of *The PLAIN TRUTH* from January of 1957 to July of 1964 plus a large number of booklets and articles, and I have not paid nor been asked for one penny for them. I wouldn't take a \$1000 for them either!"

B. T., Florida

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Personal from the Editor

THIS is written at sea, in mid-Atlantic, on the giant steamer UNITED STATES. Mrs. Armstrong had been "enjoying" her usual sea sickness the first two days of the voyage. She still did not feel quite up to the walk to the dining room, last night, for dinner.

The waiters and stewards were inquiring about Mrs. Armstrong. I was served a delicious dinner—juicy California fresh fruit cocktail; crisp celery and super-colossal olives; a flavorful and tender sirloin steak (we call them "New York cut" on the west coast)—such as one never enjoys in Britain; flavorful french-fried potatoes and petite peas; all topped off with a special ice-cream-pudding with chocolate sauce.

Make your mouth water? Of course, this great ship, like the AMERICA and the British Queens, is famous for its superb cuisine. Meals, of course, are included in your ticket. The menus are elaborate, and the waiters will urge you to order more than you should eat—no prices on a right-hand column—just eat whatever, and as much, as you wish.

"I wish," said my waiter, "that Mrs. Armstrong could be enjoying this like you are."

And I thought, "I wish ALL PEOPLE, everywhere, could really ENJOY LIFE as much as we do!"

Mr. Albert Portune, our Headquarters Business Manager, and I, have a disagreement. He is a very appreciative man. He's always counting his blessings.

"I'm the most blessed man on earth," he insists.

I flatly disagree with him. I tell him I enjoy that status. Like the Apostle Paul, I feel that I have been the chief of sinners—yet God's marvelous grace has so richly abounded that it seems He has simply *lavished* on me—and my wife—every blessing that even the loving GOD can bestow!

Business associates, not quite compre-

hending the spiritual significance or real reasons, admit and marvel at the really happy and enjoyable life I have been granted. They *seek* the full joys of life. I did, too—once. And as long as I tried to GET and to TAKE them, I somehow never had them.

Back in the pre-conversion days in the magazine and newspaper world, I fought and strove energetically for that pot of gold at the end of the rainbow—the *money* that would buy happiness and all the "good things" of gracious living. I sought and struggled valiantly to attain the vanity-pleasing status of being considered "important" by important business men.

Yet, somehow, I never quite caught up with the end of that rainbow. For a few years—in my middle and late twenties—I enjoyed a considerable financial success—for a young chap under thirty. I was making an income equivalent to perhaps \$30,000 a year in today's money-value. Even so, I never seemed to get out of debt. My heart was set on material things and on plain vanity—and they just never seemed to *satisfy*. Neither, incidentally, did the brand of cigarettes whose advertising claims "they satisfy."

You say you couldn't imagine me smoking cigarettes? Well, I couldn't either—NOW! But I did, then. That's more than 37 years ago. I remember, now, with almost a pang of stomach-sickness, the many times I sat at a banquet table, smoking a fine cigar. Why? Vanity. I was a "sheep." Others did. I followed. But did I ENJOY it? Never! What an idiot I was! In my mouth the saliva flows freely on slightest provocation. A cigar in my mouth started the saliva glands flowing. I was forced to use the napkin for a cuspidor—and even then, it usually made me slightly sick at the stomach. Enjoy it? No!

Those were days of ambition and hustle and striving—but they also were
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OUR COVER

Seething mobs, in summer heat, riot out of control in cities throughout the North! Civil-rights leaders, no longer able to restrain the irresponsible, are in a quandary. These leaders preached civil disobedience—even from the pulpit—as a justifiable means to accomplish their goal. Now their followers, having been persuaded to abandon restraint, feel little moral obligation to obey *any* authority. Lawless, rampaging thousands riot and loot on the slightest provocation, even in so-called model Northern cities that have long boasted full civil-rights laws.

days of frustrations, fears and worries, and an underlying sense of insecurity. Carnality and this world's ways simply *never paid off!*

Then two successive major business depressions, and circumstances beyond my control, brought three successive total business failures. It was then that a Bible-believing woman, neighbor of my parents in Salem, Oregon, convinced my wife that the Bible enforced observance of the seventh-day Sabbath in this New Testament time of grace! The facts of my outraged reaction at this "religious fanaticism" have been published many times.

I was unable to talk, reason, argue, cajole, or threaten her out of her newfound conviction. I was literally angered into my first STUDY of the Bible—to *prove* to her that "all these churches couldn't be wrong"—and that the Bible commanded and enforced the observance of Sunday, in this New Testament period.

I sought, wrote for, and obtained at the public library every book or booklet possible purporting to refute seventh-day Sabbath observance. I searched every nook and cranny of the New Testament to find the sanctification, making holy, or command to observe Sunday. It was like hunting for the needle in the haystack—the needle that isn't there! Like the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, I never found it!

Instead, I found that Jesus Christ always kept this day "as His custom was," and the Apostle Paul kept it "as his manner was." I found where Jesus gave us an example that we should do as He did, and where we were commanded to walk in His steps—to walk as HE walked. Also that it is "Christ IN us" which gives hope of Glory (by His Holy Spirit), and that He is a changeless Christ—the *same* today as when He walked the earth in human flesh. I found that the New Testament *commands* Sabbath-observance.

By the way, just before leaving Pasadena for England last April, I completed the writing of a new booklet explaining in detail what I found on this question in the Bible. This is our largest booklet so far on this subject.

I think you might find it interesting, as well as surprising and eye-opening. It is an addition to our booklets on *The Sabbath of the NEW Testament, Has TIME Been Lost?* and *The Resurrection was NOT on Sunday*. This latest and largest (and profusely illustrated in color) booklet has now been published. YOUR copy has already been paid for (you *can't* pay for your own)—and it *would* be a shame for your copy to keep on lying unused in our mailing room, wouldn't it? If you haven't read those others, ask for them, too. They're FREE, as Christ's Gospel is free, of course.

Well, Satan may have "opened" the eyes of Adam and Eve to evil—and then BLINDED the eyes of all of us ever since—but in that study the true Creator GOD *opened* my eyes to His TRUTH! There it was, staring at me in the Maker's own INSTRUCTION BOOK!

I didn't like it—at first.

"What would my business associates say?" was the question that came automatically to mind.

That's the question that chains *most* people to the darkness, the curses and frustrations of this world. They seldom give a thought to "What would GOD say?" They *ought* to ask, "What is CHRIST GOING TO SAY, when I have to face Him in the Judgment?"

To me, God's Truth meant GIVING UP! It meant giving up associates and friends—at least, so I supposed. It meant giving up the false values. It meant giving up MY OWN WAY! It seemed like GIVING UP everything I had ever held dear or lived for. It was like GIVING UP my very life.

But then, with God's BIBLE before me, I came to realize that Christ had bought and paid for my life—and it wasn't mine, anyway. God had made the giving up easier by repeated de-

feats—by reduction to economic poverty. I was only a "burned-out hunk o' junk," anyhow. Finally, I did make the surrender—UNCONDITIONALLY! I told God He could have my life, and if HE could make anything out of it, He could have it—I had made only a failure out of it! And I *did* mean that!

To me, it meant GIVING UP everything I had valued as worth living for. But, you know, we have to die to LIVE—to LOSE our lives in order to FIND THEM! Perhaps, then, I never expected to really ENJOY LIFE any more. I had sought hard to ENJOY LIFE—and failed. So now I gave it up!

But, actually, that was precisely when I really FOUND IT!

THAT was when truly ENJOYING LIFE first began!

I remember many a happy, blessed, really ENJOYABLE hour spent in the bare kitchens of financially poor people, studying the Bible with them. It seemed as if the angels were there with us—as, indeed, they were! It was as happy as if the bare, poverty-ridden kitchen had been a gilded, king's palace. No—that's wrong; it was *not* just *as* happy—it was a thousand times more so!

I began to learn that happiness did not consist of material possessions. Happiness is in the MIND. And, somehow, I had found happiness—real, full, abundant, deep-down HAPPINESS! We didn't have money—but we had inherited the TRUE RICHES!

I was literally plunged into the very Work of God. I didn't seek it—God PUT me in, once I yielded wholly to be faithful to His Word. Having a part in God's Own Work was the greatest joy I had known.

The *change* came early in 1927. Almost night-and-day Bible study continued. My wife was miraculously healed—even a dumbfounded doctor was forced to admit that. Then I was blessed with my first son. Later, God tried me to see whether I would be willing to give *him* up. Struggling in prayer, I told God I was willing—not for a moment believing He would require it of me. But He did. But God had given me a second son—Garner Ted!

The first conversions through my
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NOTICE—

We regret that again this issue there is no further installment of the "Autobiography." Due to the continued urgency of completing the forthcoming book on *The Plain Truth About Sex and Marriage*, Mr. Armstrong is devoting every available moment to it, and omitting the "Autobiography" and other new articles.

HATE . . . but Why?

What's HAPPENING to us? Why such venomous racial HATRED? What would YOU do about it? How would YOU propose to stop it? How much POWER would you need? Read, in this article, how the problem WILL BE SOLVED!

by Garner Ted Armstrong

"KILL 'EM!" they screamed. With that, thousands of enraged, screaming, hate-filled Negroes surged toward the station house where hundreds of embattled police waited.

Most of the rioters were teen-agers. Nearly all the rest were made up of unemployed or poverty-stricken malcontents. After the killing of young James Powell, who had been shot while attacking an off-duty policeman with a knife, hate-vendors took to the street corners, preaching violence to the sweating crowds.

Like a ghastly echo, the huge knots of struggling, cursing, enraged mobs swelled to include the Bedford-Stuyvesant slums, and then into Elizabeth and Paterson, New Jersey.

The OBJECT of all the hatred? The police. The reason? The "excuse" given by hate-filled demagogues was the so-called "murder" of James Powell.

But what was the REAL reason?

The *real* reason is the basic, evil, rotten, corrupt, vain, proud, egoistic, hate-filled, antagonistic, conceited, depraved, venomous HUMAN HEART AND SPIRIT!

Let's quit kidding ourselves. Let's resort to REASON—instead of invective and violence! Regardless of your color, race or religion—it's time you came to understand the real REASON for violence and brutality—and know WHAT WILL FINALLY BE DONE ABOUT IT!

The Human Heart

There is only *one* source to which you can go to learn, *really*, about human nature. That is the *handbook* about human nature—the Bible.

Man is God's creation. God INVENTED man. And it is God who PUT WITHIN man a certain nature.

Philosophers, psychologists, "scalp

pickers" and "analysts" by the thousands have striven vainly to "understand" this greatest of all enigmas—man. And they have miserably failed. As one psychiatrist said to a group of his own kind recently, "We *all* became interested in psychiatry because we knew we ourselves had some mental problems!"

God *reveals* the truth about human nature in His Holy Word, the Bible! Listen to the shocking truth about every HUMAN HEART!

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and *desperately wicked*: who can know it?" (Jeremiah 17:9.) Paul wrote, "The carnal mind [the unconverted, unchanged, "natural" human mind] is ENMITY against God, it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be!" (Rom. 8:7.) Solomon wrote, when speaking about the basic make-up of the human heart and mind, "Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; ALL is vanity!" (Eccl. 1:2). James said, "Do you think that the Scripture saith in vain, 'the spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?'" (Jas. 4:5.)

The Bible is the *handbook* about man. It and it alone explains the basic reason for our racial, political, spiritual *chaos* of today!

Make no mistake! The real cause of today's race violence and increasing *hatred* is NOT ascertainable only at the end of a laborious study of hideously complex social pressures and psychological factors. All too many people are too willing to believe the real *answers* to today's problems are terribly *complex*.

They are not. They are simple.

What Would YOU Do About It?

When you read of racial violence in the Congo, in Malaya, in Africa or in

Great Britain—don't you often wish you had the power to DO something about it?

But what would you do? How much *power* would you need? How *decisive* could you be?

Would you need, say, the power of a Mayor Wagner? At the height of the race riots of Harlem and Bedford-Stuyvesant, Mayor Wagner came hurrying home from Europe. Upon arrival on the scene, he loudly decried the terrible violence—even visiting the scene to deplore the avalanche of looting, pillaging and burning.

But the Mayor didn't have the power to stop it.

President Johnson appealed to the people for calm. He stated firmly that violence and lawbreaking would not be tolerated. The violence continued.

The FBI was called to the scene. Many agents went into Harlem to determine whether or not the incidents could be attributed to purely local race hatreds—or whether there was an insidious foreign enemy at work. But the FBI didn't stop it.

How much power would YOU need? Obviously, you would need MORE power than that of the combined New York City Police Force, the Mayor, the FBI, and even the President of the United States!!

Then what kind of power would you *need*?

YOU WOULD NEED THE POWER TO CHANGE THE HUMAN HEART!

HUMAN NATURE MUST BE CHANGED!

Dr. Robert M. Page said, "So long as we have human nature, we shall have war." The late General Douglas MacArthur, in his dramatic speech before Congress, after his arrival in the United States from having been fired

during the Korean conflict, said, in urging our peoples toward peace, that we must TOTALLY CHANGE. And, he said, that change "must be of the spirit, if we are to save the flesh!"

Ever seen a riot? Ever taken part in one? Ever been mad—so mad you had totally *lost control* of your senses and your mind? Possibly. Most have.

Think back to that time. Were you in any "mood" to be reasoned with? Would a calm, patient, "psychological" argument have appealed to you, at the time?

How would you like to try to "reason it out" with a *mob*? It's utterly impossible.

The Cause of Hate

But WHY so much hatred today? Why are curses and venom so much on the lips of so many? Why do even "dignified" men seek to solve their various differences with their fists? Almighty God reveals, in His Word, that man's *basic nature* is one of great, swelling, egoistic, self-centered VANITY! Other basic aspects of vanity are lust, selfishness and GREED! The *opposite* of vanity is *love*. NOT the watered-down, misconstrued, totally altered and false idea commonly accepted as "love" (which is really *LUST!*) today—but the love of God. The love of God is altogether *outgoing*. It is *selfless*. It is an outgoing *concern*, a deep regard, a sense of compassion and servitude toward others! It is the total antithesis of vanity.

Yet the human heart is basically VANITY. Since love is the exact opposite of hatred, and hatred is the net result of jealousy, greed, vanity. Then it is vital you come to understand that human beings HATE—*naturally!*

Regardless as to how many like to "kid" themselves about being devoid of hate and various baser qualities of human nature—unless they have been totally CONQUERED of God, totally *converted* by receiving of His Spirit, they will just "naturally" have HATE in their heart.

It's *natural* to hate. It's *human!*

You Were MADE To Overcome!

But does this mean every human being should *learn* to hate? Of course

not—he will hate without *having* to learn.

The Great God, in His wisdom, has *made* human nature what it is. But He has made human nature to be *overcome*. Man is a creature of free moral agency. Only man has the ability, through the human senses and the mind of man, to observe, measure, weigh, discern—and to arrive at *decisions*, based upon his observations. Only man is a calculating, *deciding* creature! Man is NOT an *animal*. Man is on a plane and a level FAR ABOVE that of animals.

The mind of man, the nature of man, were created for a great and awe-inspiring PURPOSE!

God's great PURPOSE in man has been understood by *so few!* If you have not yet read our vitally important booklets, *Why Were You Born?*, *Just What Do You Mean—Salvation?*, then write for them immediately. They explain it far more thoroughly than I shall have space to do in this brief article.

Let's understand. All human beings were little babies once. There is no better example of pure, unadulterated selfishness, vanity, self-centeredness, greed, lust, covetousness, and HATRED than in the heart of a little infant! "Kid" ourselves as we may wish—and as sweet and precious as our little children appear to us—every little human baby is born with these basic emotions in his little heart and mind.

Every human parent was intended by Almighty God to BREAK the spirit of violence in a child. A parent is intended to CONQUER the rebellion and animosity in the infantile heart! A parent is set over the child in authority, age, maturity, wisdom, for vitally important reasons very few have ever understood! If you want to understand—and understand *deeply* and *thoroughly* why teen-agers, whether they be black, white, or *any* color, oftentimes RIOT, then write for our free booklet *The Plain Truth About Child Rearing*.

Any parent who does not conquer the spirit of rebelliousness that is literally *born into* his child is allowing one more human being to grow up with that basic spirit of human nature un-

checked, unthwarted, unconquered.

Make no mistake about it. A rebellious, cursing, spitting, hate-filled Negro is not necessarily hate-filled, rebellious and violent *because he is a Negro*—any more than a hate-filled, rebellious, God-defying, jeering and cursing *White* is giving vent to his rage and animosity *because he is White!*

Rather, he is giving vent to his rages and passions because his spirit, his nature, his human mind and heart have not been CONQUERED of God!

How God Deals With Mobs

Today, God is keeping hands off this evil, rotten, topsy-turvy, sin-sick, crime-ridden, hate-filled world! But not for long.

Soon, and a lot sooner than we may wish to kid ourselves into believing, Almighty God is going to send Jesus Christ in the all-powerful splendor of the Great Creator of heaven and earth back to this earth! And Jesus is coming to deal with a MOB!

How will HE solve the problem? With far more power than a Mayor Wagnér, the President of the United States, or the combined police forces of all nations put together!

Read it, with your own eyes, in your own Bible! "I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and He that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns; . . . He was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed Him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of His mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it He should smite the nations: and He shall rule them with a rod of iron . . ." (Rev. 19:11-16).

Read that again! Jesus Christ of Nazareth is coming back to this earth in all the awesome splendor of the Great God of the universe! He is coming with ARMIES—and He is coming to *fight!* God's tolerance has about run out. God's patience is about exhausted! God's wrath and His great ANGER are
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Leningrad Highway in Moscow.

Wide World Photo

INSIDE RUSSIA TODAY

Here, written from behind the Iron Curtain, is a fabulous first-hand report on Soviet Communism! This summer we sent Mr. Eugene Walter, a member of the faculty of Ambassador College in Texas, to the Soviet Union for an on-the-spot report. What he reveals is a shocking story of mismanagement and lust for power!

by Eugene Walter

Leningrad, U.S.S.R.

WHAT is the Soviet Union of 1964 *really* like? How does the Soviet standard of living compare with ours in the Western world?

What does the *average Soviet citizen* think about his country? Does he *like* its form of government? If the choice were his, would he voluntarily choose Communism over Democracy?—or is he *afraid* to tell you what he **REALLY** thinks and feels?

And what about Communism itself? Is it becoming more *liberal*—more “capitalistic”? Is the Soviet Union about to emerge as a Communistic utopia?—or is the Communist system coming apart at the seams?

These and many similar questions were in my mind when I entered the Soviet Union three weeks ago.

A First-hand View of Communism

Here in Leningrad, former Russian capital, at the conclusion of an extensive tour of *European Russia*—home of ninety per cent of the Soviet people and the *head and heart* of the Soviet Union—I look back on first-hand answers to many of these questions. More than 5,000 revealing miles of travel, jam-packed with visits to cities, schools, factories, farms, museums etc., have revealed what modern-day life in Russia is like.

One impression stands out in par-

ticular. That impression is that this vast land, covering one sixth of the earth's land surface and populated by 220 million people of 189 nationalities—speaking 200 known languages and practicing 40 religions—is **UTTERLY UNLIKE any other country** in the world today. The Soviet Union is a land *full of contrasts, unbelievable contradictions*—and the **UNUSUAL**.

Moscow Sets the Stage

The focal point of the Soviet Union is its capital city, Moscow, which I reached by train from Warsaw, Poland. Once across the Polish-Russian border—where I was given a most *thorough* customs inspection—everything suddenly became very drab and dull. Only

occasional unpainted, non-electrified farmhouses with peasants working in the nearby fields broke the monotonous landscape. With the exception of the cities of Minsk and Smolensk, the scenes of this vast rural wilderness remained unchanged for the entire 600 miles to the outskirts of Moscow.

As one approaches Moscow, the houses become more frequent. The footpath beside the railroad widens into a road. Soon occasional television antennae appear on the roofs of the houses—some of which now have paint. Here and there a factory can be seen. Among the passengers on the train the air becomes electric with expectancy and excitement. Houses become more concentrated—the television antennae sprouting like weeds from the roofs and giving mute evidence to the horribly crowded conditions within.

Suddenly a *tremendous* housing area of more than 100 *new multi-storied apartments* dominates the landscape. And then—Moscow!

It is difficult for the Western visitor to comprehend what Moscow means to the Soviet citizen. To the average Russian this sprawling city of six million people symbolizes the fulfillment of all his dreams—socially, culturally, educationally, economically. It is the *holy city* of his godless religion. One can detect a feeling of awe and reverence each time he mentions its name. As Pushkin, one of Russia's most famous authors, so aptly put it, "Moscow: those syllables can start a tumult in the Russian heart."

To the visitor, Moscow *sets the stage* for what he will see and experience throughout the rest of the nation—both good and bad. What Moscow has and does, the rest of the nation tries to copy. What Moscow does not have, the rest of the nation will lack also.

The Showcase Side of Moscow

As the Mecca of Communism and the head of the Soviet Empire, Moscow is a showcase city. The visitor cannot help but be impressed by some of the achievements on display.

Where else on earth is there a subway like Moscow's? Its tracks running *very deep* in the earth, the stations of

this subway are literally *underground palaces*, complete with spacious halls of tile or beautifully cut rocks, chandeliers, and paintings, each station possessing its own architectural style and theme.

And what other city has an exhibition to surpass the USSR Exhibition of Economic Achievements in Moscow—a virtual 500-acre garden-city? In broad avenues lined by shrubbery, trees and flowers—and further enhanced by sparkling fountains—are some three hundred pavilions exhibiting what has been achieved by the most important branches of agriculture and industry. The fifteen or twenty largest pavilions are huge, imposing structures, each of pleasingly different and interesting architectural design and flare. A breathtaking spectacle!

And have you ever seen a *three-and-one-half-acre outdoor, HEATED* swimming pool? Well, Moscow has one! HEATED, yes, even through the city's bitter winters!

Also showplaces are these: The 45,000-room Moscow University building, which at 787 feet is the highest structure in Europe except for the Eiffel Tower. The Luzhinski Sports Combine containing a 103,000-seat outdoor grandstand, a 17,000-seat indoor audi-

torium, 20 sports halls and some 100 sports grounds and courts for training. And the Kremlin Palace of Congresses, a large marble and plate glass edifice built for the XXII Congress of the Communist Party in 1961 and now used for theatre, ballet, opera and similar functions.

These are some of the more *singularly outstanding* showplaces. In addition to these there are literally thousands of parks, sports grounds, statues, museums, schools, art galleries, theatres, libraries which have been erected in the past decade.

If some of these endeavors seem extravagant and overdone, it is quickly explained that these public accomplishments are intended as examples of the wealth and affluency *each individual citizen* will ultimately be able to enjoy under the Communist system.

As proof of this, the fact is cited that in the past five years Moscow has provided some two million people—*one third of its inhabitants*—with new apartments! And plans call for new apartments for *everyone* in the city by 1980.

This is the *showcase* side of Moscow, and indeed, of the *entire Soviet Union*. But there is another side to



Wide World Photo

Wide streets with few cars, many pedestrians, are typical of Moscow. Pre-dominance of women results from loss of twenty million men in World War II.

Moscow, and on this side it is like every other Russian city.

The Other Side

On this side, sights and conditions are different. Old women sweeping the streets, cutting the grass by hand or doing heavy physical work in front of some senselessly lavish and pompous new building. Apartments which because of shoddy workmanship are *already* old and in need of repair—even though they have not yet been completely built!

Sidewalks crowded with people while the broad avenues for motor traffic are virtually empty because few cars are available and not many could afford them if they were. The sickening smell of obviously inferior gas coming from the few cars that are on the street. Smelly, dimly lit rooms with absurdly high ceilings, much wasted floor space and poor plumbing in the handful of archaic hotels. Inability to use the telephone because no phone books are available! An old man collecting debris from the runway and putting it into his horse-drawn carriage while a modern jet revs its motors for the take-off right beside him. Clerks figuring sales on abacuses because few cash registers are available. The suffocating smell of cheap tobacco—often coming from "cigarettes" which are mostly a hollow cylinder with about an inch of tobacco at one end. The heavy, greasy meals with little variety, less meat, and still less fresh fruit and vegetables.

These things and many more like them are also a part of Moscow as much as the subways, the gaudy new apartments, and the Kremlin itself. And they give important clues of what to expect when you examine other aspects of Russian life more closely.

The Average Income

By American, English or West European standards, the Russian standard of living is rather dismal and grim. But for most Russians, things are looking up. One of the talking points of the Regime is that there is no unemployment. This means that every family has an income.

This income may be only \$70 per month for those on the low end of the



In their ambitious housing schemes, the Soviets are seeking to erase such slums as this one.

Wide World Photo

wage scale. On the other hand, for those in administrative and managerial positions, as well as certain engineers and other specialists in demand, the wage will range from \$200 to \$2,000 per month—and on up—depending on how high the position is. Very few, of course, are in the upper category.

For the average worker, however—and this includes not only factory and office workers, but certain professions such as teachers, doctors and interpreters—this income is about \$110 *per month*. For most families this income is doubled, as eight out of ten women in the USSR work at equal wages. That means the average Russian family earns about \$2500 per year!

This income will go a longer way than it would in the U.S. or Western Europe. In the first place, nearly all the Soviet worker's pay is his. Income tax is *very* low. Thirteen per cent is the highest any citizen ever pays—but very few are in this bracket. Most pay about five per cent. Also, insurance, health programs, medical expenses, and pension plans are free. In addition, the worker gets two weeks' paid vacation per year, and an option to take up to two additional weeks' vacation without pay if he so desires. Education—

or indoctrination—for his children, through university level if they have the ability, is provided at government expense.

Housing is another important factor in favor of the Soviet worker. Whereas his American counterpart pays approximately one fourth of his income for rent, the Russian pays only three to five per cent—\$8-\$12 for a family. This is because housing is state owned and subsidized. But here the "ruble-stretching" ends.

Tragic Food Situation

While the average American family spends about one fourth of its income for food, the average Russian family spends a full fifty per cent—and that for very plain fare. In order to offset the high prices of most food and to enable even the poorer Russian families to be adequately fed, the government purposely keeps the prices for staples such as cabbage, potatoes and bread low. Cabbage and potatoes usually cost only four or five cents per pound, and a large loaf of whole wheat bread sixteen cents. Such low-priced foods, however, are very few.

Almost all other food is *very high*—especially when considering the average

Soviet income, which is *much less* than in America. For example, milk is about twenty-five cents a quart; butter varies from \$1.10 to \$1.40 per pound; cheese eighty cents to \$1.20 per pound; eggs ten to twelve cents *each!*

Still other foods such as meat, fresh fruit and vegetables are astronomically high. When available, oranges—a def-



Wide World Photo

This Russian woman is reading at the room divider in a corner of the modern living room of her two-room apartment. Few families enjoy even this woman's luxury.

inite luxury item—cost anywhere from twenty-five cents to forty cents *each!* The standard price for lemons is thirty-five cents *each!* I was not able to compare prices for other fruits as they were not yet in season. The few fresh vegetables which were available had comparably high prices. These "luxury items" are usually in short supply and sold only on the free market.

The Soviet housewife has two sources from which she can purchase the family food supply—the government food stores or the free market. At the government stores are canned and packaged goods, dried fruit, bread and certain non-perishable vegetables such as potatoes and cabbage. Because of backward and inadequate refrigeration methods, dairy products and meat are the only perishables sold by the government stores—no fresh fruits or vegetables. To get these the housewife will have to go to the free market. To the free market the peasants come to sell the produce they have grown on their

small backyard plots for whatever price they can get. This bit of "capitalism" is tolerated by the government because this produce makes an important contribution to the limited food supply. Sometimes these prices are absolutely fantastic!

When it comes to meat, again there is little to compare. Cuts of meat *as we know them* simply do not exist. Also, for some reason the fresh meat that *is* available is very crudely butchered—often *literally* torn apart. Sausage is the main meat dish, other than fish, and costs from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per pound, depending on the contents. Perhaps "meat" is a misnomer, for there is far more fat and other filler than meat. Fish, although also proportionately high, is by far the most reasonably priced and readily available meat.

Sweets such as candy, cakes and ice cream are very popular with the Russians—even though these also are expensive. Ice cream is a national craze. If the statistics—which show that seventy per cent of the calories a plump Russian consumes come from bread and an additional ten per cent from potatoes—are right, I am inclined to think that a good bit of the remaining twenty per cent comes from ice cream! Even in the dead of winter, where there is an ice cream store, there will be a queue waiting to buy a "double-dip" for fifteen to twenty cents. The delicatessen shops are likewise always crowded with Russians who will pay double American prices for candies and cakes.

To summarize the food situation, the Russians consume three times as many potatoes and flour products as Americans. They also eat more fish. But the average American eats twice the amount of meat, poultry and sugar as the Russians, three times as many eggs, and has a wide variety of many other foods that most Russians haven't dreamed of yet.

As these statistics show, the Russians in the summer of 1964 are by no means going hungry. However, the food supply is quite nip and tuck—and can *change rapidly*. What the summer will or will not produce in the way of a harvest next fall, will determine whether the food situation improves in the coming year—or whether there will be

serious shortages and rationing next winter.

Clamor for Consumer Goods

"How to give people what they want and still maintain the Communist power structure is Khrushchev's deep dilemma," stated *Life* magazine in a special issue on the USSR (Sept. 11 1963, p. 48). This is certainly true. During Stalin's era, consumer goods such as clothes, shoes, appliances, etc. were almost completely neglected, and the entire emphasis was on heavy industry—especially steel—in order to make Russia a military and industrial power. This plan finally paid off in 1958 when the USSR surpassed the U.S. in the production of steel for the first time, and the backward giant of the 1920's became the world's second biggest industrial power of the 1960's.

But while heavy industry brings power for the state, it does not bring a higher standard of living. It takes the help of *light* industry to do that. Mr. Khrushchev *wants* to increase the production of consumer goods, but he had

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almost ripe!

The time is just around the corner from us in world events when God's Kingdom WILL be set up on this literal earth! And THEN Jesus Christ will deal, and deal awesomely, forcefully, and *swiftly* with mobs!

Jesus urged every Christian, in the Sermon on the Mount, to pray "thy KINGDOM come"! (Matt. 6:10.) That means every Christian, like righteous Lot, should be sincerely PRAYING for the KINGDOM, the RULE, the power and AUTHORITY of the Kingdom of God to come to this earth!

It's time you came to see, and see *clearly* and *thoroughly* that man is totally incapable of solving his own problems!

That's why Almighty God MUST send Jesus Christ to save us from ourselves!

That day will be here—*sooner than you think!*

De Gaulle and the Next World War

French President De Gaulle has exalted France to "great power" status. He has publicly downgraded the U.S. Where will De Gaulle's dreams of grandeur lead?

by Dibar Apartian

As I write these lines in a Paris hotel room, before me lies a copy of *Paris Match*, one of France's leading magazines.

In the eyes of the world, France is—and always has been—a *great* country. She has made an astonishing "come-back" since the German armies left her soil some twenty years ago. And today, she has once again regained her leading role in Europe.

But just *how* "great" is France *today*? How do people live here? What's their standard of living?

The Unknown France

"Eight million Frenchmen draw their water from wells as they did in 1000 A.D.," writes editor Raymond Cartier of the *Paris Match*. "In villages of under 1,000 inhabitants, 78 per cent of the houses have no flush toilets, 82 per cent do not have a shower, 92 per cent have no telephones."

Schools are jammed and *antiquated*. The world-famous Sorbonne resembles "the Métro at rush hour." France spends only 3.6 per cent of her national income (compared with 7 per cent in the U.S.) on education.

Sorbonne has *only* 100 professors to do all the lecturing. Its library can *barely seat 500 students* and serves also as the only library for the nearby science college's 15,000 students. "Thousands of students have given up even trying to attend lectures. They merely register in the fall, study canned notes in nearby cafés, tackle final exams in May—turning Sorbonne students into what the alarmed French press calls 'test monsters'" (*Time* magazine, Dec. 6, 1963).

Authorities report that the problem of JUVENILE DELINQUENCY has become

alarming. The "blousons noirs" are now terrorizing the whole country. Do these things constitute a "sign" of *greatness*?

France, well known for her "epicureanism and great cooking," has also the world's highest death rate from cirrhosis of the liver, 31.2 per 100,000 annually.

As for the network of her roads, *Time* magazine reported on January 1, 1964: "They run straight as arrows from one picturesque village to another. But these blacktop paths are nearly as narrow as in Napoleon's time (when they were designed), and are totally inadequate to the 10 million vehicles now struggling to get from place to

place... Even more ominous is the death toll, which has jumped from 7,166 in 1953 to 10,103 in 1962, with 229,485 injured"—three times as high as in the U.S., comparatively speaking.

Why French Empire Vanished

What will happen to France within the next *five, ten or fifteen years*?

"The once world-girdling French empire has pulled one of history's fastest disappearing acts," the *New York Journal-American* wrote on March 24, 1962. "For most of the first half of this century, the Tricolor flew over sizeable and valuable chunks of all the continents. Its domain was in every sense a close rival of Britain's far-flung



"I Am France!"

package of real estate on which the sun never set. . . . Then . . . a shrinking process set in with a vengeance."

But WHY? Why has France's loss of her Empire been one of the *fastest* in history?

Before we can understand the answer, we must *know* what makes a nation great—*truly* great. Some think that greatness merely resides in NATURAL RESOURCES. Others believe that greatness is above all a matter of MILITARY POWER. Still others suppose that a nation's greatness is determined by its CONTRIBUTIONS to science, art and literature—in other words to human *civilization*.

If a nation's greatness were determined by size and population alone, then surely INDIA and CHINA would be considered great nations today. Yet, they number among the *poorest*, the *sickest* and the most *backward* countries on the face of the earth.

On the other hand, if greatness were synonymous with military power and territorial conquests, then greatness must certainly be something very *changeable* and *transient*, for many kingdoms and empires, considered great in history, have today fallen into oblivion.

What of a nation's contributions to human civilization? Could greatness be determined by them? A simple glance at our sick and AGONIZING WORLD ought to reveal the answer to anyone. *What* has man *accomplished* on earth? *What* have we done with what we have been given? *How much* have we progressed?

Indeed, in spite of pushbutton comfort, electronic brains, and orbital explorations, MAN HAS STEADILY GONE BACKWARD, and *not forward*. In this age of technological "miracles," we have more world-wide poverty, more misery, more sickness and unhappiness than ever before.

WHY? What has really gone *wrong*? Where has France—and the world—*failed*? God answers: "They hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, and WENT BACKWARD, and *not forward*" (Jer. 7:24).

A few months ago, in one of our weekly broadcasts in French over the

powerful Radio Station Europe Number 1, I told the French people that, *in accordance with God's Word*, dark days were ahead for all nations unless they all REPENTED of their sins. "For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be FAMINES, and PESTILENCES, and EARTHQUAKES, in divers places" (Mat. 24:7).

A Radio Listener's Opinion

After hearing this *divine* warning, a well-educated Frenchman wrote me in protest, ridiculing the Scriptures. He thought that these words of Christ were no longer in effect. He even added that *he* had no respect for the God of the Old Testament. "It certainly is not the God of love, the God of the Gospel, whom you are preaching," he wrote, "but the awesome, vengeful God of the Old Testament. . . ."

"It is 'Jahweh' spewing the lukewarm out of His mouth, and not the Christ of Golgotha begging His Father to forgive those who knew not what they were doing. . . . I am afraid, Sir, that your antiquated arguments will impress no one; they are quite *unreliable* and *ungrounded*. Far from being in a state of starvation, the Western world—your audience—is now eating more than its predecessors. In France, the consumption of meat has practically doubled since the last war. WHY TALK to the French about their land becoming barren, when the yield per acre is increasing all the time? And these *epidemics* you threaten us with. . . ."

This man does NOT know the Bible. He doesn't know that "Jahweh, . . . the awesome, vengeful God of the Old Testament" is the very "Christ of Golgotha begging His Father to forgive those who knew not what they were doing." No, this man had *no idea* WHO Jesus Christ is. (If you haven't read Mr. Armstrong's article entitled "Is Jesus God?", write in immediately for your *free* copy.)

Curiously enough, it is this type of *closed-mindedness* and *ignorance* that has caused ALL nations to be blind throughout history, at their most fateful hour. One year's abundance gives them a *false sense* of security for the future; the plentiful harvest of a season

makes them think that *drought*, *famines*, *starvation* and *pestilences* are impossibilities!

And so it is that today the French—just like all other prosperous nations—*eat, drink and are merry*, for the going is good! "When did we ever have it so good?" De Gaulle proudly asked during one of his recent television talks. Yes, *when*?

Though considered a "dying" nation all through the 20th Century, France, since De Gaulle's reign began, has once more become "a mover and shaker" in world affairs.

Unfortunately, very few Frenchmen ever read the Bible or even *own* one. Consequently, they IGNORE just what God has to say about the present "happy-go-lucky" world. "But as the days of Noah were, *so shall also the coming of the Son of man be*. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and KNEW NOT until the flood came, and *took them all away*; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be" (Mat. 24:37-39).

Where the French Think They Are Headed

Backed by unparalleled self-confidence, President de Gaulle affirmed that France's *number one task* is the UNION of Europe. "It is fact," De Gaulle assured the Frenchmen, "that in trying to place our relationship with Germany on a new basis, we must endeavor to see that the European Economic Community is *truly* a community and truly European. . . ."

President de Gaulle's immediate goal is his "*Europe des patries*" (Europe of fatherlands) which would cap the Common Market with a *POLITICAL organization* where ultimate decisions would lie with "heads of governments."

Frenchmen are convinced today that their country is headed toward power and prosperity. Their UNION with Germany and the other nations of the Common Market fills them with a sense of security. The fact remains, however, that the *ties* that bind these "heads of governments" are *much less solid* than they appear. France and Germany have

always been traditional enemies. Their present "unnatural" union is dictated by the *necessities* of STATE policy which seeks for *power in numbers*—NOT in *true* friendship.

For instance, a few months ago, Chancellor Ludwig Erhard told President de Gaulle that West Germany *feels safer* under America's nuclear protection than under France's. "I told him," Erhard said with a smile, "that we have the greatest respect for the French *Force de Frappe* [the nuclear strike force De Gaulle is developing], but that we feel much *more secure* under the protection of the American nuclear power." (*Los Angeles Herald-Examiner*, Dec. 3, 1963.)

Where God Says French Are Headed

Time and again, you have read in the pages of *The PLAIN TRUTH* what God says is actually going to happen before the second coming of Jesus Christ. You have read Mr. Armstrong's booklets and articles showing that, in accordance with God's Word, a *political UNION* of TEN nations or governments—which the Bible calls "the beast"—will rise in Europe *in the end time*. This union of ten European nations will MAKE WAR with the descendants of Jacob, *particularly the two sons of Joseph*, Ephraim and Manasseh, whose modern descendants are the peoples of the BRITISH COMMONWEALTH and the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

This soon-coming union of ten nations or governments prophetically represents the last "head" of the *resurrected* "beast"—the revival of the "Holy Roman Empire" (Rev. 17:9-12). But contrary to what you may think, it will NOT consist only of *Gentile nations*. It will INCLUDE a group of ISRAELITISH nations. "Come out of her, my people," says God in Revelation 18:4. "My people" means Israelites in Bible prophecy.

Yes, once again, Joseph's own brothers will sell him to the Gentiles! Once again REUBEN (the first-born of Jacob who anciently *conspired* with his brothers, will "act" in terms of *saving him*, but end up by compromising with his brothers to send him into CAPTIVITY.

Ever since the early days of Ameri-

can history, the French have been on our side. There exists a *brotherly link* among all the ISRAELITISH nations. Nevertheless, by uniting *politically* with the "beast," some of the *modern* Israelites will be *instrumental* in conquering the United States and Great Britain.

So says your Bible! (For more details on this subject, write in for our *free* booklets, 1975 in *Prophecy*, *The United States and the British Commonwealth in Prophecy*, and *Les Pays de LANGUE FRANCAISE en Prophétie*. The latter is available in French only.)

The Seven Lean Years

In the 41st chapter of Genesis, we find an interesting story which should serve mankind as a *warning* and an *example* today. Unfortunately, like most of the events described in the Bible, this true story is in turn merely *treated* as ancient history, past and done with—*nothing more!*

At a time when Egypt was strong and prosperous, Pharaoh had a strange dream which troubled him greatly. He saw himself standing by the Nile, "And, behold, there came up out of the river seven well favoured kine and fat-fleshed. . . . And, behold, seven other kine came up after them out of the river, ill favoured and leanfleshed. . . and . . . did eat up the seven well favoured and fat kine" (Gen. 41:1-4).

Pharaoh awoke, frightened and disturbed.

When he slept again, he had another dream: "Behold, seven ears of corn came up upon one stalk, rank and good. And, behold, seven thin ears and blasted with the east wind sprung up after them . . . and . . . devoured the seven rank and full ears" (verses 5-7).

What was the *meaning* of these two strange dreams? Why did the seven gaunt and thin cows eat up the seven sleek and fat ones? And why did the thin ears swallow up the plump and good ones?

None of Pharaoh's magicians and wise men could explain. But *God revealed* the meaning of these things to Joseph. Indeed, when brought to the palace, Joseph told the Egyptian King: "The seven good kine are seven years; and the seven good ears are seven

years; the dream is one. The seven thin and ill favoured kine . . . and the seven empty ears . . . shall be seven years of famine" (Gen. 41:26-27).

Under God's inspiration, Joseph instructed Pharaoh *how to save* the country and help the people survive the coming seven years of famine. Pharaoh believed Joseph. In fact, he set him over all the land of Egypt, so that God's instructions would be carried out properly.

Egypt was *spared*.

But how many people realize today that "all these things happened . . . for ensamples; and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come"? (I Cor. 10:11.) How many Frenchmen realize indeed that although they "never had it so good," there will soon be a *great famine* on earth in which hundreds of millions of people will die of *starvation, sickness* and *disease*?

Like all Israelitish nations, the French are well fed today. Everyone here eats to his heart's desire. But what of the days ahead when this surfeit of rich food will vanish before famine and starvation? What then?

What Makes a Country Really Great

No, it is not its size, nor is it military power, nor its natural resources that make a country truly great. These things are not signs of true greatness, but mere tools that can be used either to build or to destroy. "All nations before him [God] are as nothing; and they are counted to him less than NOTHING, and VANITY" (Isa. 40:17).

The greatness of a nation—the TRUE GREATNESS—resides in her *obedience* to God and in her *submission* to HIS laws. "Keep therefore and do them [the statutes, judgments and commandments of God]; for this is your WISDOM and your UNDERSTANDING in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, surely this GREAT NATION IS A WISE AND UNDERSTANDING PEOPLE.

"For what nation is there so GREAT, who *bath God so nigh unto them* as the Lord our God is in all things that we call upon him for? And what
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TWELVE RULES for Bible Study

Why is the Bible the most misunderstood book in all history? The most twisted, distorted, maligned, misrepresented and lied-about book there is? Because people refuse to believe it means exactly what it says! This second installment explains twelve simple, basic rules to help you understand the plain truth of God's Word!

by David Jon Hill

DO YOU *understand* the Bible when you read it? Or, have you not even bothered to study your Bible because you felt it was out-of-date? Because the old English is difficult to understand? Or because you felt the Bible was *supposed to be mysterious*?

You Can Understand!

The Bible is the instruction book of the One who created you. It is His instruction *to you*, explaining clearly and plainly how you can have a happy, filled-with-interest, abundant and successful life! God's Word reveals the purpose for your being! It explains the *reason* for human suffering. It explains **WHEN** and **WHY** and **HOW** *God is* going to intervene to relieve that suffering! It therefore ought to be the one book everyone should understand! But why has it been so grievously misunderstood? Because almost no one, it seems, has been willing to apply the twelve rules of Bible study.

In last month's **PLAIN TRUTH**, the first six of the twelve simple, basic rules of Bible study were explained thoroughly. If you are a new reader and missed this first article because you were not on *The PLAIN TRUTH* mailing list last month, just write and ask for the August issue of *The PLAIN TRUTH*—it will be sent to you just as freely as you received this issue.

The First Six Rules

To summarize, briefly, before going on to the seventh rule of Bible study, here are the first six rules: **ONE**—Pray for guidance. **TWO**—Be willing to accept correction. **THREE**—Prove all

things. **FOUR**—Realize the Bible never contradicts itself. **FIVE**—Be sure to read the Bible exactly as it is written. **SIX**—Check the context carefully—that is, read all the scriptures around any particular verse in question.

This brings us to rule number seven.

Get All the Scriptures

No one scripture can *of itself*, taken *out of context*, be used to establish the Truth. "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any *private* interpretation" (II Pet. 1:20).

God has put His Bible together in a very unusual manner. He has written it so that men could study it intricately in its original languages, poring over its pages for their entire lifetime—and *yet never come to a knowledge of the truth*. Many people have memorized great sections of the Bible and yet not come to realize what those sections mean. You must take the whole Bible in its entire context, getting *all of the scriptures* in that Bible *on any one subject* **BEFORE** you can come to the knowledge of that particular subject from God's point of view.

"Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little. . . ."

That is how the converted mind is to study the Bible. Yet, when the unconverted study God's Word a little here and a little there they are **STILL** *not able to understand* the Message of God's Truth because they do not have

His Holy Spirit guiding them. That Holy Spirit—the very mind and understanding of God—is the power that inspired those words in the first place, and **WITHOUT THAT SPIRIT TO INSPIRE THE UNDERSTANDING, THE DOOR TO THE WORD OF GOD REMAINS SHUT!** (The Holy Spirit is given *only* to those who **OBEY** God—Acts 5:32.) Continuing from Isaiah: ". . . But the word of the Lord *was* unto them [those who **DISOBEY**] precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken" (Isa. 28:9-10, 13).

Oftentimes people think that the Bible is *contradicting* itself when actually all it is doing is *supplementing* itself. A good example of this is found in Matthew 27:37 as compared to Luke 23:38. Here Matthew and Luke *appear* to contradict one another in their statements as to what was written on the sign affixed to the stake upon which Jesus Christ was crucified.

Now while you're going through this article, just take time to *get your Bible* and **USE** this example to **PROVE** that getting *all* of the scriptures on any one subject **WILL** give you God's understanding on it. In order to find out *what* was written on that sign, *who* wrote it, and *how many* languages it was written in, you will need to put at least four scriptures together, not just two. So turn first to Matthew 27:37, and *write down* what the Bible says was written on that sign. Then, *go right on* to Mark 15:26 and write beneath what you have written what *Mark* says was written on that sign.

Then do the same with Luke 23:38 and also John 19:19. Put them all together and you will see what was written on that sign.

If *one* of these scriptures were left out you would not know that it was *Pilate* who did the writing. If *two* of these scriptures were left out you would not know that the writing was originally done in *three languages*. These four bits of information, each from a different author, supply us with a complete record of what was written there originally. No one scripture contradicts the other—each only serves to complement and round out the information of the other.

Let the Bible Interpret the Bible

So many people write in to *The WORLD TOMORROW* and comment how much they enjoy *Mr. Armstrong's interpretation* of the Bible. Over and over again you will hear Mr. Armstrong explain to the radio audience that it is *NOT his interpretation* that is being heard over *The WORLD TOMORROW*, but only *PLAIN BIBLE TRUTH!*

In your edition of the King James Bible the book of Revelation will probably be entitled, "The Revelation of *St. John the Divine*." This is an excellent example of *MAN'S interpretation*. Now in order for you to understand *what* the book of Revelation is—*whose* revelation it is, *to whom* it was written and *what* it is about—all you have to do is read the first few verses of *THE BOOK ITSELF!* In fact the very first words of the very first verse *directly contradict man's interpretation* of the Bible with the plain Bible statement that this book is, "THE REVELATION OF *JESUS CHRIST!*" (Rev. 1:1.)

Romans 3:4 is a good clear principle to live by in this *EIGHTH* rule of Bible study—"...let GOD be true, but every man a liar."

This book of Revelation has long been an enigma to the people of the world—*GOD SAYS* it is a book of *revelation*. *The world says* it is a book of *hidden mystery*. People have come up with many weird interpretations for the book of Revelation—yet the book of Revelation is *VIVID* in its own clear description and needs no interpretation! Continue in Revelation 1:

As you read in verse 12 that John saw seven *golden candlesticks*, you don't have to *wonder* what these seven golden candlesticks are—all you have to do is *READ ON* until you come, in the *context*, to verse 20 and that verse tells you plainly that the seven candlesticks *ARE* the seven churches. In verse 16 it states that John saw *seven stars* in the hand of the Son of man. There is no need to go into great, eloquent illustrations of what the seven stars are, because again verse 20 reveals the plain Bible truth—no interpretation necessary—that the seven stars *ARE* the angels of the seven churches. And so it goes through the rest of the Bible.

All you have to do is be patient and search God's Word and you will come up with God's clear answers to the muddled questions of mankind.

Don't Put Vague Scriptures First

Perhaps a better general statement of this *NINTH* rule of Bible study would be: *Never establish a doctrine by a vague or difficult-to-be-understood scripture.*

Too many people *assume* that the vision which Peter had regarding the unclean beasts lowered to him on a sheet affirms that God "cleansed" unclean meat. Because they *take out of context* a verse, unclear of itself, that says, "What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common" (Acts 10:15). However, all they need to do is read on *two more verses* and verse 17 very plainly says that *Peter himself doubted* what the vision meant when he saw it—he didn't jump to any conclusions, but vague-scripture quoters are eager to! Further reading in the same chapter will explain what Peter finally came to understand about the vision—read verse 28: "God hath showed me [by means of this vision] that *I should not call any MAN common or unclean.*"

Don't overlook the *tenth* rule.

Use Several Translations

In Matthew 27:46 Jesus Christ, while hanging on the stake before He died, used the *Aramaic* translation of the first verse of Psalm 22. Even though the original Word of God was inspired in the Hebrew or the Greek, God has allowed it to be translated into nearly every language spoken by mankind. If

we were going to be particular about which language we used or which translation, then we would all have to learn Hebrew and Greek and study the Bible in its original languages.

The King James Version was written 353 years ago. In the time since, the English language has undergone many changes. Sometimes those texts which are vague and unclear in the King James can be cleared up very easily by just reading a *more modern translation*, such as the Moffatt or the Revised Standard Version.

There is one thing to note about the King James translation and that is regarding italics. This word *italic* is written in italics. Words that look like this in your King James Version are *NOT* in the original languages but are *supplied* by the translators. So everywhere in the King James Version where you notice words in italics they are supplied to help you understand the meaning of the sentence. However, since the translators were carnally minded, they did not always supply the words correctly. So some of these words in italics are incorrect and do not help but rather hinder your understanding.

On the other hand, *NOT all of the words which ARE supplied* by the translators are in italics. Take I John 5:7 for instance, where the reference to three who bear witness in heaven is a completely erroneous reference inserted by a monk-copyist in the Middle Ages. The fact is this particular verse appears only in the King James Version and is in *NONE* of the other translations of the Bible.

Often these difficulties will be cleared up by merely reading another translation and comparing it to the King James. Any questions arising after a thorough reading through several translations of any one verse will be few, and can be handled by studying further in Bible helps.

If there are *words* that you have difficulty in understanding, remember not only to look them up in an English dictionary such as Webster's, but if possible in a *Bible dictionary* or in *STRONG'S CONCORDANCE* so that you can see what the meaning of the word in the original is. Sometimes people

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Bible Study

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will look up a word in a modern dictionary and find a definition that is not at all the *sense* of the word as used in the King James Version. Take for example the word "conversation" in I Peter 3. Conversation to us today means talking between two people. A modern dictionary will give this definition. However, in the time of King James this particular word meant *the entire conduct* of a person and that is the meaning in the *Bible* usage of this word. In order to understand it then, you need to understand the meaning of the *original* word, and not just the meaning in a modern dictionary.

But this leads to our ELEVENTH rule.

Don't Establish Doctrine With "Bible Helps"

Clarke's Commentary and the commentary by Jamieson, Fausset and Brown are good reference works—as is Halley's *Pocket Bible Handbook*. Sometimes in the back of Bibles there will be sections called "Bible Helps." Even the marginal references in your Bible, which *sometimes* prove to be very helpful, are often misleading. These "helps" often turn out to be the insidious instruction of Satan himself and they may lead you astray.

Therefore, all of these Bible helps should be used **ONLY** to establish historical or grammatical facts related to the Bible and **MUST NOT** be used to *establish doctrine or to interpret the meaning of the Bible itself*. The chain reference in my Bible in the center of the two columns at Revelation 1:10 says, "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day . . ." and by the Lord's day there is a little z. In the column by the z there are two scriptural references—one to Acts 20:7 and the other to I Corinthians 16:2 which both refer to the *first day of the week*, but have nothing to do with the Lord's day which is explained in the rest of the book of Revelation.

Yet to find out what the BIBLE says about what day Jesus Christ is Lord of, read Mark 2:27-28! "And he said unto them, the sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath: therefore

the Son of man is LORD also of the SABBATH."

So, with Bible helps you must remember to use them only for technical facts and not for interpretative facts. And now, rule TWELVE:

Mark Your Bible!

Perhaps you have thought the Bible should not be marked. But realize that what is *holy* about the Bible is not the paper, ink and leather out of which it is made, but the *words of truth*, the *spiritual facts*! Any *physical* tool you can employ—such as marking with a pen or colored pencils—to help you remember and apply the spiritual truths in your life, is right with God! He expects you to **USE** His written Word to worship HIM—not physical paper and ink! Sometimes we hold back from marking the Bible and think that we'll do it later—especially when we're listening to a point that we need to remember about a particular scripture—but we never seem to get around to it. It's always so difficult to get out the pencil and ruler, and have our hands clean. So I have found over years of experience that the best way to mark the Bible is to **JUST MARK IT!**

When you find out for instance that the word "conversation" in I Peter 3:1 ought to be "conduct," the thing you need to do is to **IMMEDIATELY WRITE DOWN** "conduct" in the margin and draw a little line and circle the word "conversation" in the verse. This way you will always remember.

Use These Rules

Apply these twelve rules diligently, and your Bible study will be both interesting and rewarding.

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The March for an Undivided Germany

The "German Problem" is not dead. Germans are thinking more than ever of an undivided Reich—and of an undivided Europe! Here, from Germany, is what is happening now.

by Ronald Kelly

Berlin, West Germany

ON THE 17th of June, Germans celebrated a national holiday—a day dedicated to AN UNDIVIDED GERMANY. Stores closed. No one worked. The *striking thing* is that this day signifies something *that has not happened yet!*

Most holidays commemorate an event—something that has already taken place. Not this one—it *looks forward* to an event which all Germans hope for and even pray for—AN UNDIVIDED GERMANY!

German Sense of Mission

Today Germany is divided into three sections. First the Western Sector, controlled by Allied forces. Secondly, the

"17th of June—We must pray."

Eastern Sector, given over to Communist control. And thirdly, the Polish and Soviet sector which is absorbed into Poland and Russia.

Signs on the highways all over Germany portray the *feelings* of West Germans. One sign has a large map of Germany divided into three distinct sections. The words under the map read "3 GETEILT—NIEMALS!"—"DIVIDED THREE WAYS—NEVER!" These posters are seen on the sides of buildings, along major highways, even along back-country roads. They seem to be *everywhere!*

Feelings are very much *in the open* on the "German Problem." Two or three years ago, this was not true. Every year emotions grow stronger—you can be sure Germans haven't forgotten their country is divided.

The Meaning of June 17

The average tourist in Germany remembers June 17 only as a day he could not buy a new German camera, radio, typewriter, or a souvenir. It was just a day to window shop, waiting for the stores to open the following day.

But to Germans *it was more than just a day.* IT WAS A SYMBOL OF HOPE! Germans didn't *just* take off work or *just* close their businesses. To illustrate this the *Düsseldorfer Stadtpost* reported on Friday, June 19, 1964, "From the balcony of the Düsseldorf City Hall, President Schulhoff, head of 'Undivided Germany', said that the 17th of June is not a holiday, not a day for a family outing or a bowling party."

A poster often seen in downtown sections of the larger cities portrays their hope. This poster has a picture of a German flag—the red, yellow, and black stripes ripped in half. The cap-

tion under the flag reads, "WIR MÜSSEN BETEN"—"WE MUST PRAY!" Packed full of meaning, this poster shows what millions of Germans hope and dream for—to see Germany united again.

Specifically, June 17 does look back on an event. It commemorates the abortive attempt of the East Berlin revolt in 1953. At that time hundreds were killed as Germans in the Eastern sector tried unsuccessfully to break away from their Communist suppressors. This attempted revolution has become a symbol of what Germans hope for—what they are even willing to DIE FOR!

Marching Youth

A few days ago, Mr. Frank Schnee, manager of our German PLAIN TRUTH offices in Düsseldorf, and I saw an *almost unbelievable sight.* As we drove down a seldom-travelled road in southern Germany we came upon a band of MARCHING YOUTHS—about 12 to 14 years old. They were all dressed alike. They carried banners and flags. After passing them we read the sign the lead boys carried. It read, "UNGETEILTES DEUTSCHLAND"—"FOR AN UNDIVIDED GERMANY." We could hardly believe it. Here were boys marching along *with the same patriotic motivation* that swept the world into war 25 years ago!

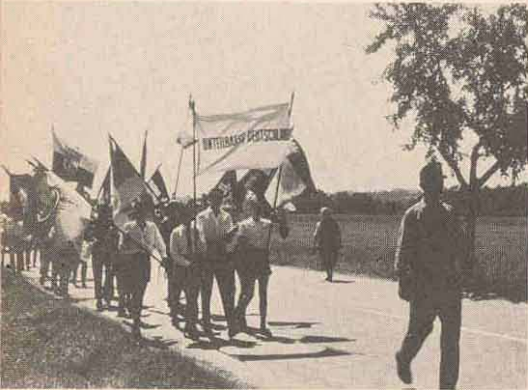
Later, in Bavaria near the East German border, we saw the same flags and banners carried by a different group of boys. We stopped to ask what it meant.

We were told that the youth all over Germany were marching for an undivided Germany. Groups of schoolboys on the Western border of Germany began marching early in June. They would march to the next town where a



new group of boys picked up the flags and continued to another town, and so it went until *those flags had been carried all over Germany*. Literally *multiple thousands* of people saw them.

Their march culminated at the East German border where, on June 17, huge demonstrations and rallies were held *PROTESTING the fact that Ger-*



German youths march for a united Germany. Flags were carried throughout all Germany. School children carried flags from one town to another where a new group of boys picked up flags and carried them on to next town. The march culminated on East German border with demonstrations.

many was STILL A DIVIDED NATION.

What Man on the Street Says

In order to get a *real grasp* of just how the average person feels in Germany, we interviewed scores of people. We asked their feelings on the "GERMAN PROBLEM." I was frankly surprised at the answers some gave. In a few cases, people were almost totally unaware of what was going on in the world around them—a sort of lethargic "I don't know and I don't care" attitude. I didn't expect to find that in Germany—but that was from only the few.

The majority *did know* what was going on—AND THEY HAD FEELINGS ABOUT IT! To ask a German how he feels about Germany being divided can't help but stir his emotions! And that is understandable. What if the U.S.A. had lost the war? What if Japan had taken the Western United States from the Pacific to the Mississippi and Germany had taken the Eastern Section from the Atlantic to the

Mississippi? Wouldn't all Americans have strong feelings about being united once again? They certainly would! In the same way Germans live in hope of being one people again!

Germans do know this much about it—THE UNITED STATES CAN'T SOLVE THE GERMAN PROBLEM. They know Russia can't solve it, as well. Not even Russia and the United States put together can solve it.

Then Who Will Solve the Problem?

It is simply not in the nature of the German people to seek aid and help from others. Even when help is given, little credit is acknowledged. One German told us in Berlin, "You said it would take 50 years for Germany to rise out of destruction. But look what WE HAVE DONE in just 20 years—almost completely restored." I wanted to ask about the *billions* of American dollars, the British aid, and the help of all allied military personnel. But it would have done very little good. Little mention is made in Germany today of American aid, food, and help.

Germans have risen at 5:00 a.m. every day for years to drive, ride their bicycles, or walk to their jobs. They have seen factories swing back into production, new products go on the market. They have put cars in *many* garages, better food on the table. They *earn more* than ever before in history! They have seen skyscrapers rise high into the air, houses built, people employed everywhere. And this they credit mostly to their own ingenuity and *desire to work*.

Does this illustrate the point? *Who will solve the German problem?* The answer—THE GERMANS! They don't want the United Nations, the United States, Russia, Britain, or any other nation or group of nations to solve it.

There are West German representatives in Moscow, Washington, capitols of other nations. They talk to Russian leaders about the problem. Chancellor Erhard himself was recently in Washington conferring with President Johnson. *They are beginning to take the initiative!* They are making trips, organizing councils, setting up conferences.

Meanwhile—What About a United Europe?

At the same time Germans are thinking about a united Germany, other Europeans are still pushing for a UNITED EUROPE. As I write this article, French President De Gaulle is in Germany conferring with West German Chancellor Erhard. *The topic of their talks—A UNITED EUROPE!*

Here translated out of the German newspaper in Hanover, *Bild Zeitung*, on July 4, 1964 is this striking article: "The German-French meeting is bearing fruit. The *DESTINY of the German Question*—the re-unification—is becoming more and more a concern of the French. Presently more than one out of two French people (more than one half) is for a reunited Germany. In 1959 less than one third were for this unification.

"And now two thirds of the German population believe friendship with the French is important.

"This is the background for the French-German discussions between De Gaulle and Erhard in Bonn.

"They spoke with one another, in confidence, on these subjects:

"Europe must become one!

"Berlin-Moscow meetings!

"How we can hold European prices stable!

"More rapid unification of European agricultural markets!

"Closer cooperation and working together of the two armies!

"More German teaching and development in France, along with more French teaching and development in Germany!" (Emphasis mine.)

Presently De Gaulle and Erhard confer with one another at least once every six months. And as time goes by these talks become more and more important. A united Europe is one of De Gaulle's hopes and dreams.

Germany Faces Two Problems

It is interesting to note that Germany is now put in a position of facing *two unification problems*. First is their own internal problem of uniting their nation—of getting all Germans under one flag once again. That still seems to be of prime concern and *most*

important to Germans. Secondly the question of how strong to make the EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET—and how and when to form a UNITED STATES OF EUROPE!

You can be sure this is not an enviable position to be in.

Why?

Germans know Khrushchev fears a united Europe. He knows the combined military might of a united Europe would create a third force as great as either the U.S. or Russia, given enough time. He knows history has proved *Germans cannot be trusted* to develop political and military might. Therefore, he is not about to let East Germany go back to a united Germany, if he sees the unity of an entire Europe already formed.

German leaders know Khrushchev fears a united Europe. They are not overly anxious at the moment to form such a strongly united Europe, knowing the Soviets would resist freeing East Germany under those circumstances.

There are important decisions to be made. What happens in the next few months and in the next two or three years determines the *whole future* of Germany and the German people. That is why this problem is referred to as the "GERMAN QUESTION." To politically unite Europe under one government means almost certain separation for West and East Germany.

But to delay too many years, and hinder the growth and progress of a *booming and prosperous* Europe would mean the loss of all that has been gained through the Common Market in the past few years.

Ulbrecht and De Gaulle

To the East of West Germany is Communist Party Leader, Hans Ulbrecht. Of a certainty, he is one thorn which *greatly hinders* development of relations between West Germany and Russia. Ulbrecht is an *important* man. He controls East Germany and is considered a leading Communist official.

But there is speculation now in Germany that Khrushchev *has begun* to lean more and more toward *conceding* East Germany.

Nearly 10 years ago he made the concession in Austria. Today, there is prac-



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tically no evidence it was ever divided. In Vienna, previously a divided city like Berlin, the only remnant of Russian influence is a war memorial statue in the middle of town. A cab driver told us they planned to tear the statue down 10 years after the Russians pulled out—10 years are over in 1965 or 1966.

Could the same thing happen in Berlin? *Some believe it can!*

Recently Ulbrecht made a rush trip to see Khrushchev. A few German leaders feel that trip was to convince Khrushchev he should not make any concessions to West Germany—they feel Russia was about ready to talk. But with Ulbrecht in the way, that is difficult.

At the same time on the West side of Germany, in France, President Charles De Gaulle sees his health fading. After his recent operation he has not been well. He is now getting to be quite an old man. Even as he recovers from his operation he has to be extremely careful. As he conferred with Chancellor Erhard in Bonn, four physicians were constantly in attendance with a supply of blood plasma in case anything should happen.

He wants to see a UNITED EUROPE during his lifetime—and he knows that might not be too many years.

Neither one of these men is making "the GERMAN PROBLEM" any easier.

How Will the Problem Be Solved?

Just exactly how these problems are

going to be solved is not seen clearly by the politicians. But God in heaven above has given a warning in the Bible. *You can know the solution even ahead of world leaders!* That warning is written in Amos 3:7 where God tells us, "Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets."

This does not mean God reveals every political decision and every daily event. But it does mean God will reveal to those who will listen to Him exactly what will take place in world events leading up to and culminating in the end of this world's civilization and in the return of Jesus Christ to this earth.

Such a tremendous event as the unification of Europe could not go unmentioned in the Bible.

And certainly *it is not neglected!*

One full third of the Bible is prophecy, and most of those prophecies are being fulfilled right now—in this final age of man's government on earth—the 20th century. Meetings between Bonn and Moscow, De Gaulle and Erhard, although not specifically themselves prophesied in the Bible, lead up to one of the most prophesied events in the entire Bible—the final resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire.

This world does not realize it. Russia doesn't understand it. Perhaps the broad majority of leaders in Europe don't have the faintest glimpse of what is going to happen. Just as surely as there is time itself, and just as surely



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"The Way into the Future"—the banner cry of Strauss' Bavarian Party.

as this world revolves on its axis, there will come in Europe—and in less than 10 years—a completely united—economically, militarily, politically, and religiously bound—Europe.

Through such chapters in the Bible as Daniel 2, 4, and 7, Revelation 13, 17, and 18, with Matthew 24, Luke 21 and many other scriptures, God reveals there is coming a union of ten nations in Europe. This union will firmly unite and once again form the Holy Roman Empire. It will be the *last resurrection* of the Empire which has always had a dream of *ruling the world*.

Regular readers of *The PLAIN TRUTH* have read many articles on this subject. If you have not seen the proof yet yourself, write immediately for the free booklets, *1975 in Prophecy* and *Who is the Beast?* They will prove from the Bible and history what has happened and what will happen so you will be able to understand world news, and so you also can know exactly what is going to happen.

What About the German Problem?

The Bible reveals French and German talks are going to result in a united Europe. The Bible also reveals Germany is going to be the leading nation in that 10-nation combine of a united Europe. But the Bible has not specifically revealed whether all Germany will reunite. However, events are moving so that it looks strongly possible they will! It is Russia's bargaining point.

This much is certain, events are speeding up. The world is moving at a faster and faster pace. And right on schedule, just like clockwork, prophecies are being fulfilled. If Germany is going to unite, things are going to happen fast—within a very few years. Otherwise Europe will have to unite without East Germany becoming a part of the combine. But *Germans don't want that!*

They first of all want a united Germany—then they will work for a United Europe. Men like Hans Ulbrecht, leader in East Germany, other men like fast-fading De Gaulle, cause events to happen on a pattern and schedule being allowed by God in heaven who sets up and removes kings and who determines the borders of nations (Acts 17:26).

When Will a United Europe Be a Reality?

With the development of nuclear weapons, hydrogen warfare, satellites, space travel, this world moves at such a tremendous pace it is hard to keep up. But where is it all leading?

This mad race for hydrogen weapons, this hectic race for power and world supremacy by Communism, by a rapidly developing united Europe, all of this—is leading to one end—and that is the annihilation of human life *from the face of the earth!*

Jesus Christ said, "And except *those days should be shortened*, there should NO FLESH be saved [Moffatt translates this "*saved alive*"]; but for the elect's sake *those days shall be shortened*" (Matt. 24:22).

Yes, that is where it is all heading! That is where leaders of this world, in all nations around the world are taking us—the end result of HUMAN EFFORT after 6000 years is only the END of *human life*. BUT GOD IS NOT GOING TO ALLOW THAT! He has revealed man would go this way—and He has allowed it.

But He is not going to allow it much longer. Time has just about run out on man, and there is only one thing holding back the more rapid development of world events to this ultimate end.

Read it in your own Bible in Matt. 24:14, "AND THIS GOSPEL OF THE

KINGDOM SHALL BE PREACHED IN ALL THE WORLD FOR A WITNESS UNTO ALL NATIONS; AND THEN SHALL THE END COME."

Yes, God is going to fulfill His promise in Amos not to intervene until He has warned the world. And that very same gospel is presently going around the world with ever-increasing power—reaching the world to proclaim, as a warning, what God had prophesied thousands of years ago in His word. It is now made plain and clear. Through *The WORLD TOMORROW* program and through the pages of *The PLAIN TRUTH*, that gospel is telling people about a United Europe, about the coming war, about the Communist threat—and what God says will happen as a result of these things.

But it must happen *on schedule*. There is a plan, and God won't let it go too rapidly. First He is going to send the warning message to the world through His servants.

Men like Ulbrecht and Khrushchev are being used as instruments to cause world events to go at a certain pace—even though they haven't the faintest idea they are being used by God, any more than Pharaoh did in ancient Egypt.

The unification of Germany? Perhaps it will take place sooner than we expect! The unification of ten nations in Europe is certain to be brought about within a very few years.

Twenty years ago when Germany was bombed to rubble, Mr. Armstrong was proclaiming and writing these events would happen in less than 30 years. As time went by it became less than 20 years—and now it may well be less than 10 years away—time is much shorter than we think.

Twenty years ago people laughed to think Germany could rise again. But it has. As I walk the streets of Germany, I don't see a bombed, ruined nation. Instead, I see a prosperous, booming, industrialized Germany, ready to form the center of a united Europe. It has happened. And it is going to continue to develop till those who have read *The PLAIN TRUTH*, and heard *The WORLD TOMORROW*, will know that God did send a warning to all nations before the end came.

The COMMONWEALTH CRISIS-- what it means to Britain and America!

by Raymond F. McNair

London, England

ONE of this century's most important meetings has just concluded. It ended in a *crisis* destined to have far-reaching effects!

That meeting was the recent Commonwealth conference in London.

The Crisis

Few understand the Conference held in London. The real "bone in the throat" of the Commonwealth is the *race issue*! Especially the Southern Rhodesian race question.

Just before the official opening of the Prime Ministers' Conference in London, a number of the Prime Ministers (including Sir Alec Douglas-Home) held a pre-conference discussion which was televised and viewed by Britons on BBC's TV program, *Panorama*.

You would have been shocked to see the reactions of some of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers—including Jomo Kenyatta, Dr. Williams and others. They not only expressed *pessimism* toward the Commonwealth, but openly sneered at it!

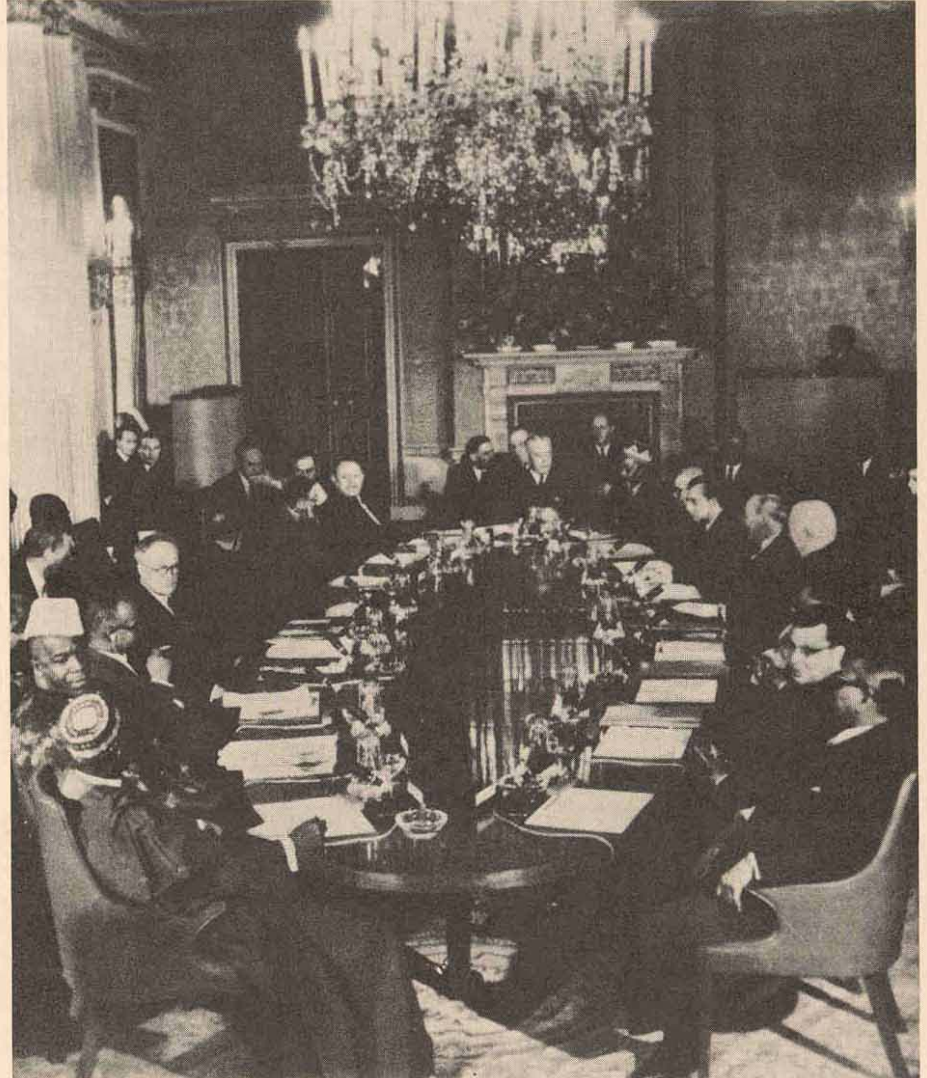
The *old Commonwealth*, called the "White Man's Club," included, besides Britain, the "mother country," *Canada*, *Australia* and *New Zealand*. These countries once loyally followed Britain's foreign policy—were even willing to follow her to war.

But since 1947 (the year India gained independence and joined the Commonwealth), a *new Commonwealth* has been forged—which now includes a *majority of non-white members*.

The British Commonwealth is in fact a colored union!

The New Commonwealth

All the British colonies which have gained their independence since 1947 have joined the Commonwealth—except *Burma* and *Sudan*. And all the new members are non-white, with the exception of *Cyprus*. Furthermore, in 1961, one of the white-dominated Commonwealth nations, *South Africa*, was



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Conference of British Commonwealth Prime Ministers gathers in London's Marlborough House. Race issue and colonialism received top billing.

forced out of the Commonwealth because of pressure brought by the non-white Commonwealth members over her *apartheid* racial policy.

The *thirteen non-white new members* of the Commonwealth are India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Malaysia, Ghana, Nigeria, Tanganyika-Zanzibar, Uganda, Kenya, Malawi (Nyasaland), Sierra Leone, Trinidad-Tobago and Jamaica. Ghana is ruled by a dictatorship, Pakistan by a military government, and Ceylon and Zanzibar are "strongly oriented towards the Communists."

Many thinking Britons are worried. They are asking such questions as: "Is the *Commonwealth* more of a *liability* than an asset to Britain?" "Can the Commonwealth survive, or, if it does disintegrate, will it really matter much?"

Many are now beginning to look upon the Commonwealth "as an expensive *drain* on Britain"—a *luxury* which she can no longer afford. Almost everywhere, British troops are being called upon to aid new commonwealth members put down revolts, race

riots, attacks of would-be conquerors.

The old Commonwealth (of white nations—Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand) was a "compact community." The new Commonwealth is a multi-racial "LOOSE-KNIT ASSOCIATION that sprawls all over the world."

Problems Facing the Commonwealth

Notice the mounting problems confronting the eighteen members of this new Commonwealth.

1) In *Cyprus*, British soldiers are being shot at. Last December, Britain rushed 6,000 troops to Cyprus to avert a civil war between Greek and Turkish Cypriots. British troops proved ineffective in their efforts to put an end to the civil strife in that uneasy island. So United Nations troops were later sent to do what the British troops had failed to accomplish. It yet remains to be seen whether or not the U.N. will



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Even in Cyprus, the only white "new Commonwealth" member, anti-British sentiment runs high.

really be able to restore peace to strife-torn Cyprus.

2) At this very moment, 9,000 British troops are in *Malaysia*—defending the peoples of that Commonwealth country against the pro-Communist forces of President Sukarno's Indonesia.

3) British troops also responded to an urgent call for help to put down mutinies in *Uganda*, *Tanganyika*, and *Kenya*, in January this year. They succeeded in that endeavor.

The new multi-racial British Commonwealth has a larger membership

than ever, but *it has lost the vitality of the old Commonwealth!*

John Gunther, considered to be one of the most experienced and most traveled of American journalists, made the following comment, reported in the *Sunday Mirror*, April 5, 1964: "During my recent stay in London, the *British Embassy in Jakarta was burned down by a howling mob*. Thirty years ago, that would have meant the instantaneous despatch of a British gunboat—at the very least—to Indonesian shores. Today, the incident went almost unnoticed.

"Often, in talking about the tremendous readjustment made necessary by the *loss of Empire*, the Briton will say, 'Ah, but we have the Commonwealth instead!'

"But have they? The Commonwealth is still there, and it is a *strong EMOTIONAL REALITY*, but it is certainly not the Commonwealth that was."

The Commonwealth is so weak that it cannot even protect the lives or property of its citizens. For instance, Ceylon confiscated 15 million dollars' worth of British assets and even forced the British out of an air base. Yet Ceylon is in the Commonwealth!

And everybody remembers the humiliating Anglo-French-Israeli Suez invasion fiasco. When Nasser grabbed the Suez Canal, Britain stood by helpless to do anything about it! Her weak-kneed attempt to retake the Suez Canal ended in abysmal failure—thanks to U.S. folly!

The British news magazine, *Time & Tide*, 9-15 July, 1964, reported: "British Empire Conferences used to be held to strengthen the Empire. Since they became Commonwealth Conferences they seemed to have the opposite effect. And this week's [Prime Ministers' Conference], in London, was expected by many to *expose so many private ambitions that it could signal the lowering of the Union Jack over A FAMILY OF NATIONS covering a third of the world.*"

Did you know that millenniums ago God had foretold this "family of nations"? They were to become a "multitude of nations" (Gen. 48:19). Unfortunately many other Biblical prophecies show that this "family of nations"

is soon to break up. This complete disintegration of the British Commonwealth is prophesied to come in our time—in the next few years!

Quite a number of Britons now think that what the Commonwealth needs most is a "new organization" comprised of Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand as equal partners. The new non-white Commonwealth nations could then re-enter the Commonwealth on new terms after they had had "their fling of independence and economic chaos," and after their people demanded a return.

But even the white member nations of the Commonwealth have had their faith in Britain badly shaken. They too have their grievances against the "mother country"! Canada, Australia and New Zealand were thrown into consternation by former Prime Minister Macmillan's disastrous attempt to link Britain with the Common Market. They knew this would spell trouble for them as Commonwealth member nations.

But these are only the minor problems which plagued the member nations of the British Commonwealth when they met in London recently. The MAIN ISSUE was RACE.

Main Issue—The Race Problem

All of the really big problems facing the Conference, however, concerned *the race issue*—the red-hot issue of the politico-racial winds now being fanned over *Southern Rhodesia*. The racial and political issues in Malaysia and British Guiana were of secondary importance.

Ghana's Dictator, *Dr. Nkrumah*, (who apparently aspires to be the leader over all the African nations), took the lead among the African Prime Ministers at the Conference.

When Dr. Nkrumah arrived at London Airport on Monday, July 6, he was greeted by 500 cheering Ghanaians who rattled tin drums and bottles, creating pandemonium. They also carried banners demanding "Down With Imperialism—African Unity Now!" Dr. Nkrumah appeared smugly pleased to see this touch of African sentiment in the warm welcome given him by his fellow Ghanaians.

What is Dr. Nkrumah up to now?

Nkrumah knows that *non-white members*, overwhelmingly in the *majority*, are virtually dictating the rules of membership. What he wants to do is dictate British Colonial policy!

Pressure from Ghana and other countries forced Britain to *exclude Southern Rhodesia*—which has a white-dominated government—from the Commonwealth Conference. Ghana's Kwame Nkrumah even tried to persuade all African members of the Commonwealth to pull out unless Britain installs a black-majority government in Southern Rhodesia.

Moreover, a number of the Prime Ministers from the African nations are smarting under moves by the British Government to restrict the influx of colored immigrants into Britain. Until 1962, there were absolutely no restrictions on the peoples of the Commonwealth countries emigrating to Britain.

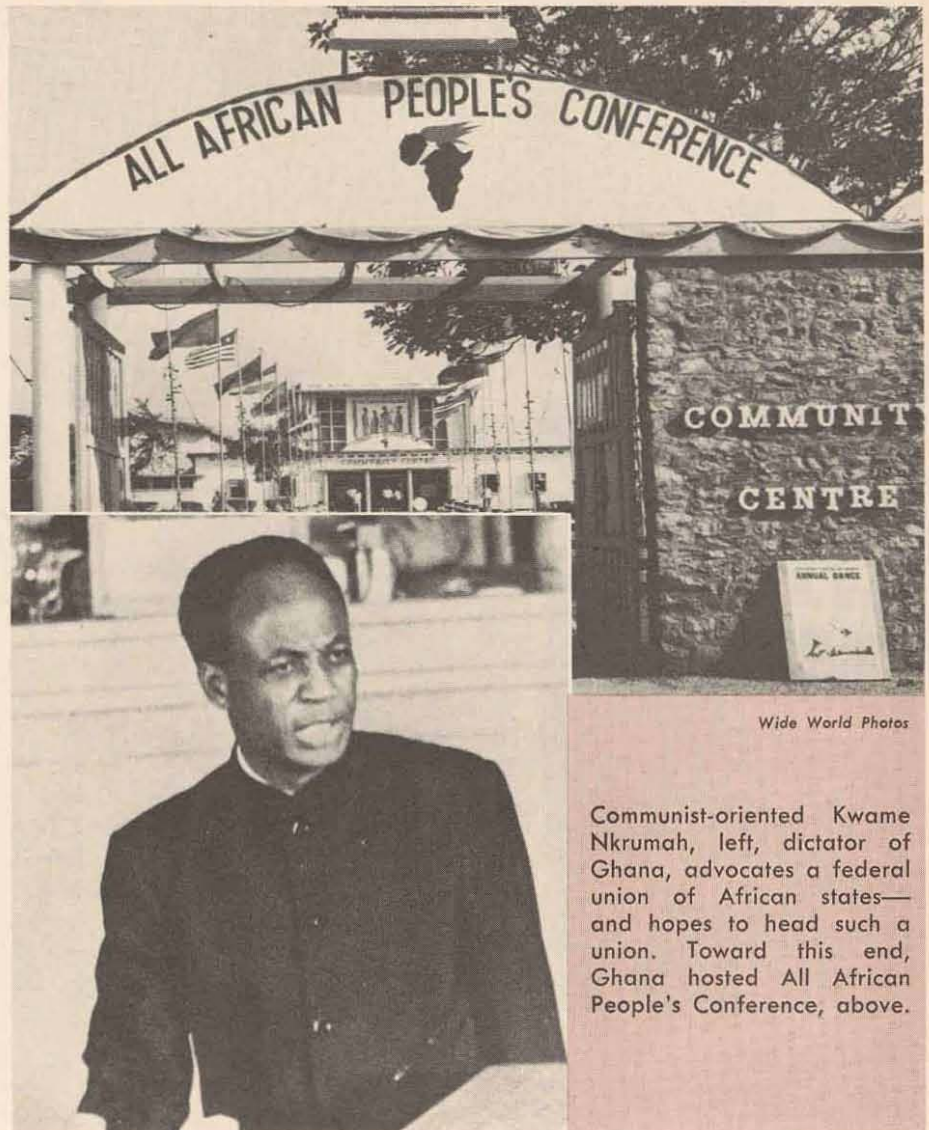
After the Second World War, colored Commonwealth immigrants began flooding into Britain. Before that time, Britain had virtually no non-white population and consequently no race problem. But by 1961, the influx reached a peak, bringing the total of colored immigrants to nearly *half a million*.

The Government was faced with increasing evidence of a *mounting race problem in Britain*. It was forced to end the unrestricted entry of Commonwealth immigrants. This is a sore spot with many of the African nations.

Kenyatta—Former Mau Mau Leader

One of the leading Africans who attended the Prime Ministers' Conference was *Jomo Kenyatta*. He was formerly the leader of the Mau Mau cut-throats who brutally murdered, raped and terrorized Europeans and Africans in Kenya before that nation received its independence. Members of Mau Mau were bound by a secret oath to "*mutilate and kill*" their foes—whether African or European.

Even though Kenyatta had been given a seven-year prison sentence for assisting in the management of the Mau Mau in 1953, the British Government, with extraordinary "vision," installed this leader of the Mau Mau



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Communist-oriented Kwame Nkrumah, left, dictator of Ghana, advocates a federal union of African states—and hopes to head such a union. Toward this end, Ghana hosted All African People's Conference, above.

cut-throats at the head of Kenya's government when it won its independence, on December 12, 1963. At one time this firebrand of hate, Kenyatta, was slapped into prison for his atrocities. Now high government officials slap him on the back, and wine and dine him royally!

While a number of the Prime Ministers were having a pre-conference discussion (broadcast on BBC's *Panorama*), Jomo Kenyatta showed his belligerent hostility towards Britain and her policies. When he got "fired up" his eyes fairly blazed, giving him a demoniacal look. He contemptuously spoke of "Colonialism and Imperialism."

It was the thankless task of Prime Minister Sir Alec Douglas-Home to try to avert a "*head-on collision*" with these new and belligerent African States over

the politically hot question of Southern Rhodesia.

The African Commonwealth leaders were determined to persuade Britain to install a black-majority government in Southern Rhodesia. Britain had different ideas. Britain, and the white members of the Commonwealth, all seemed to be in complete agreement that the internal affairs of the Commonwealth nations should not be discussed during the *Prime Ministers' Conference*. But their efforts failed.

At the conclusion of the Conference, it *appeared* that Britain had given in to the "massive pressure" of the non-white leaders.

"A HARD-WON success for Commonwealth statesmanship," reports the *Daily Telegraph*, July 16, 1964, "was achieved by the Prime Ministers yesterday."
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THE FACE OF COMMUNISM!



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Russians walk the streets of Leningrad after work hours. Note poverty, lack of cultural training in the mode of dress.

Slum buildings cover area behind a row of modern apartment buildings lining a showcase street in Moscow.

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GUM Department Store, one of the largest consumer-goods outlets in the USSR.

Drab, grey buildings jut jaggedly in the foreground in this view of Moscow, as seen from atop Hotel Ukraina.

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Inside Russia Today

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to start virtually from scratch in the mid 50's. Furthermore, the increased production of consumer goods has been—and still is—beset with many grave problems.

First of all, because all industry is state owned, there is already a virtual *army* of bureaucrats administering it. And now with the *whole new field* of light industry about to *explode*, the additional management needed to supervise the production and distribution of these goods threatens to strain the already top-heavy bureaucracy to the breaking point.

But this isn't all. The more goods and services people have, the more they *want* to have—and they are not satisfied unless they get them. Further, once the people start making demands for *material* goods, what is to keep them from making *other* demands—demands for freedom to read and say what they wish, to go wherever they please? Mr. Khrushchev knows all this, and while he is stepping up production of consumer goods, he is not proceeding without caution and a realization of the risk involved.

Because of the stepped-up production of light industry, there are more things to buy in the shops than ever before. But prices are exorbitant. A good pair of shoes costs at least \$50—half of one month's average income. A dress—actually worth under \$20 by American standards—costs about \$50 also. A man's suit of any quality at all costs at least \$200—almost two months' wages.

If the goods purchased at such prices were of *top quality*, it wouldn't be quite so bad. But most are mediocre—and often poor—both in workmanship and material used. When it comes to radios, TV, cameras, home appliances, furniture, etc.—with very few exceptions—the story is the same: double to triple U.S. and Western European prices for goods of inferior quality.

With prices so high and the income



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Due to shortage of consumer goods, Russians satisfy urge to spend by purchasing worthless knick-knacks.

so low, one would think that the shops would be empty. But no, they are jammed every opening minute with customers eager to buy anything and everything the stores might have to sell—or just to look.

It is a moving experience to watch these people buy, who have been starved for goods all their lives. What do they desire most—TV, clothes, or appliances? Certainly these things are in heavy demand. But with such limited incomes, these more expensive goods can be purchased only very occasionally. Something has to fill the gap between these larger purchases, or else the Russian who is just *itching* to buy—*something*—ANYTHING—won't be able to stand it!

So how does he scratch his itch? By buying all sorts of trinkets, knick-knacks, gadgets, vases, figurines, and cheap jewelry costing several dollars or less—all *greatly* overpriced.

By our standards most of these items are trash and junk, and it hurts to watch the Russians spend their few precious rubles to purchase them. But it doesn't hurt *them*! They are enjoying *every second* of it—absolutely *thrilled* with their purchases—completely ignor-

ant of the fact that they aren't getting anywhere near their money's worth.

Why Communist Overpricing

What seems like overpricing is at times just the result of high production costs caused by inefficient management and distribution. At other times, however, deliberate overpricing is a measure used by the government to kill two birds with one stone: first, to curb the appetite for goods it has difficulty producing, and secondly, to provide revenue in a manner similar to a tax.

The cost of cars is a case in point. The cheapest car in the Soviet Union costs about \$2,000 to produce. But in order to keep the demand for cars at a minimum, the selling price of these cars is about \$4,000—thus making it an impossibility for most Russians to be able to own a car. But even so, the voracious appetite of the Russian consumer has created a *two-year waiting list for cars*.

How the increased production of consumer goods will affect the entire structure of the Communist system in the future is a big question mark.

Education in the U.S.S.R.

A people's standard of living cannot be measured by economic considerations alone. Education, literature, culture and entertainment are also vital factors.

In the USSR, education is provided by the state and is compulsory through the secondary level. Although students are indoctrinated in the Communist way from the start, they are also given a very good education in reading, writing, music, arithmetic, geography, etc. Further, the moral and disciplinary standards are so high they would put all but the *most unusual* American or British schools to shame.

Contrary to popular opinion, Russian children are not taught to hate, kill, steal, plunder, and destroy one another. No organized society can possibly exist very long where these are the order of the day for the masses. Such tactics are for aggressive political climbers, and power-hungry party zealots. But the people they lead must be *orderly* and well-disciplined—taught to obey those over them *instantly*—or else these lead-

ers would have no control or power.

As their moral code, children are taught the *five commandments of Communism*. These are (1) politeness, (2) modesty, (3) honesty, (4) love for work, and (5) consideration for others. And they really *practice* these! I have never seen a nation's children as consistently courteous, polite, and respectful as those in Russia.

Russian children are also taught to be responsible at an early age. Since most Russian mothers work and get home quite late in the evening, there are several hours in the late afternoon when children are not in classes. This time is under the supervision of the school, and those who are old enough and reliable are given an opportunity to learn responsibility by supervising the games, shop activities, handicrafts, etc. of the younger children.

Because parents have so little time for their children, the boarding school, where children stay for the entire week and see their parents only on Sunday, is fast gaining popularity. In some of these schools children are given amazingly large responsibilities. One such school I visited in Volgograd (Stalin-



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Even with an auto shortage, Moscow has traffic congestion. Some streets are not adequate to handle their share of trucks.

grad) had 500 students aged seven through fifteen, and most of the supervising in the dormitories, the workshops, the playgrounds, etc. was done by the older students. A twelve-year-old girl was in complete charge of the kitchen!

In Russia the parents are *very concerned* that their children do well in school, for the way a child produces during his early years at school will likely decide his entire future. If his academic and moral record as submitted to the state authorities by his teachers shows he has the ability *and character*, upon graduation from secondary school he will enter a school of higher education—either a technical institute or a university.

During the period of attendance at such an institute or university, he will receive a monthly stipend from the government sufficient to pay all living expenses. Once a graduate of such a higher institution, he is *guaranteed* a GOOD job.

What happens to those *not* qualified to enter institutions of higher learning? It is a hard blow and a bitter pill to swallow. Although they will still have jobs, these jobs will be quite meagre and opportunities for advancement will be limited.

Thus, from the first day of elementary school to graduation from secondary school, the goal uppermost in the mind of every student—and parent—is to qualify to enter an institution of higher learning—his supreme hope for a better life.

Careful Scrutiny of Reading Material

Needless to say, in a Communist country, reading material is very carefully regulated. The literature such a government allows its people to *write*, and the imported reading material it allows them to *read* is a most important barometer of the current measure of freedom.

Just as the visitor to Russia is not told how far he can or cannot go in taking pictures, visiting with the people, etc. (he is only told he cannot take pictures from airplanes, at border crossings, or in airports and train stations), so the Soviet journalists and authors



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Russian women and girls have been "emancipated" from the home, to find their "fulfillment" in such tasks as hod carrying. Notice the sloppily laid bricks. This is a new wall, as evidenced by the nail driven in the center to hold the bricklayer's staging twine.

are not told what they can or cannot have published. Generally speaking, the unwritten rule is that they can be critical—and often are to a rather shocking extent—so long as they stay away from things *political*. For example, they can be critical of the housing shortage in a certain city, the sloppiness or waste in the construction of a new building, the bribery of certain officials for favors, etc. *so long as there is no intimation—direct or implied—that these are a result of the COMMUNIST SYSTEM.*

True to human nature, the Soviet writers are constantly seeing how close they can get to the line. When someone crosses over it—as inevitably happens from time to time—they *all* have to be more careful.

The last big incident of this type occurred several years back when a number of authors overstepped the line at once—one in particular, quite far. If they had had any illusion that they now had complete freedom of the press, Mr. Khrushchev quickly brought them back to reality when he called all the writers in and let them know that if they didn't cease and desist immediately, he would take drastic action. When some seemed to doubt this, he said, "My

hand would not tremble"—and the author whose work had come under the heaviest fire *fainted on the spot.*

Since that time, the game of seeing how close you can get to the line has been played with far more caution. But if Khrushchev's edict cramped the style of Russian writers, it in no way lessened the insatiable reading appetite of the Russian people who are intensely curious about the world around them.

After they have spent a few minutes digesting their daily quota of dull, carefully edited news in *Pravda*, *Izvestia*, or one of the seven thousand smaller newspapers, most Russians turn their attention to magazines and books. Bookstores and magazine stands are everywhere—and *always* doing a booming business.

Russia leads the world in the publication of books. The overwhelming majority of these are non-fiction, and most are of the heavy textbook variety dealing with science, math, chemistry, etc. Fiction books are usually subtle little propaganda agents, quite on the heavy side. Books in the contemporary literature category are far more widely read than in the U.S., and considerable freedom is allowed in importing American

books of this type. In fact, I have had a number of Russians tell me that the best authors of the day are American authors. Although I have no statistics to prove this, I am quite sure most educated Russians have read more contemporary *American* literature than the average American college graduate!

In the field of magazines, some two thousand different magazines and periodicals are published in the USSR, and the better ones—the Russian equivalents of *Life*, *Time*, *Newsweek*, etc.—are sold out as soon as they come off the press. However, no *Russian* publication will sell as quickly as an American or Western European one. If a book dealer can get his hands on some of these—whether those allowed by the government or otherwise—they will be sold out while he tries to unpack them.

The Cultural and Entertainment Diet

As with reading material, cultural and entertainment media are rigidly controlled by the State. This is especially true of radio and television—both very important propaganda instruments.

The television day currently begins each weekday at 11:00 a.m. with news, followed by programs for children until 2:00 p.m. Then it goes off the air until 5:00 p.m., when the news is again given, followed by the evening program for adults which lasts until 11:00 p.m. This evening program consists mostly of ballet, theatre, drama and opera—all very serious and heavy. Occasionally, especially on Sunday afternoon, there will be special scientific and educational programs or sports events.

On radio the program is very similar except that broadcasting begins at 6:00 a.m. and continues until 1:00 a.m.

These radio and TV programs give a foretaste of what to expect in the way of *live* entertainment. Again the choices are the old stand-bys—theatre, ballet, opera and musical concerts.

There are all types of really *good* music in Russia, and the *appreciation* of music by the general public is of *far higher calibre* than in the U.S. However, music is not nearly so important a part of the Russian cultural scene as are ballet and theatre. It is

hard to believe that people could be so excited about these activities. Night after night after night you will be invited to attend performances.

"Palaces of Culture," as most theatres are called, are as numerous and conveniently located as churches in the Western world. The city of Volgograd, for example, with a population of considerably less than a million, has *fifty* such palaces of culture, and there are performances or productions in *each* of these halls nearly *every night of the year!*

Who performs in these theatres? Sometimes professionals, but most often the average worker, craving some sort of self-expression and finding this one of his few outlets. In the Ukraine alone, there are *six hundred* such "people's theatres"! Also, ballet is now a required part of the curriculum in many secondary schools.

Other than sports events, the *circus* is perhaps the only other form of entertainment to give relief from the monotonous ritual of theatre and ballet. I attended two circuses—one in Moscow, and one in Russian Georgia, and both were superb. The acts of the performers and trained animals were tops,

and the humor provided by the clowns was uproariously funny. However, because of the seriousness that pervades every facet of Russian life, I had the definite feeling that the crowd felt they would "pollute" themselves if they enjoyed it too much!

This brings up an important related point about Russia. Once the excitement of being in a strange land with a different governmental system has worn off, the visitor finds the Soviet Union inexplicably boring and monotonous. What he has seen in one city he will see in another. What he finds in the shops in Kiev will be the identical items with the same prices in Rostov. What he eats in Leningrad he will eat in Yalta.

In three weeks of Russian meals—sometimes first class and sometimes second—I was served bread and potatoes at nearly every meal. And *without one exception* the potatoes were ALWAYS prepared *exactly the same way*—French fried! The bread likewise was almost entirely without variety—no buns, rolls, crackers, etc. Individual initiative in cooking is totally lacking.

Apply this sameness to *every facet of life*, and after a while it becomes



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Moscow's Maheznaya Square during international film festival—displaying still-shots from various films. By forbidding certain degenerative types of modern Western entertainment, the Communist regime has maintained a surprisingly high standard in numerous aspects of culture.

absolutely STIFLING to an American.

Perhaps nowhere is this lack of variety more noticeable than in the scores of new apartments going up in each of the major cities. No report on Russia could



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The modern new "showcase" apartments of Moscow are characterized by a monotonous sameness.

be complete without some comment on these.

New Apartments and the Building Standard

The need for housing in the Soviet Union is desperate. The current Seven Year Plan which ends next year calls for new apartments for fifteen million families. Whether or not this figure will be reached, one thing is sure: the Russians are putting up new apartments with a speed and zeal unlike that of any other nation in history.

In Moscow alone, more than three hundred families move into new apartments *daily*. In all other big cities the situation is similar. But even though the number and size of these new apartments is impressive, they tend to be just so many uninteresting and unadorned cubes of concrete. Even when the height is varied and other variations are made in the structure, they somehow *still* manage to all look the same! While these buildings may look good from a distance, a closer look will reveal many imperfections and flaws.

I visited two apartment building sites, one in Kiev and one in Tblisi. Even though one group was pre-fab and

the other was of the conventional brick, in both, the shoddiness of workmanship was appalling!

The "foundation" sometimes consisted of only concrete blocks spaced several feet apart! In the brick apartments, the bricks were laid crooked and uneven. The mortar which had been carelessly slapped between them was of varying thicknesses. In the pre-fabs, the blocks often had big pieces chipped out, the corners weren't square, and the pieces were terribly ill-fitting. In both the conventional and the pre-fabs, the doors and windows were crooked and there were often huge gaps between the window panes and the frame. Even though some of the apartments weren't finished, the tile facing, covering the bricks or the pre-fab blocks, was *already* falling off!

The average flat consists of two rooms plus kitchen and bath. Sometimes for larger families there will be three rooms. These rooms are about ten feet by twelve feet and their inside walls are often of paperboard. Although small, the kitchen and bath are the pride and joy of the apartment. The kitchen may be only six feet by ten feet, but it has a small sink with running water and a two-burner stove with an oven. The bathroom is just large enough for a small tub and sink. The toilet is in a small unvented closet just inside the door. Although there will be no elevator if the apartment is less than six floors, there is usually an outdoor balcony for each apartment. Standards of workmanship on the inside of the apartment match those on the outside. The paint on the walls, for example, will probably come off on your clothes or hands if you lean against it.

Though these new apartments might not be up to American or Western European standards, if you were a Russian whose family for years had shared a single room with another family, and one kitchen and one bath with *several* other families on your floor, you would be *mighty grateful* to have for your own an apartment of the type just described.

The poor standard of workmanship in the new apartments also carries over into the hotels. In my private, *first-*

class room in a hotel *less than five years old* in one of the big Russian cities, for example, here is what I found: the key was almost impossible to work in the lock; the light switches for the dim lights were in an awkward place behind the door; the tile in the bathroom was falling down and there were huge heaves in the bathroom floor; the sink had no hot water and no plug; the drain end of the tub was higher than the other end; the new toilet which had just been installed that very day leaked constantly and when it was flushed it spouted water all over the bathroom floor; the mattress on the bed was uneven and "hilly"; and the closet was long enough for about twenty suits, but the rod so weak it could barely hold three and so narrow that the door couldn't be shut.

What accounts for such workmanship? Who is responsible for such engineering fiascos? The answer is not far to seek. This way of doing things is an integral, built-in part of the Communist system.

The Communist Way in Industry

Not only politically and ideologically, but in *every other way*, the Communist system is one big hodge-podge of organized confusion. Until Khrushchev's big industrial reorganization in 1957, for example, *all production* was administered directly from Moscow. In other words, more than 200,000 industrial establishments and 100,000 building sites were all being run by the bureaucrats in Moscow—even though most sites were hundreds or *thousands* of miles away! You can imagine the waste and confusion in such a system!

At that time all production in the Soviet Union was controlled by special ministries. Steel, chemicals, petroleum, heavy machinery, and dozens of similar important resources and industries all had their own ministry with headquarters in Moscow. These ministries were, in effect, empires.

Each individual minister, however, was also on a very hot spot, for he was responsible for fulfilling his ministry's plan—or *else*. So he had to protect himself at all costs from any fail-

ures and accidents—especially those which would keep his ministry from reaching its goal. The extent to which some went in doing this was fantastic. As Edward Crankshaw in his outstanding book entitled *Khrushchev's Russia* explains, "By the time of the Khrushchev reorganization it was possible to envisage a future in which the Minister of steel would be mining his own coal and building his own railways and his own river fleet in order to be entirely self-sufficient. And the same was true of other industries... this led to a motor-car factory making its own components, from lamps to carburetors, from windshield wipers to nuts and bolts" (p. 73-74). But this isn't all!

The production quotas were often terribly planned and there were endless bottlenecks in having the manufacturers get the needed raw materials. And when such a bottleneck occurred, all requests for help had to go to Moscow, where they were often lost for days or weeks in the mountain of red tape and bureaucracy. Meantime, the factory was standing idle and the production schedule, through no fault of the industry involved, was not going to be fulfilled.

This situation led to the establishment of "Fixers"—individuals hired by the various industries to cut through this red tape and get the needed materials by hook or crook *behind Moscow's back*, thus actually working AGAINST the plan set up by the State Planning Commission in Moscow! Although this was wrecking their plan, the Planning Commission could do nothing, for without the Fixers, production would have slowed to a snail's pace or stopped altogether. Such organized confusion!

Even though in 1957 Khrushchev decentralized the ministries and stripped them of their power, organizing industry on a regional basis with his own henchmen in charge, his move was primarily political—not economical—and all he did was *reorganize the problem*.

But the way the Communists have handled industry is nothing compared with the stumbling, bungling, chaotic mess they have made of Soviet agriculture. That story will appear in the next issue.

day in reaching a *compromise* over Southern Rhodesia. This is the most dangerous obstacle that the Commonwealth has ever had to face—more so even than the South African issue three years ago, even when Dr. Verwoerd's uncompromising racialism painfully simplified the problem. Not that the Rhodesian problem is solved, or indeed much closer to a reasonable or foreseeable solution. The *African Commonwealth countries*, however, instead of insisting on British intervention in Rhodesia—at one time there were demands that Britain should use force—*have accepted Britain's pledge to do everything possible to get Rhodesia to move quickly to an African majority.*"

Commonwealth—Drifting Away From Britain

Even *Britain had her grievances* concerning the Commonwealth. It was in the field of *economics* that the Commonwealth had turned out to be a very *lop-sided* partnership for Britain. The Commonwealth partners enjoy the benefits of a duty-free entry into Britain for their raw materials and other products. But few of them reciprocate.

New African members grant no preference whatever to British goods. In Australia, New Zealand and Canada, tariff preferences have been whittled away. The old white members of the Commonwealth are reorienting their trade away from Britain. They are seeking new markets in the United States and Japan.

Canada, Australia and even New Zealand, although still closely linked to Britain economically, are eager to achieve their own industrialisation. Australia is moving closer to Asia in matters of trade day-by-day, and Canada, despite political quarrels, to the U.S.

Commonwealth members still bitterly resent the British attempt to dive at the last moment into the Common Market.

Whether the peoples of Britain will admit it or not, *the real cause of Britain's waning power, and of her*

Commonwealth troubles, *lies not in economic decline, but in her moral decline!* IN SIN!

Moral Decline

The Times, London, February 11, 1963, admitted that "*the crisis inherent in the political and economic situation today is a MORAL one. . .*" This is just as true in 1964! *The Sunday Express* also confessed that "*a renewed sense of RIGHT and WRONG was needed to really transform Britain!*"

God says: "*Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people*" (Prov. 14:34). Britain is not being exalted today. She is being brought low. She is being humiliated. Why? Because of sin—of unrighteousness—of breaking God's laws! (I John 3:4, Rom. 6:23.)

Today, *Britain* enjoys a prosperity never before equalled in her history. But remember, affluent *Rome* did not fall because of being poverty-ridden. According to Gibbon, the *five big reasons for her downfall* were:

1) The rapid increase in *divorce* and the break-down of the family. (Is not divorce on the increase in Britain?)

2) The spiraling rise of *taxes* and extravagant spending. (Surely all Britons will agree that they bear one of the heaviest tax burdens in the world.)

3) The mounting craze for *pleasure* and brutality in sports. (This is certainly true of today's Britain.)

4) The building of *gigantic armaments* while failing to realize that the real enemy was the *moral decay from within*. (This is partly true of Modern Britain—the moral decay is here, but not even the strength to forge gigantic armaments.)

5) The *decay of religion* into a mere form, leaving the people without any guide. (The recent British report—*The Deployment and Payment of the Clergy*—by Leslie Paul, revealed many shocking facts regarding the deterioration of religion in Britain.)

Now notice conditions here in Britain to see the *striking parallel between modern Britain and ancient Rome*.

Facts of British Life

Britons have "never had it so good." Yet there are a number of *disturbing facts* confronting the more thoughtful in Britain. Most of the economic indications are favorable. Trade is lively. Yet *the over-all rate of economic growth in Britain lags behind that of the Common Market.*

In the midst of this flush of prosperity, *shameful slums*, antiquated houses, derelict dockyards and outdated factories remain. The building of new industrial plants has lagged away behind other Western countries.

Yet *more Britons are enjoying luxuries* than at any other time in the history of the nation. Each year, over 3,000,000 Britons take *holidays* on the Continent. British restaurants are crowded. Hotels are full. Taxis are hard to get. Alcohol is plentiful and shop windows are filled with luxuries. People are dressing more smartly, driving "sportier" cars.

"Money spent on *gambling* is at a fantastic high—more than 3.5 billion dollars (approximately £1,249,000,000) or about \$68 (approximately £24) per person per year" (*Sunday Mirror*, April 5, 1964).

During the winter of 1962-63 Britain experienced *her severest blizzard* of the last 150 years. The nation was almost paralyzed.

Then came *the great Buckinghamshire train robbery*. This was the greatest robbery in the history of the world. It netted about two and one-half million pounds, most of which has not yet been recovered.

Next, Britain became painfully aware of her dependence on America over the *Skybolt issue*. At Nassau, President John F. Kennedy let Britain know in no uncertain terms that the United States was unwilling to go ahead with development of the Skybolt missile! The U.S. offered the Polaris missile instead. Britain was shocked. She had no Polaris submarines. She found herself out on a long limb in defence matters. The Skybolt did more damage to Anglo-American relations than anything since the war. Britain's nuclear capacity—its status as a great power—was mortally damaged.

Because the U.S. failed to carry on with Skybolt, Britons cannot get over the feeling that the Americans no longer need them. That the U.S. is not reliable!

Another humiliating blow to British pride came about when *Charles de Gaulle forestalled Britain's entry into the Common Market*. This hurt British pride considerably! For a Frenchman to blackball Britain over her attempt to enter the Common Market was almost unforgivable.

The Scandal that Rocked Britain

The next major event to shake the British was *the Profumo-Keeler scandal* (which followed the notorious Vassal spy scandal). Lord Denning was commissioned to make a full report on the Profumo-Keeler scandal. "But Lord Denning left several questions unanswered, opened others, and did not altogether put to rest the apprehension that *things were very, very rotten in some of the best circles in Britain.* . . .

"Moreover, it was a blow to *good old British pride* that a British Government could have been shaken to its roots—almost made to fall—by so squalid and undignified an affair.

"How could leaders be trusted in great affairs of the realm when they had been so ostrich-like and inept in dealing with a Secretary of State who had slept with a tart (prostitute) ? . . ." reported Gunther in the *Sunday Mirror*, April 5, 1964.

But, to many Britons, the most perplexing and humiliating sore spot is *the loss of Empire*. Many of them are just now waking up to this fact!

England lost *Eire* (Southern Ireland) in 1922, *India* in 1947. Now a number of colonies once ruled over by the imperial might of Great Britain are forever gone—*Burma, Cyprus, Egypt and the Sudan, Singapore, South Africa* and most of the colonies of Africa. Furthermore her once-vital life line, *the Suez Canal*, is irretrievably lost!

This *loss of Empire* does not bother the young, new set—who don't even remember Hitler's blitz on Britain. If you tell Britain's youth of today that the Empire is gone, they merely look bored or perhaps yawn disinterestedly!

Why Britain's Pride of Power Broken

In "the good old days" nobody dared twist the tail of the British lion, except perhaps the U.S. on occasions. But even Khrushchev, on his recent tour of Egypt, sneeringly referred to Nasser's pulling the tail of the British lion—over the Suez crisis.

In the days when the British Empire ruled the Seven Seas, such an event would have meant trouble for any aggressor. But times have changed. Long ago God predicted that the pride of our power would be broken (Lev. 26:19), because of our mounting sins!

Last summer the Tory Party held their Conference in Blackpool. During this time the *Sunday Telegraph* (which is a Conservative paper) reported a speech by a leading minister entitled "Pledge to Keep Britain a First Class Nation." Such headlines would never have appeared in British newspapers "in the leonine days of British power."

Many centuries ago God's Word predicted that the peoples of America and Britain would be like a lion—king in the forest! None of our enemies would be able to stand before us (Mi. 5:8, 9). But God also solemnly warned, "*in that day*" the day of our mounting sins (v. 10), "*I will destroy thy cities*" (v. 14). America and Britain have turned their backs on God. Scores of prophecies reveal that He will let them receive *humiliating defeat* at the hands of a cruel, 10-nation, Fascist, *United States of Europe!* This United States of Europe will be dominated by a great, powerful, apostate, universal, *persecuting Church* (see Rev. 17:6, 18; Isa. 47:1-6). Only then, when we learn by bitter experience, will we turn from our stubborn ways and serve the Living God!

But before we can know what the Scriptures reveal concerning the destiny of the British peoples, we must understand where the British Commonwealth of Nations is mentioned in prophecy (see Gen. 48:19). If you do not understand that the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples of Northwestern Europe—including Britain, her Commonwealth, and America—are descendants of the so-called "Lost Tribes of Israel," then be sure to write for Mr.

Armstrong's free and informative booklet entitled *The United States and the British Commonwealth in Prophecy*.

Britons Lack an Objective

Correspondent Gunther says, "What Britain seems to lack, above all, is an OBJECTIVE. . ." (*Sunday Mirror*, April 5, 1964).

In the good old days, when the British Empire was a force to be reckoned with throughout the whole world, Britons had a purpose. They held their heads up with pride. At that time, the cream of Britain's youth went into the Foreign Office, the Colonial Office, or the Armed Forces to serve the Crown and the Empire. Now these men are forced to go into offices, factories or other more menial jobs. "Conversely, men who have given thirty years of their professional lives as devoted, seasoned Civil Servants in former colonial territories, or, for that matter, as hard-bitten plantation owners in East Africa or Malaya, are trickling back to London, not to be promoted to governorships or important positions in the City, but to become *secretary of the local golf club!* Bewildered, they don't know where else to go.

"The *Empire* meant not only physical panoply, but *power and purpose*. It was *lucrative*. It was also very *useful strategically* and as a repository of military manpower" (*Sunday Mirror*, April 5, 1964).

Yes, *British youth is bored*—without a purpose or goal to serve their country as their forefathers had. So Britain has her *teddy boys*, her *gang wars* between the "Mods" and "Rockers," her derelicts. And now England has bequeathed to the world the sensational *Beatles*—the long-haired "musicians" who have been a screaming sensation not only in Britain and America, but on the Continent, in Australia, and other places where they have gone.

One may even see long-haired, high-heeled, earringed, made-up young "men" walking through London's Piccadilly or Leicester Square area. This type can especially be seen in London's Soho district!

And even though Britons are *gambling* at a fantastically high figure, yet *the average Briton contributes very*

little to his Church, and seldom, if ever, attends! In fact it has been said that *Britons give more to support their cat population than they do to their Church!* And from what I have seen, I believe it! The majority of the Churches are almost empty. Long queues line up at the cinemas, but few are interested in going to a dead state Church.

And *anyone who still believes in paying God's commanded tithe* is looked upon as quite *eccentric!* (See Mal. 3:8-12.) Is it any wonder that Britain is under a curse?

It is appalling to see that most Britons *seldom*, if ever, read the Bible, *seldom* "say grace" before meals, *seldom* give more than a pittance to their particular Church, or show any deep interest in God—or in anything religious so far as that is concerned! Religious fervor in Britain is virtually non-existent!

After Defeat—A Glorious Destiny!

The entire book of Hosea reveals the destinies of America and Britain—of Britain especially!

God says, "Hear the word of the Lord, ye children of Israel [modern Israel includes America and Britain]: for the Lord hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is *no truth, nor mercy, nor KNOWLEDGE OF GOD in the land*. By *swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery*, they break out, and blood toucheth blood. Therefore shall the land mourn, and every one that dwelleth therein shall languish. . ." (Hos. 4:1-3). This is a prophecy which shows what is happening in our lands, and what is going to happen to the peoples of America and Britain!

Verse 6 shows that, because we have rejected knowledge, God will also reject us. He says, "They never put their hearts into their prayers" (Hos. 7:14, Moffatt trans.).

The Word of God solemnly declares, "For *Israel* [meaning modern America and Britain] *hath forgotten his Maker . . .* but I will send a *fire upon his cities. . .*" (Hos. 8:14). Yes, our cities will be burned with horrify-

ing all-consuming nuclear destruction!

Further, God's Word declares, "*In ALL your dwelling places THE CITIES SHALL BE LAID WASTE*" (Ezek. 6:6).

God inspired Hosea to write, "*My God will cast them away, because they did not hearken unto Him: and THEY SHALL BE WANDERERS AMONG THE NATIONS*" (Hos. 9:17). Do you think this can't happen to America and Britain?

Many people want to hide their heads in the sands. They don't want to know what God's Word prophesies for our peoples. Scores of Scriptures show that our people are going to be taken away as *captives* or as "wanderers" among the nations. See Jeremiah 30:4-11.

These Scriptures reveal that God will let our people—America and Britain—be taken into *captivity*. He will finally break the "yoke" off our necks, and deliver us! It is then that our people will truly turn to God in *sincere* worship, obedience and praise! When we repent of our sins and sincerely begin serving our Creator, then God promises, "*I will love them freely*" (Hos. 14:4).

A number of specific prophecies reveal that the peoples of America, Britain and the other peoples of Israel will finally be blessed above all nations. In the Utopian, millennial age to come, our peoples will be a shining example before the Gentile nations of a God-fearing, obedient, prosperous and happy people. We shall have learned our lesson—that *sin doesn't pay!* We will then serve God joyfully—with all our might (Jer. 31:1-14).

"Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, both young men and old together: for *I will turn their mourning into joy*, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow. . . And my people [Israel—vs. 1, 7] shall be satisfied with my goodness, saith the Lord" (Jer. 31:13, 14).

May God speed that day when the Kingdom of God will rule all nations in true peace, prosperity and happiness! See Isa. 2:2-5; 9:6, 7; 11:1-11 and Dan. 2:44 and 7:27. Then read Rev. 2:26, 27 and 19:11-16. You discover what the happy WORLD TOMORROW will be like!

The Bible Story

by Basil Wolverton

CHAPTER SEVENTY-ONE

SAMSON VEXES THE PHILISTINES

EVEN before a messenger arrived to warn Samson at the fortress of Etam that thousands of soldiers were coming to take him, the young and powerful Danite spotted the army of three thousand from atop the fortress. He could tell by the dress and insignia of the soldiers that they were of the tribe of Judah. He could think of no valid reason why fellow Israelites would be a threat to him or the men with him.

Samson Is Arrested

When the leaders of the army of Judah met with Samson and the other men at the fortress, the reason for the presence of so many men was soon made known.

"We admire your great strength and we have marveled at the ways you have used it and your sense of humor in making the foxes set fire to the Philistines' crops," the captain of the army of Judah told Samson. "However, you seem to have forgotten that the Philistines are ruling over us, and that no one man can change that unhappy situation. Your violent actions against them and your insulting sense of humor have only made them more hostile toward us. Why have you caused so much trouble?"

"They are our enemies," Samson replied. "They treated me badly, and I did the same to them. And I might as well enjoy my revenge by having a good laugh at their expense." (Judges 15:1-11.)

"What you did has resulted in more grief than you realize," the captain continued. "Now we have had to promise the Philistines that we will deliver you to

them bound and alive! Otherwise, their soldiers will overrun the land with a terrible slaughter!"

Samson silently surveyed the three thousand soldiers below. He was beginning to understand the seriousness of the situation.

"Who figured that so many men would be required to capture me?" he laughed. "I am only one man."

The captain's face turned a little red, but he had a reasonable answer.

"We didn't know how many men would be in and around this fortress."

Samson knew that he would have to submit then and there to the men of Judah or fight against his own people in an attempt to escape. He loved all Israelites and didn't want to hurt any of them.

"I'll willingly go with you if you'll promise to keep me alive," Samson finally said.

"We'll have to bind you," the captain told him, "but I promise you that otherwise you will receive only the best treatment from us."

Samson was free to do as he wished until the soldiers of Judah had eaten and rested and were ready to start back northward. Then the husky Danite's mighty arms were securely bound behind his back with two lengths of strong, new rope. Knots were made especially secure and the rope was bound very tightly over his cloth-wrapped wrists so that there would be no opportunity for leverage or slack by which the binding might gradually be worked loose. (Judges 15:12-13.)

When the army of Judah started out, Samson was carried on a litter between burros. The captain wished to make certain that nothing happened to the Danite before he could be delivered to the Philistines, who were still waiting to the north in the rugged region of Judah where their army had moved in.

It was not many miles from the fortress of Etam to where the Philistines were encamped. Just before the men of Judah reached the place, the captain gave orders to his three thousand men to disband and return to their homes. He was fearful that the army of the Philistines might have formed a trap ahead for his men. A handful of men were ordered on to guide the burros carrying Samson, and these men were advised to escape, if they could, as soon as Samson was in the hands of the Philistines.

A Surprise for the Philistines

When the Philistines learned from look-outs that Samson was being brought into their camp, they became very excited. They grabbed up their arms and rushed southward to seize the man who had troubled them so much. When they saw him

being carried toward them, they began shouting in triumph. It was quite satisfying to them to view him being borne to his apparent doom in their midst. Instead of seizing him immediately, they stood back and shouted taunts and insults. At this point the men who were guiding the burros felt that they had accomplished their mission, and they turned to flee.

Samson made no effort to do anything. Officers sent men to approach him to examine his bonds to make certain that they were real and sufficient. They reported that the ropes were new, strong and well-knotted, and that Samson was truly helpless. Assured, the Philistine officers boldly gathered around Samson.

"So this is the mighty Israelite called Samson!" a Philistine officer haughtily addressed the prone Danite. "You have caused us some trouble in the past, but now you should know that your future is going to be full of a lot more trouble, even though it will be a very short future!"

A great cheer rose from the Philistines. This was too much for Samson, who had been trying to wait for some kind of opportunity. Anger can result in increased strength, and so it was with the muscular Danite. At the same time God imbued him with a special power because he had kept the requirements of a nazirite.

The laughter and hoots of the Philistines increased as Samson jerked himself up and strained at his ropes. In his bound state Samson's bulging muscles, rising veins and expression of anger and agony were a combination to cause great mirth to his enemies. All this was changed within seconds when the bonds snapped and the Danite leaped to his feet. Laughter abruptly faded. Grinning expressions turned to those of surprise and disbelief. Those who stood close to Samson swiftly moved away from him. (Judges 15:14.)

This was a crucial moment for Samson. He knew that he needed more than his fists to protect himself. There was no club, sword, spear or knife within his immediate reach. There were stones, but they could only be thrown, and were awkward to use.

Only the Jawbone of a Donkey

His darting eyes at last focused on the nearby skeleton of a donkey that had died recently and had been freshly picked clean by scavengers. Samson leaped to the bones, jerked the head from the rest of the skeleton and yanked the lower jawbone from the head.

By this time the bolder of the Philistines were beginning to close in on him. Grasping the jawbone by its smaller end, Samson started slamming away all about him, cracking the arms, heads, chests and backs of those who were courageous

enough, however unwise, to come close to him. Some of the officers who had taunted Samson were pushed up to him by their surging soldiers, insomuch that they were included among Samson's victims.

When Philistine soldiers at a distance at last realized what was happening, they tried to rush in and overcome Samson by their very numbers. Men were rammed up to the Danite by the hundreds, but Samson swung the jawbone so swiftly and fiercely that no man was able to seize him or even touch him without being severely wounded or slain. Even so, the Philistines continued to pour in to their deaths.

What with Samson being surrounded with Philistines, soldiers more at a distance hesitated to use spears and arrows, lest they kill their own men. The sight of the slaughter of their fellow soldiers by a man crushing their skulls was too unnerving for the Philistines. The rest of them disappeared into the hills, bringing the strange battle to a quick end.

There was silence to take the place of the shouts of fighting men. And on the arid ground lay a thousand Philistine corpses brought to that state because of Samson's swift, strong use of a donkey's jawbone—and God's help. (Judges 15:15.)

It was a ragged, sweating, weary Danite who looked warily about for more Philistines to rush in. He was breathing hard after his long, fatiguing struggle. He listened for the approach of more attackers, but the only sounds were the groans



Samson realized that God had helped him overcome the hundreds of soldiers heaped about him.

of the wounded and dying. As Samson uncertainly stood there amid the hundreds of corpses, it was difficult for him to realize what had happened.

"I can scarcely believe it," he muttered to himself. "God must have helped and protected me, or I wouldn't have been able to overcome all these men with the jawbone of a donkey!"

Finally he realized that the fingers of his right hand were still wrapped tightly around the jawbone. Then he tossed it away. He named the place *Ramath-Lehi*, which means "Hill of The Jawbone." (Judges 15:16-17.)

Until that moment he hadn't realized how tired and thirsty he had become. He looked around for some source of water, but there appeared to be no brook or spring in the vicinity. None of the dead Philistines had canteens, having excitedly rushed out of their camp with only their weapons.

Samson realized he would be risking death if his enemies should attack him in his tired condition. He fell weakly to his knees in the dry soil, then forward on his face.

God Sends Water

"You have helped me through many great dangers, God!" he muttered wearily. "Surely you didn't spare me to this moment just so I would die of thirst and my body at last fall into the hands of my pagan enemies! Please give me water!"

He lay motionless on the hot ground. His throat began to burn as though he had swallowed hot coals. He was too miserable and worn out to go any farther.

Above his labored breathing he heard a faint sound like the soft gurgle of bubbling liquid.

Samson then raised his head up to see clear water flowing up out of the ground only a few feet away! He stared at it unbelievably. It took moments for him to realize that God had granted his request and had by a miracle made a spring in a low spot, or hollow place, there at Lehi, called "the jaw" in the King James version. Spurred to action by the sight and sound of the water, he crawled slowly up to it and dropped his head into the cool spring to gulp in the life-giving water!

Soon Samson's strength returned. He was so thankful for the miracle God performed to save his life that he named the place *En-hakkore*, which means "Well of the Implorer." (Judges 15:18-19.)

He had no difficulty in returning to his home town. The Philistines feared him more than ever. Some believed that he was possessed with a demon, while others thought that the Israelite God he worshipped had something to do with



Samson slowly and laboriously crawled to the pool of water that had sprung miraculously from the dry ground.

his unusual strength. They decided to leave him alone until some circumstance favorable to them would result in his death.

It was a long, long time, however, before that circumstance developed. After his victorious encounter with the Philistine army, God made Samson judge over southwest Israel. He continued in that office for the next twenty years. During that time, however, the Israelites were still under subjection to their oppressors. (Judges 15:20.)

One day near the end of that twenty-year period, Samson rashly went to the Philistine capital city of Gaza near the Mediterranean, or the Great Sea. This city had been captured by Judah many years previously, but had fallen back into Philistine hands at one of the times Israel had forsaken their Creator.

Samson's reason for going to Gaza isn't mentioned in the Bible, but it was unwise for him to move about in the land of his enemies. To make matters worse, he went into one of Gaza's leading inns. It was impossible that such a powerfully built man—with the uncut hair and beard of one under a nazirite vow—should go unrecognized. Since Samson's peculiar features were well known, word spread swiftly that the mighty Danite was in town. Military officials were quite excited when they heard the news. They immediately ordered men to close the gates of the

city so that Samson could not leave. Excitement mounted when it was later reported that Samson had been so attracted by the proprietress of the inn that he had decided to stay there till the next day.

Are Gates and Bars Enough?

"This is even more to our advantage!" a Philistine officer exclaimed. "He'll surely stay all night, and we'll better be able to cope with him in the daylight. Then, when he tries to get out, we will have the last laugh. At that time I want every man to come out of hiding and set upon him with every kind of weapon. This time that Israelite, Samson, will come to his death by our hands!" (Judges 16:1-2.)

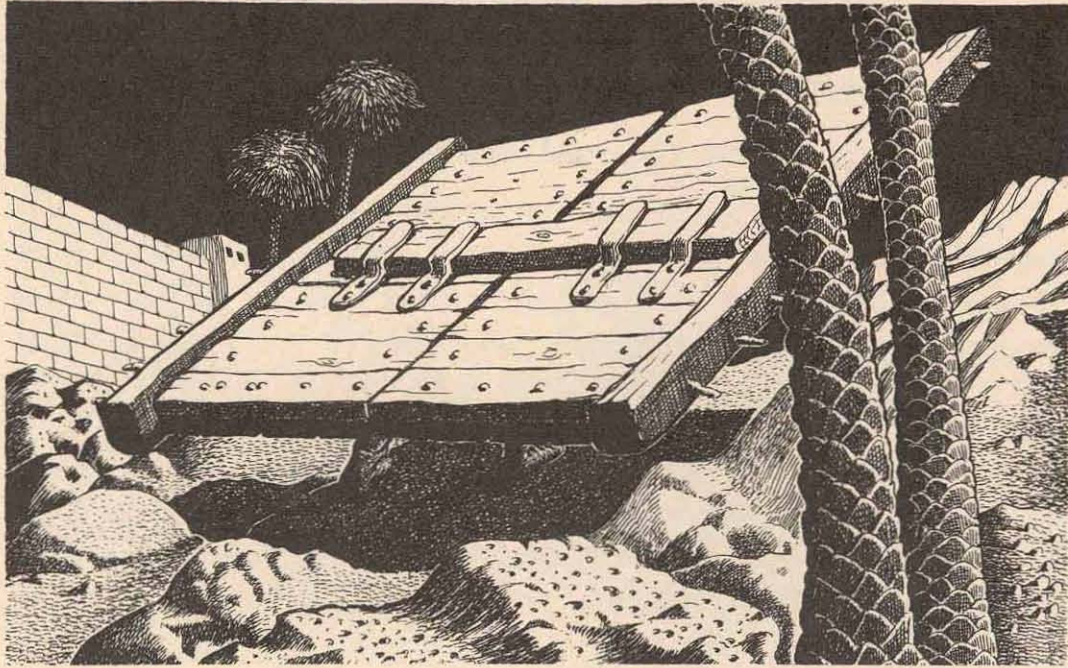
Some Philistines who were aware of the plot against Samson quickly went to the inn to inform him. Of course they hoped that the Israelite judge would reward them handsomely. Samson realized that this could be a plan to get him out of the place right away and into the arms of his enemies, but he took a chance and left the inn about midnight.

Carefully keeping in the deep shadows, he silently went to the double gates of the city. He thought it strange that no guards were in sight. He hurried to remove the bar that held the gates locked and rigid after dark. To his surprise, after he removed the bar, the gates were still rigid. He pushed and pulled on them, but they wouldn't open. He realized then that another bar had also been fixed to the outside of the gates—undoubtedly to keep him from escaping to safety among his own people.

There was no way out except over the wall. It was too high for him to scale. And in those places where structures were built high against it, it might have been possible for him to get up on the wall, but it would have been too much of a drop on the outside.

Samson was as angry at himself for having blundered into this predicament as he was at the Philistines for trapping him. His first impulse was to step back and hurl himself at the double door in an attempt to crack the outside bar. Then a vengeful notion came to him. He seized the post to which the left gate was fixed and yanked it loose from the wall. He did the same with the right post. The gates and posts, held together by the bar that had been bolted across them from the outside fell to the ground as a solid mass. Samson was free again! Just for a joke—to have a laugh on the Philistine oppressors—Samson decided to make them look ridiculous again.

Lifting one edge up, Samson squeezed under the gates and hoisted them onto



The husky Danite fooled his enemies by carrying away the barred gates of their city of Gaza!

his shoulders. After balancing them to the best position, he walked away with the gates of Gaza—posts, bar and all!

But Samson wasn't content just to remove the gates. They were found a few days later on top of a high hill several miles to the east. (Judges 16:3.)

With all his strength and his virtues—his faithfulness to his nazarite vow, his patriotic love for God and the Israelites—Samson seemed to have a weakness for pretty Philistine women. To him their pagan culture seemed very charming. Not long after the episode at Gaza, he was attracted to a Philistine woman by the name of Delilah.

There were five main Philistine rulers, and when they heard that Samson had chosen a mate, they found out who she was and sent agents to talk to her.

"We have been instructed by our superiors to ask you to do a great favor for them," the agents secretly told Delilah. "It is something that should be easy for you, but we are willing to reward you well."

"Of course this has to do with Samson," the wily Delilah remarked casually.

"Why—yes. It does," the spokesman for the agents replied.

"And you would like me to find out what makes him so strong so that the rulers of Philistia will know how to deal with him," Delilah went on.



The five rulers of Philistia sent five men to pay her for the secret of Samson's strength.

The agents were a bit taken aback by this statement, but at the same time they were relieved that they wouldn't have so much to explain.

"I expected something like this," Delilah told them. "What makes you think, gentlemen, that even a great reward would cause me to betray Samson?" (Judges 16:4-5.)

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De Gaulle

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NATION is there SO GREAT, that hath statutes and judgments SO RIGHTEOUS as all THIS LAW, which I SET BEFORE YOU this day?" (Deut. 4:6-8.)

Throughout their history, as long as the Israelites obeyed God, He fought their battles for them. "The Lord shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face; they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways" (Deut. 28:7).

Yes, God was with His people when they obeyed His voice and did ALL His commandments. The battle was His—NOT theirs. He always won

it for them.

However, when the Israelites turned away from Him, when they rejected His Laws, His Commandments and His Statutes, the Lord caused them to be defeated before their enemies.

This is a lesson ALL nations will have to learn some day!

Like all nations today, France has turned away from God. Catholic by faith, 9 out of 10 Frenchmen have never read their Bible, nor do they believe that, in its entirety, it represents the WORD OF GOD.

What then will happen to France? Will she win the next WAR? She is presently a member of the "Common Market" which is already becoming a POLITICAL union. It will eventually include TEN nations or kingdoms.

Will this union win the third WORLD WAR?

God says that though He will allow it for a short while to conquer the descendants of Joseph (the BRITISH and AMERICAN peoples), He Himself will intervene to deliver His people. Jesus Christ, at His second coming, will fight and destroy those nations who rebel against Him (Rev. 17:14).

God—and GOD ALONE—will WIN the next World War which will usher in His Kingdom on earth.

Truly, a GREAT NATION is one which has God as her ruler and obeys ALL His Laws. "Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain" (Ps. 127:1).

Just What Do You Mean— Repentance?

You have always heard you should repent—**BUT HOW?**
Where does repentance come from? How do you get it?
Read, in this article, the steps to true repentance.

by Leslie L. McCullough

WE ARE told daily that a great moral awakening, a renewed religious fervor, is sweeping the English-speaking world. But awakening to what? Renewed religious fervor for what?

Certainly not to a new standard of conduct, a new code of morals or a *new way of life!* Just look at the fruit of our "Christian society"!

Why the Boom in Religion?

The United States is building one thousand new churches a year, approximately *one every eight hours.* Yet that's not enough to keep up with the demand. According to the National Council of Churches, America needs five thousand new church buildings each year to meet the growing needs of our new religious interests.

One noted evangelist has drawn record-breaking crowds in his campaigns in the United States, Great Britain and Australia. People around the world profess a deep interest in religion.

Religion has become *fashionable.* Do you know why?

Why, with all the renewed religious interest, isn't the Western World becoming more law-abiding? The answer is partially revealed in a recent surprising report: "But increasingly people are becoming disillusioned with churches—so many conflicting, confusing denominations. *Religion seems so unrelated to real life.* Today many people are disillusioned because they can't see the difference between the churchgoer and the non-churchgoer; between the BELIEVER AND THE NON-BELIEVER." (Emphasis mine throughout article. *Los Angeles Times*, Feb. 16, 1962.)

Man wants religion, but he wants it—**HIS WAY!** He doesn't want to give

up the way he lives. At the same time, he doesn't want to run the risk of paying the penalty for living that way. As a result, people by the thousands pour into their churches, donate time and help in worthy causes in the vain hope that God will accept their "good deeds" in place of their obedience to Him. Yet their way of *living* doesn't change.

Church membership and attendance for many is actually a means of making up for their shortcomings and sins. It is something they can *DO without changing.* It is an act of penance in place of REPENTANCE. This is the *real reason* for the astonishing numerical growth in today's churches.

Our renewal of religious interest hasn't made any real difference in our way of life. What possible good does it do to belong to a church, *to any one* of the "many conflicting, confusing denominations," if no one can tell the difference between the churchgoer and an agnostic?

Jesus Christ said: "Ye shall know them by their fruits" (Matt. 7:16). The Bible speaks of a true Christian as being a light to the world. But apparently in modern-day Christianity this is no longer true. The light has not just grown dim—**IT HAS GONE CLEAR OUT!**

A Christian Society?

Church membership in the United States continues to reach new plateaus with over 118,000,000 people. That is nearly 63 per cent of the population, claiming church membership. And it is reported that nearly half the adults of the U. S. A. can be found in church every week-end. Yet in spite of church membership figures, crime among young people under eighteen years of age increased for the *fifteenth consecutive year* at the frightening rate of

ELEVEN PER CENT during 1963. Experts claim that only a slight difference can be seen between the families of the average churchgoer and the average non-churchgoer. No wonder "... the annual cost of crime in the United States is now *conservatively* estimated to be TWENTY-SEVEN BILLION DOLLARS!" So says a report released by the U. S. Department of Justice, July 20, 1964.

All this while church attendance records are being broken!

—This is the fruit of our "Christian society." Unbelievable? Incredible? Astounding? The facts are down in black and white—easily accessible to anyone.

When considered in relation to our population growth, crime is increasing—**FIVE TIMES FASTER THAN OUR POPULATION!** And this is not the result of more accurate reporting methods!

Today's great moral awakening and renewed religious fervor doesn't go very deep. It doesn't seem to affect the way people live. There is a reason why!

What Is the Problem?

What is the answer then?

What does religion have to do with the way you live? Most people would tell you: "Nothing!"

Listen to this: "A clergyman-professor at George Washington University said: 'In a period of our history when we are witnessing *the greatest revival of interest in religion* . . . never has Christianity been so **INEFFECTIVE AND IRRELEVANT.** Our Christian faith is equally distant and out of touch with the really perplexing and knotty problems of modern society. The distance between our **PROFESSED FAITH AND OUR DAILY PERFORMANCE IS ASTRONOMICAL'**" (*Gazette and Daily* of

York, Pennsylvania, March 19, 1960.)

Today's renewed religious interest is reflected only on paper. It only shines out from the church roll books. It doesn't show its light in human lives!

The problem lies with the people themselves. Jesus Christ said—in speaking of the religious leaders and people of His day: "... This people honour-eth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. Howbeit *in vain* do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men" (Mark 7:6-7).

People attend evangelistic campaigns, talk of all uniting in the brotherhood of Christianity. But NO ONE seems to want to live the way Jesus Christ commanded.

Most are willing to honor Him with their lips, but they DON'T WANT TO DO the things He taught.

The world-wide interest in religion is simply a façade. The problem is that we haven't, as nations, and all too frequently even as individual persons, *deeply repented*.

What Is Repentance?

If an increase in the interest in religion around the world doesn't show repentance, what does? If the great evangelistic campaigns aren't producing it, how do you get it? Where does it come from? What does it mean?

The dictionary definition of repentance is: "To feel self-reproach, compunction, or contrition for past conduct, to feel such sorrow for sin or fault as to be disposed to change one's life for the better" (*The American College Dictionary*).

The Bible definition means all of that AND MUCH MORE!

Godly repentance means to stop sinning, to turn and go the other way—TO CHANGE YOUR WAY OF LIFE! It's not always easy to say, "I'm sorry." But it's even harder to MEAN IT. Godly repentance has to come *from the heart*.

In speaking of Great Britain—God's people Ephraim—whom He's going to punish for their lack of repentance, God says: "And they have not cried unto me WITH THEIR HEART, when they howled upon their beds: ... they rebel against me. Though I have bound

and strengthened their arms, yet do they imagine mischief against me. They return, BUT NOT TO THE MOST HIGH" (Hosea 7:14-16).

Your Bible says people have made an *outward* show of returning to Him or repenting, but they haven't done it WITH THEIR HEARTS! Ephraim's—Britain's—repentance, and for that matter, that of the rest of the world, is the outward, superficial, *worldly repentance* with no real sincerity or *deep* feeling.

Repent of What?

What is it you repent of or feel sorrow for? To some it is one thing and to others—from another society or religion—it is something altogether different. What does GOD say actually constitutes sin? What would GOD have you repent of?

"Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for *sin is the transgression of the law*" (I John 3:4).

What is sin? SIN IS BREAKING GOD'S LAW—not *human customs*!

Any time you break or disobey *any one* of the holy, righteous commandments of God, YOU HAVE SINNED. You need to repent. No one is excluded. No man, woman or child has ever lived who hasn't disobeyed and broken God's law (Rom. 3:10,23). Therefore, *every one* of you needs to repent deeply and bitterly with all your heart. You need to turn *to God* for forgiveness. You need to begin to obey Him and keep His commandments—all His commandments—with zeal. For "He that saith, I know him [I am a Christian], and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him" (I John 2:4).

Where Repentance Comes From

We can't just drum up the deep feeling of abhorrence for our sin and our own utter wretchedness. It has to come *from God*.

"Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and long-suffering, not knowing that the *goodness of God leadeth you to repentance*" (Rom. 2:4).

II Timothy 2:25 tells us, "... if *God peradventure will give them re-*

pentance to the acknowledging of the truth."

It is God who helps us to see our own wretchedness and shortcomings. He opens our minds and starts us on the way toward repentance.

How Repentance Starts

There are definite steps to take if you sincerely desire to repent and serve God. They are simple steps. Anyone who will follow them can be guaranteed he will find the true God and the deep repentance that God requires.

Your Bible names dozens of men who are going to be in the Kingdom of God. Such men as David, Daniel and other of the prophets of God are guaranteed salvation and a place in His Kingdom. They found how to reach the Creator of the universe. Their example will help us to see how we might attain the same goal.

They all had one very essential thing in common. As soon as they realized God was displeased with them or their nation's ways, they set out to correct it. But how can you know when the Father in Heaven is displeased? How do you know when any father, who really loves his children and has their welfare at heart, is displeased?

"Chastise your son, while there is still hope of him, and do not let him run to ruin" (Prov. 19:18, Moffatt Translation).

Our Heavenly Father many times begins to deal with us and bring us to repentance through chastening. Often He allows financial problems, family problems, sickness, or other serious situations to develop in our lives which will force us to realize *our need* of Him. These very things have occurred in your life, but chances are you didn't appreciate them.

These trials are proof of the Father's love for each one of us. Notice Hebrews 12:6-8. "For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?"

Seek God!

Instead of fighting these problems in our own strength, we need to learn the lesson God is teaching us. We need

to begin to *seek* Him. He doesn't need us. WE DO NEED HIM!

Daniel was inspired to record his own reactions in such a case as this for our instruction. "And I set my face unto the Eternal God, to seek by prayer and supplication with fasting and sackcloth and ashes" (Dan. 9:3).

Nehemiah's example is also recorded for us. When he found that his nation which had returned to Palestine was in affliction and reproach, here's what he did. "And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven" (Neh. 1:4). He immediately set out to draw close to God. He didn't do it in a half-hearted, lackadaisical, matter-of-fact way. He did it earnestly, sincerely and WITH ALL HIS HEART. He set himself to find God and His will by PRAYER and FASTING. These men earnestly desired to find God's will. They were willing to do whatever was required to draw close to Him and receive His forgiveness. They were willing to do without food and water if necessary to demonstrate to God their sincere desire to know His way.

Do It With All Your Heart

Hard as it is to say, "I'm sorry," it is even MORE DIFFICULT to mean it with all your heart. The earnest supplication of God through prayer and fasting shows Him you mean business. He doesn't want a temporary, fleeting repentance which is brought about by an emotional appeal or due to the pressures of those around us. Salvation is a personal matter between you and your God. But it has to be on His terms.

In the days of ancient Israel, God told King Solomon exactly what steps to follow if he found God's displeasure on his nation. These same steps apply to us today. God is the same yesterday, today and forever (Heb. 13:8). He doesn't change. So if we will apply these steps in our everyday lives, He will answer just as He told Solomon He would.

Read these steps, this formula for repentance, for yourself in II Chronicles 7:12-14. "And the Eternal appeared to Solomon by night and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have

chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice. If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; if my people, which are called by my name, shall HUMBLE THEMSELVES, and pray, and seek my face, and TURN FROM THEIR WICKED WAYS; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

The steps are so simple, so clear and plain.

What does it mean to humble yourself? How do you go about it? Exactly the same way Daniel and Nehemiah did. David explains in Psalm 35:13 how you humble yourself. "But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth: I HUMBLED my soul with fasting; and my prayer returned into mine own bosom."

Fasting shows our earnestness and sincerity in seeking God and adds impetus to the prayers we raise to Him. If you need more information on fasting, write for additional articles on the subject.

Admit Your Sins

Prayer and fasting aren't the only requirements in seeking God. If you will read back over the examples of Daniel and Nehemiah as well as any of the other prophets of God, you will notice that in every case they freely acknowledged their own sins and shortcomings. It takes a deeply sincere man to say, "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting" (Ps. 139:23-24).

If we are earnestly seeking God and His way, this is the attitude we will be reflecting. We will freely admit our own sins and shortcomings and be earnestly importuning God to show us the right way. Jeremiah said, "O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps. O Lord, correct me, but with judgment; not in your anger, lest you bring me to nothing" (Jer. 10:23-24).

We as individuals do not know how to live. Once we begin to learn that lesson, and look to God to show us

how to live and how to change our lives, we are on our way to real repentance.

The steps are simple. Yet it is not easy to completely give of yourself, to admit your own faults and sincerely ask for God's forgiveness.

Turn From Own Ways

The people of this world outwardly follow many of these steps and yet fall short in the final, most important of all the steps—turning from their wicked ways. That is why it is so hard to distinguish between the believer and the non-believer. That is why the "distance between our professed faith and our daily performance is astronomical." So many people of this day and age profess to be repentant—profess Christianity and yet still live in all the wretchedness of their sinful ways. So, finally, one of the most important of all the steps in coming to true repentance is to STOP SINNING! Millions claim membership in a church. They loudly proclaim their belief in Jesus Christ. They testify for Christ, BUT THE FRUIT IS NOT THERE.

All too often our repentance is the worldly repentance spoken of in II Corinthians 7:10. What we really need to come to see and understand is the kind of repentance God speaks of. "Therefore also now, saith the Eternal, Turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: and REND YOUR HEART, and not your garments, and turn to the Eternal your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil" (Joel 2:12-13).

No, God doesn't want the worldly kind of repentance which is manifested by a trip down the sawdust trail. No, He doesn't just want your name on the membership rolls of some church. What God wants and what you should come to deeply desire is to sincerely acknowledge your sins and ask forgiveness. God wants you to say, "I'M SORRY"—and mean it! He wants you to repent of breaking and to begin obeying His law.

The decision is up to you. The steps are before you. You know the way—"Walk ye in it."

CRISIS Flares into Bitter Racial REVOLT!

Seething racial outbursts in Harlem, Rochester, St. Augustine, Jersey City, Kansas City and around the world indicate serious TROUBLE ahead. Where will it lead? And WHY?

by Roderick C. Meredith

SCREAMING headlines tell of racial violence. The world over, explosive racial hatreds have been bursting to the surface.

In Rochester and far-off Singapore, in British Guiana and New York's Harlem, the fires of racial hatred are being whipped up by agitators, by Communists, and by some apparently sincere people who have convinced themselves that "this is the *only* solution. This is the *only way* to air our grievances and solve our problems."

But IS IT, *really?*

Have these methods EVER solved *anyone's* problem? Where WILL THEY LEAD in this current crisis?

What lies ahead in the explosive race conflicts in America, in Asia, in Africa?

A World-Wide Problem

The race problem is international in its scope. In late July, several days of fierce rioting between the Malays and the Chinese in the city of Singapore resulted in at least twenty-one deaths and hundreds being wounded. Local authorities acknowledged that the hatred was certainly RACIAL in its origins.

Racial violence has persisted for more than five years in British Guiana. Rioting between Negroes and East Indians has resulted in one hundred sixty deaths and more than ten thousand of both races being left homeless.

Racial animosity still persists in the Congo. In late July, four Belgians were killed in the town of Kindu. With terrifying frequency, over the past few years, whites have merely "disappeared" in the massacre of an entire religious mission, village or outpost. Some were merely slain. Others were tortured or burned to death.

Still others—after they were killed—were *cut up in pieces* and FED to

the rampaging natives. CANNIBALISM!

Riots in Major U.S. Cities

"We're going to have to kill cops and judges!" urged William Epton, head of the Harlem Defense Council and self-admitted Communist.

"We will not be fully free," he told the crowds, "until we smash this state completely and totally. Destroy and set up a new state for our own choosing and our own liking. . . ."

In the Rochester riots, a muscular young Negro said he expected "WAR."

"They [white residents and police] are going to get it now," he shouted, waving and spilling a can of beer. "No more crawling around here. We're getting rifles and shotguns and we're going to have a war."

A Negro woman who asked that her name should not be used because she was afraid, said when the rioting began she came out of her home to look.

"They broke glass . . . broke glass until I was sick to my stomach," she said. "They were just WILD . . . pure RAGE . . . just like MAD PEOPLE. They were after the white folks' [business], not the colored's." (Emphasis ours.)

She gazed at workmen sweeping glass shards into a pile to be picked up and carried away.

"Every time I hear that glass I feel like my stomach is turning over," she said.

Frankly, *a lot of people's stomachs are going to be "turning over" in the next few years!*

For MAN's solution to the *race problem* is just simply NOT WORKING OUT AT ALL!

What's WRONG?

In Harlem and Rochester, in Jersey City and Cleveland, in Kansas City and

St. Augustine, the recent outbreaks and riots all stem from a common CAUSE.

Do you know what it is?

It is *lawlessness* and REBELLION against constituted authority!

Regardless of our personal feelings on the current movement to integrate the races, *we need to understand the above principle behind ALL these riots.*

In Harlem, the rioting started over the shooting of a young Negro by a police officer—apparently in self-defense. If, instead of rioting, the proper LEGAL steps [which are now being taken], had been taken to investigate this shooting, there should have been *no reason* for ADDITIONAL lives and property to be lost.

In Rochester, this *same principle*—REBELLION against constituted authority—was involved. The rioting there was touched off when police attempted to arrest an intoxicated Negro youth at a street dance. The week-end of mob violence resulted in four persons being killed, at least three hundred fifty injured, and millions of dollars in property damage.

Exactly the same pattern was followed in the Jersey City riots. A crowd gathered and the rioting began after a Negro man and woman were arrested for disorderly conduct at a housing project. The rioting had *no purpose* but REBELLION against the legal authorities!

The *same thing* happened in Cleveland. This time, excited Negroes attacked two police officers of their *own race*. The officers were investigating a strong-arm robbery and started to make an arrest when the suspects' relatives and neighbors began attacking the patrolmen.

In Kansas City, Kansas, rioting broke out when police tried to investigate an

automobile accident. They attempted to clear the area of the accident, but were attacked by a group of Negroes whose ranks soon swelled to fifteen hundred jeering, cursing REBELS against the legal forces of their own city!

Every Man "His Own Supreme Court"?

Los Angeles Police Chief William H. Parker recently told a National Law Enforcement Conference that federal troops should be sent to the Harlem district to quell racial disturbances. He told the National Conference of Police Associations, "There are things going on in this nation and New York today hinging on anarchy."

"In this nation today, each individual is getting to the point of becoming his OWN Supreme Court," said Parker.

"The police are rapidly being put in the same light as the criminal."

"We are currently undergoing a revolution," he declared, "and it is not entirely a bloodless one."

Then, in a recent interview, Chief Parker stated: "I think (the) continued attack upon the police in this country is one of the great tragedies of our time. *The American people are destroying the power to protect themselves.*"

Under the thin guise of supporting the "civil rights" movement, these outbreaks are TAKING AWAY true civil rights from thousands of innocent citizens.

This type of lawless activity leads directly down the path toward total ANARCHY!

Given time, the continued practice of this type of individual and group rebellion against government authority would lead to the total breakdown of civilization and CHAOS such as now exists in the Congo! Many educated white and Negro Americans need to face the fact that the long knives and the unrestrained, bestial emotions of Harlem are NO DIFFERENT from those in the Congo.

Another important facet of this terrible problem is that militant, young Negroes are "running away from their best leadership, following publicity hounds who are emotionally aroused and won't listen to reason." This confes-

sion was recently made by Arthur B. Spingarn, President of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

"Anyone who gets along with white people," he said, "is suspect."

Thus, when the Negro leaders are unable to be responsible for the actions of their own people, *what will the outcome be?*

The "Gospel" of Civil Disobedience

The theory of "civil disobedience" has been acclaimed recently by an in-



Wide World Photo

Dr. Martin Luther King and New York's Mayor Wagner bid each other farewell after discussing racial revolt. King, civil-rights leader, admits Negro youths in North are out of control.

creasing number of white and Negro preachers and various organizations of men. Even our Ambassador to the United Nations, Adlai Stevenson, recently said in a public speech that going to jail in connection with "demonstrations" has come to be regarded as "no longer a dishonor but a proud achievement."

One of the major Protestant denominations recently asserted that it was permissible for Christians to fight racial injustice by DISOBEYING LAWS which were contrary to their feeling on civil rights.

What Does the BIBLE Say About "Civil Disobedience"?

It would be well for misguided human religious and political leaders to go

to the real source of AUTHORITY on the subject of "civil disobedience."

Notice what the Bible says of the Christian's obligation to civil power:

"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation" (Rom. 13:1-2).

Those who resist the civil power "shall receive to themselves DAMNATION"! They are resisting GOD HIMSELF who allows that authority!

Your Bible proves government authority and power are ORDAINED OF GOD. "For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God" to keep the peace.

Just before His crucifixion, Jesus Christ had to remind Pontius Pilate of that fact. For Pilate undoubtedly felt that his authority was derived from men, and challenged Jesus: "Speakest thou not unto me? Knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee?"

Then Jesus answered: "Thou couldst have no power at all against me, except IT WERE GIVEN THEE FROM ABOVE..." (John 19:10-11).

Yes, your Bible reveals that it is GOD who has ordained human offices of government. And those offices *must be RESPECTED.*

The Apostles' Example

But, some will argue, didn't the Apostles disobey the authorities in preaching the Message of Christ?

The answer involves the fact that they had been given a DIRECT COMMAND from an angel of God: "Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life" (Acts 5:20).

This command from God was in fact NOT "illegal" as far as the Roman civil administration of Palestine was concerned. For the Roman rulers allowed the various Jewish sects much latitude in the exercise of their religion. The command involved the "right" of every Jew to use the temple as a stated place of public worship and preaching.

The command to preach Christ's Message peacefully, in a stated place of worship, had NO RELATION to violent street "demonstrations," blocking public thoroughfares, resisting officers of the law, and MURDERING fellow human beings!

When threatened for their peaceful preaching by the *religious* leaders of the Jews, Peter and the other Apostles answered: "*We ought to obey God rather than man*" (verse 29).

As a result of God's *direct command*, the Apostles intended to *continue preaching* the truth. But even when they were BEATEN for this, they did *not resist, riot, or fight back!*

Rather, "they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name. And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ" (verses 40-42).

They certainly continued preaching, but notice that they incited NO RIOTS or *rebellion against constituted authority!*

The modern "civil rights" leaders need to learn THAT LESSON—and learn it WELL!

The peaceful preaching or teaching of a religious or political message in the proper place is one thing. But *illegal demonstrations, interference* with the normal business or rights of others, *theft, violence* and MURDER are NOT countenanced anywhere in the Sacred Word of God!

The Responsibility of the True Ministers of Christ

The Apostle Peter, who led the preaching in the occasion just mentioned, was *inspired by God to write*: "Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evil-doers, and for the praise of them that do well" (I Pet. 2:13-14).

Note that Peter did not say, "*Obey every ordinance.*" For he knew there would be many human regulations that were wrong. But he did state that we are to "submit" to the legal authorities—not to *resist or riot.*

If a Christian must, in rare instances, disobey one of the laws of man in order not to *directly disobey* one of the commands of God, *he should still do so peacefully.* As the early Apostles did, he should *submit himself* to the legal authority for whatever punishment they choose to administer. Then he should look to GOD—the author of *all government and all authority*—to right his wrong in due time. For the true Christian knows that God LIVES and RULES over the kingdoms of men, and that in our day he will *soon intervene* to set up His Kingdom here on earth!

Meanwhile, the true Christian should co-operate with and RESPECT the civil power—knowing that these offices are *ordained of God.*

In his second epistle, the Apostle Peter warned that in our day there would be false teachers creeping in to lead the people into REBELLION against constituted authority. He stated: "But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there SHALL BE *false teachers* among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction" (II Pet. 2:1).

In verse 10, Peter described the attitude of these self-appointed leaders: "But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and DESPISE GOVERNMENT. Presumptuous are they, self-willed, *they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.*"

In the recent riots, thefts and MURDERS, we are now witnessing the "fruits" of *that very attitude!*

God help us to UNDERSTAND!

God is going to hold the *false ministers and false leaders* strictly ACCOUNTABLE for the bloodshed and human suffering which their *false "gospels"* are bringing upon us!

It is the responsibility of every true minister of Christ to preach SUBMISSION to law and constituted authority. Most of all, everyone should be taught wholehearted OBEDIENCE to the laws and ways of the Great God who RULES over the kingdoms of men.

The extent to which modern preachers are *failing* to carry out this responsibility demonstrates the extent to

which they are FALSE MINISTERS. For God states: "He that saith, I know him, and *keepeth not his commandments*, is a LIAR, and the truth is not in him" (I John 2:4).

Let every thinking person HEED this inspired statement of God!

Where Racial Revolt Is Leading

We need to remember that there *have been* and ARE many injustices affecting the Negro people in the United States, and racial minorities in many other nations around this earth.

We need to realize and admit that the mob "lynchings" of Negroes in the South, the beatings and oppressions, and the more recent MURDERS of young civil-rights workers there is a heinous and inexcusable CRIME against God and man.

But there is a vital lesson in this.

Two wrongs do NOT make a right! Just because there *have been* injustices in the past is no reason to perpetrate further violence and injustice on a FAR GREATER SCALE such as is now being done!

And the ugly, stupid spectacle of "every man becoming his own Supreme Court" is utter INSANITY. Yet this is the very way large segments of our population are being led by *human reason and human leaders* today!

Did you know that the Bible gives an example of this very kind of reasoning and its tragic results?

God REVEALS Where Human Reason Leads

The book of Judges gives a full, vivid and bloody account of human reason and human passions unrestrained—apostasy, insurrection, murder, whoredom, idolatry, war, rape, desolation and DEATH.

The reason?

It is mentioned TWICE in this book—*so we get the point!*

After the account of Samson's whoredoms, his captivity and his ultimate *slaughter* of thousands of Philistines, followed by an account of *apostasy* from the true religion, God inspired this statement: "*In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that*

which was right in his OWN eyes" (Judges 17:6).

Again, after another tale of rape and murder, and the unequal and violent method of providing wives for the hapless Benjamites, God states: "In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his OWN eyes" (Judges 21:25).

In like manner, when entire segments of the population begin to despise the governing authority in our land and do what is right in their OWN eyes—total ANARCHY and unrestrained violence, rape, robbery and DEATH will be the sure result!

We need to LEARN how practical the Bible teaching is for our day!

What Lies AHEAD?

Speaking to the modern British and American peoples, God says through Ezekiel: "Make a chain: for the land is full of BLOODY CRIMES, and the city is full of VIOLENCE. Wherefore I will bring the worst of the heathen, and they shall possess their houses: I will also make the pomp of the strong to cease; and their holy places shall be defiled" (Ezek. 7:23-24).

The foregoing prophecy—written over one hundred years after the previous punishment and captivity of the nation of Israel—is referring specifically to what lies just ahead for our peoples! For the British and American people are definitely identified in Bible prophecy as the descendants of the so-called "Lost Ten Tribes of Israel"—the people referred to as "Israel" over and over again in Biblical prophecy. If you do not yet understand our national identity and its tremendous importance, write immediately for Mr. Armstrong's free booklet, "The United States and British Commonwealth in Prophecy."

Through the general breakdown of law and order—with RACIAL VIOLENCE playing a key part—our people are preparing themselves for the worst national PUNISHMENT God has ever meted out to any peoples!

The Prophesied REVOLT of the Gentiles in Our Land

Notice God's statement in Deut. 28:43: "The stranger that is within thee shall get up above thee very high; and

thou shalt come down very low!" The Hebrew word here translated "stranger" is clearly referring to the GENTILES or peoples of other races—who are living in the midst of modern-day Israel.

The Bible considers any non-Israelitish—or Gentile person—a "stranger." Many Old Testament scriptures refer to the uncircumcised Gentiles as "strangers." [See Ex. 12:48; Num. 9:14; Deut. 17:15.] In the class considered as "strangers" would be the TWENTY MILLION NEGROES, one-half million Indians, one million Orientals, one and one-half million Latins—plus any non-Israelitish Europeans.

The Negroes are the largest of the groups who are "strangers" in our land. Hence, any prophesied racial strife would naturally involve them!

But our racial crimes, our racial riots, and our other personal and civil LAWLESSNESS and strife are simply preparing the way to total defeat in World War III by WEAKENING the national fibre of our peoples—and by promoting the SIN for which God intends to punish our nations!

What YOU Should Do

The true Christian should take NO PART in the coming racial strife and violence, one way or the other.

Rather, he should follow Jesus' example, when He said, "My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now my kingdom is not from hence" (John 18:36). When you read the Bible account, you will see that Christ took NO PART in the politics or wars of His time. He came to love and serve His fellow man, and preach a Message of OBEDIENCE to the laws of God. He taught respect and submission to the laws of man as long as human kingdoms are allowed by God to continue governing.

God tells the true Christian to remain APART from this world's societies, competitions and hates. Through the Apostle Paul, He commands: Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye SEPARATE, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and

daughters, saith the Lord Almighty" (II Cor. 6:17-18).

So the attitude of the true Christian is that of a stranger and pilgrim on the earth, looking for a city or nation whose Builder and Maker is God (Heb. 11:13-16). "For our citizenship [correct Greek rendering] is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ" (Phil. 2:20).

The true Christian is here on earth as a REPRESENTATIVE of the Kingdom of God which will soon come to earth. For Jesus Christ is soon to be established as King of kings and Lord of lords over ALL races, nations and peoples!

Prepare for YOUR PART in God's GOVERNMENT

Our purpose and our prayers should be preparing for this Kingdom—learning to submit our will to that of our Maker—and learning His WAYS and His LAWS that we may teach them to others in the World Tomorrow.

Man is utterly FAILING to solve the race problem. But it WILL be solved with justice, wisdom and love—when Jesus Christ returns to RULE this earth!

You need to prove to yourself the REALITY of God and His living laws. Practicing obedience as a way of life, you will be able to say with David: "Oh how love I thy law! It is my meditation all the day. Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than my enemies: for they are ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation" (Ps. 119:97-99).

Then, in the World Tomorrow, we will help rule this earth with Christ (Rev. 5:9-10) and teach the people of this earth GOD's way to peace, equality and joy. "And we will walk in his paths: for the LAW shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" (Micah 4:2-3).

God speed that day!

Personal from the Editor

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preaching came in December, 1930. NEVER had I experienced such joy. Talk about THRILLS! I had experienced thrills at football games, and worldly entertainments—but never *anything* like THIS!

Blessings piled up on blessings. God opened the powerful DOOR of radio, and the printing press—in the very smallest manner, at first. But the work grew, and grew. More and more conversions followed—dozens, then scores, then hundreds, then THOUSANDS! I expect to have a lot of COMPANY in God's Kingdom, where we shall live FOREVER!

After 28 years of economic poverty—21 of which had been spent in the joys of God's true blessings—God allowed even a measure of material blessings!

He has blessed me with the most lovely wife in the world, whom I honor and respect above all women—and we recently celebrated our 47th wedding anniversary together in the beautiful little home God has blessed us with in England. He has blessed us with four fine and normal children.

We have very little money in our own name in the bank—yet God enables us to enjoy all the material blessings today that are good for us. This, however, came only after we had learned NOT to set our hearts on economic prosperity.

Best of all, we have the matchless knowledge that we are HEIRS of GOD—and joint-heirs with CHRIST—to be BORN INTO GOD'S OWN FAMILY and share His honor and GLORY forever!

But meanwhile, our minds are free from fears and worries. There are never any frustrations! We have been given abiding FAITH, which never fails—and never will! We have ABSOLUTE SECURITY! We are allowed high position and authority in GOD'S work, directed Personally by the *living* Jesus Christ. I am privileged to work directly UNDER HIM!

We are kept BUSY. We are privileged to enjoy the physical BEAUTY of (we believe) the three most beautiful college campuses in the world! We are privileged to ENJOY seeing the almost incredible transformation and character-development spiritually, mentally, morally, emotionally, and physically, in hundreds of purposeful college students. We are privileged to lead them, counsel with them in their problems, serve them in many ways.

We are PRIVILEGED to have our son, Garner Ted, second in authority, in these colleges, and all God's Great Work—a son IN WHOM WE ARE WELL PLEASED!

I am privileged to write this GOOD NEWS for perhaps more than a million of you to read.

Say! Just what do you mean, Mr. Portune—you are "the most blessed man on earth"? Well, after all—that's the kind of "competition" where I can say I'm rejoicing in the knowledge we SHARE the rich blessings of the benevolent GOD!

I wish men of position, and growing success in the world, could realize the REAL SOURCE of true happiness—of real, enjoyable, interesting, happy and abundant LIVING!

Yes, I wish ALL PEOPLE, *everywhere*, could really *enjoy* life as much as we do.

I'm glad Albert Portune is privileged to enjoy life so abundantly. I'm glad—and supremely grateful—that our son Garner Ted is so blessed, with a dear and lovely wife, three fine and properly trained sons, a beautiful home—every material blessing, beside all the lavish spiritual blessings. I rejoice that Mr. Roderick Meredith, Dr. Herman Hoeh, and many others and their families are equally blessed. I'm grateful beyond words that scores, hundreds, and *thousands*, are now sharing in these same blessings, and will really *know* what I'm talking about!

And I rejoice in the sure knowledge that, in the very imminent future, Jesus Christ is going to return to this earth in all the supreme POWER and GLORY of the Great GOD, and literally *force* this whole world to see the TRUE VALUES, and learn the way to all we enjoy now—and MORE!

SURE I'm happy—just brimful and running over with it. I've tried to share a little of it with our readers today. And, by the way, this happens to be God's Sabbath. I didn't write this all at once—but in two installments, broken by rest, and a delicious lunch, *in which Mrs. Armstrong, at last, joined me!*

But now, I'd better stop before this becomes *work*. And, besides, Mrs. Armstrong says *she'd* like a little of my company!

But, speaking of BLESSINGS which God showers on those who obey and trust Him, all this reminds us of the 1st chapter of Ephesians—*Moffatt* translation. I will have this ended by reproducing some of that for you—and I sincerely hope it applies to YOU, as it surely does to Mrs. Armstrong and me.

Here it is:

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who in Christ has blessed us with every spiritual blessing within the heavenly sphere! He chose us in him ere the world was founded, to be consecrated and unblemished in his sight, destining us in love to be his sons through Jesus Christ. . . . So richly has God lavished upon us his grace, granting us complete insight and understanding of the open secret of his will. . . . May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, grant you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation for the knowledge of himself, illuminating the eyes of your heart so that you can understand the hope to which He calls us, the wealth of his glorious heritage in the saints, and the surpassing greatness of his power over us believers—a power which operates with the strength of the might which he exerted in raising Christ from the dead and *seating him at his right hand* in the heavenly sphere, above all the angelic Rulers, Authorities, Powers, and Lords, above every Name that is to be named not only in this age but in the age to come—*he has put everything under his feet* and set him as head over everything for the church, the church which is his Body, filled by Him who fills the universe entirely."

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