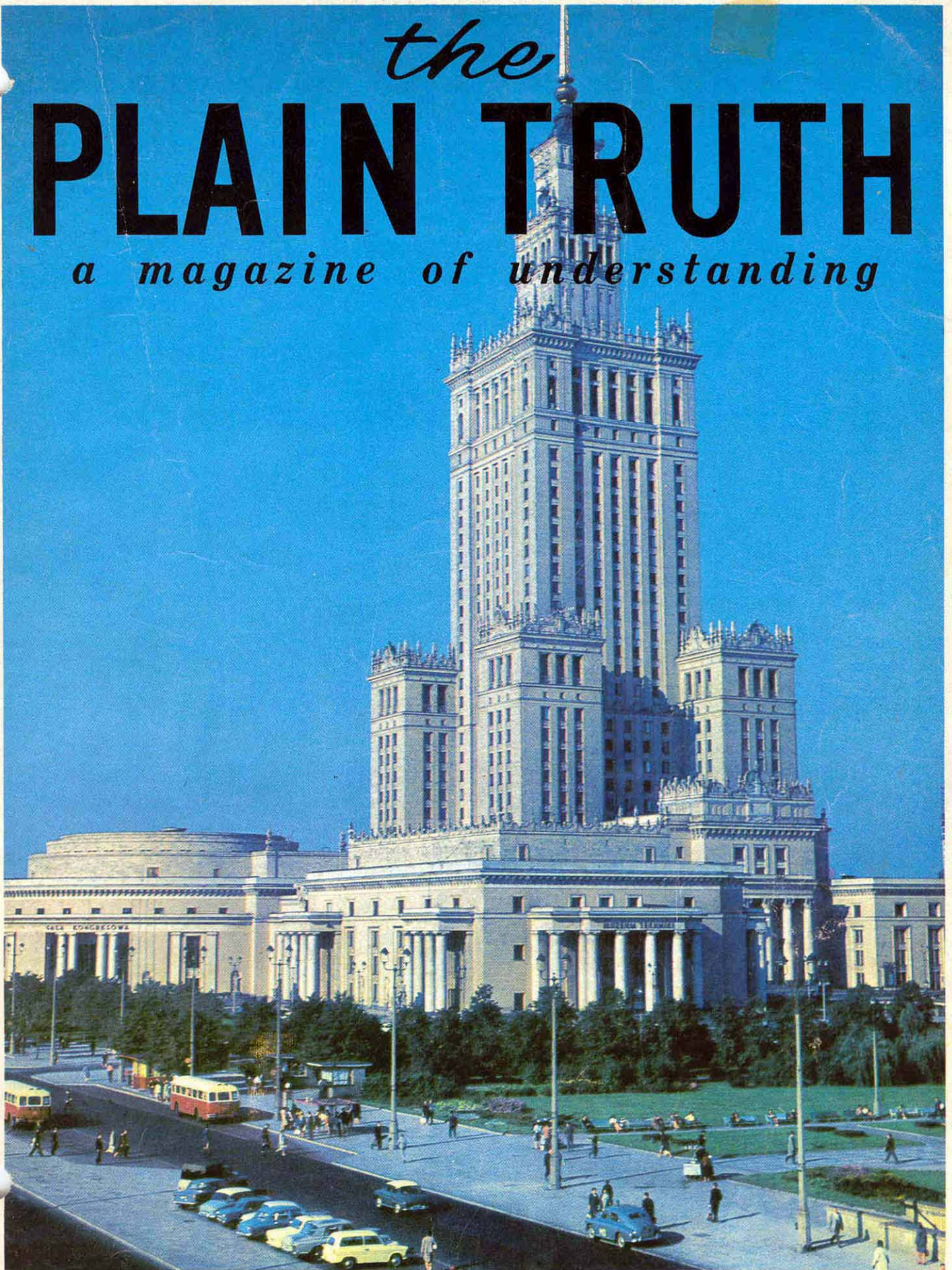


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Ronald C. R.,
Winthrop Harbor, Illinois

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"Oftenly I go through your esteemed paper given to me by one of regular subscribers and I appreciate its contents.

"...in last August issue of Right Hand corner photo (enlarged in July issue) on page 44... down left, it is written '... King Hussein escorts Crown Prince of ABADAN' ... ABADAN is an oil city in IRAN. ... that visiting personality in the photo with King Hussein was Sheikh Shakhbut Bin Sultan, the Ruler of ABUDHABI (not Crown Prince of ABADAN) — one of the richest oil producing Trucial States in the Persian Gulf....

"Kindly note that the publication of this letter is not required.

"Thanking you, I am,

Yours obediently, A. Hamid,"
Bahrain, Persian Gulf

• Reader is correct. Abadan, a city along the Shatt-al-Arab, in Iran, was mistakenly listed in place of Abudhabi, one of the oil-rich Trucial States on the Saudi Arabian peninsula along the Persian Gulf. In the on-the-spot broadcast the word Abudhabi was used exactly as the Jordanian police officer had pronounced it.

Personal

"I just want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the Editorial in the November issue of *The PLAIN TRUTH*. You've really shown me how evil and rotten I am. I am so ashamed

of myself when I compare my life with the life of Carole Mattson, a girl near my own age. She's accomplished so much more good in her life than I did. This article made me break down and cry so hard that I couldn't even read. I just had to stop and pray to God for forgiveness of my sins. I'm changing my life from now on and I really see how much I can help my younger sister and brothers. I want very much to be an example like Carole Mattson. I just hope that more young teenagers like myself can have open eyes and put the article to use in their lives. God bless you and guide you to write more articles to inspire the teenagers, who so desperately need it!"

Miss M. K.,
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"Would you please send me a copy of the book *Why Were You Born?* I may be only 10 years old but I heard your broadcast and I liked it. It was very interesting. You may be surprised why I would want this book. Our teacher is talking about the evolution of man, and I was wondering if you could give me some information on this topic. ... Thank you for your time and co-operation."

Kevin J. (grade 6),
Gerry, New York

Book

"I sincerely want to express my gratefulness to all who had part in the publication of the book *GOD SPEAKS OUT* on 'The New Morality.' Mere words cannot express the privilege God has bestowed upon myself and upon my family by placing this book in our home. After 13 years of marriage failure with no hope from doctors, pastors, marriage counsellors, psychiatrists, etc. — today this book has placed before us all the answers — clearly and exactly."

Mrs. James J., Huntsville, Alabama

Good Question

"While I am writing, may I ask a question about the Bible? Could there

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Personal from the Editor

Do YOU see a bright future ahead? For YOU? For *humanity*? Personally, I do—and if you can join me in saying that, you are one in a hundred thousand!

Where is any *good news* today? Where is any future to be found, in nations at war, nations developing nuclear weapons that can erase all human, animal and plant life from the earth? Where is any hope to be found in the wretchedness, ignorance, poverty, squalor, filth in which more than half the world's population live? Where is any joyous anticipation to be found in prosperous "Have" nations, where the source of drinking water—the rivers and lakes—are being polluted, the air we breathe befouled, the soil worn out and contaminated and foods robbed in food factories; where homes and families are being broken up, crime is rapidly increasing, racial tensions and violence erupting, sickness and mental disturbances multiplying?

Where is happiness today? Fifty years ago, driving along country roads in Iowa I saw and heard farmers plowing behind a team of horses, singing happily as they walked. Today the farmers ride tractors—but where did the singing and the happiness go?

Where do we find encouraging reassurance for Tomorrow on university campuses where the leaders of Tomorrow are consigning morality to the limbo of an outmoded past; where LSD is becoming popular and suicides are on the increase; where radical, warped, dangerous doctrines are being gulped down as the educational diet?

Where do we find inspiration in the assertions of world leaders and the "great" warning us that we must adjust to a future of growing problems and dangers where there are NO SOLUTIONS?

Well, for those of the prevailing concepts the future must indeed appear discouragingly bleak—if they take a

look at it instead of kidding themselves into the assumption that by ignoring the dangers they will somehow just go away.

There is a CAUSE for every effect.

There is a CAUSE for the state of the world today. And there has to be a CAUSE that will produce the peaceful and happy WORLD TOMORROW! There had to be a FIRST CAUSE for the very existence of matter, of life, or forces and energies. But today it is considered "intellectual" to be willingly IGNORANT of that. I have said before, in the first two centuries of the so-called "Christian era" it was popular to embrace gnosticism—meaning, "We Know." But today it is popular to embrace agnosticism—meaning, "We DON'T KNOW—We Are Ignorant." Today IGNORANCE is embraced and labeled "KNOWLEDGE."

Is it IGNORANCE to recognize the FACTS of the Great FIRST CAUSE, who reveals the true CAUSE of all of today's ILLS? Is it wisdom, intellectual, and knowledgeable to be deliberately IGNORANT of basic facts and TRUTH?

There are two main WAYS of life—two basic PRINCIPLES—two fundamental philosophies. One is the way of GIVING, the other of GETTING. One is LOVE, the other LUST. One believes it is more blessed to GIVE than to receive. The other insists that acquiring, taking, accumulating, in the way of competition, leads to progress and happiness.

The one way is GOD-centered, the other is SELF-centered. The one accepts the Golden Rule—the other says "Do it to others before they do it to you." The one is THE WAY of the divine nature, the other the way of human nature. The one is the way of humility, the other of VANITY.

This world—all civilization—this world's Society—is based on the hostile, competitive, SELF-centered WAY. It has produced every wail of human woe.

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OUR COVER

Modern Warsaw — Poland's capital — with the 30-story Palace of Culture and Science prominent in the background. Stalin sent 5,000 Russian technicians and workers to erect the Palace for the Polish people. Warsawians, irritated, call this architecture "Stalinist Gothic." Warsaw was 85 percent destroyed in World War II.



NOW—

A New Kind of Revolution STALKS THE IRON CURTAIN



In two fast-moving years a new kind of revolution has transformed the face of Eastern Europe. In 1964 life was drab, frustrating, hopeless. Now — at end of 1966 — “creeping capitalism” has accomplished what no previous revolt has been able to do. Read, in this firsthand report, how the new turn of events in Eastern Europe will rock the Kremlin back on its heels and alter the course of history for the next thousand years!

by Herman L. Hoeh

Prague, Czechoslovakia

WE HAVE just completed an eye-opening 2,500-mile trip by auto behind the Iron Curtain. We were permitted to travel freely.

Words cannot fully describe the astounding revolution that is transforming

all Eastern Europe. You have to *see* it to believe it.

The economic resurgence of West Germany and Japan from the rubble and ashes of World War II has been often called a “miracle.” But the really BIG economic miracle now *just beginning* is going almost unnoticed. It is the miraculous economic upsurge of Eastern Europe — especially East Germany.

The full story of what’s happening in

the satellite nations has not been told. This issue will begin to tell the story — in pictures and in print. It will reveal not only what is happening, but *why*, and *where* it is all leading.

Invited to Prague

As a professor of history, I was invited to attend, in Prague, Czechoslovakia, the Seventh International Congress on Prehistoric and Protohistoric Sciences. The editorial staff of *The PLAIN TRUTH* thought it advisable that

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Above, booming Czech industry near Pilsen spues smoke into the atmosphere. Left, Czechs take pleasure cruise on Vltava River, Prague.

four of us on the staff should make the trip together. The Czech government extended to us every courtesy.

Delegates from at least 52 nations were in attendance at the Congress. The largest contingent was from East and West Germany. Imagine if you can this scene at the Congress:

An East German university professor is speaking. Before him are West Germans, Czechs, Russians, Poles, Bulgarians, etc. The subject touches on archaeological finds on East German soil. But he has a problem. He cannot use the term East Germany because West Germany does not recognize Communist East Germany. His solution was simple. He referred to the soil of Communist East Germany as *Mitteldeutschland* — Middle Germany. The tacit implication: there is yet another Germany further east under Polish and Russian administration!

But the topic under discussion did not end there. The professor launched into an attack on Communist Bulgaria's history textbooks. Too much politics, he charged!

While in Prague, already crowded with new autos, we contacted the Department of Culture and Tourism of the Czech government. The officials generously made available to us their vast photo files for use in *The PLAIN TRUTH*.

During the Congress we had the opportunity of taking a conducted tour to Bylany. It is the site of one of the earliest agricultural settlements in Czechoslovakia. En route we stopped at Kačina château, now transformed into a museum devoted to the history of agriculture. It is typical of Communist thinking — or lack of it. The large rooms of the château have beautiful inlaid wood with occasional marble floors. Chandeliers hang from the ceilings. On exhibit in this quality château are all types of farm implements from the earliest sickles (dating back nearly 4000 years) to the latest agricultural inventions.

Outside the château the seedy lawns



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Giant Sports Stadium, Budapest. Hungarians, released from the rigours of Stalinism, seek relaxation in sports.

Budapest, Hungary—Sports Stadium



Prague street, right, is typical of city's huge traffic problems. Below, is beautiful new Restaurant Praha frequented by prosperous Czechs.

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were being cut by young girls using — you guessed it! — sickles, looking as old and worn as those on exhibit within! Czech agriculture contrasts sharply with the boom in industry!

Industry First — Agriculture Last

What has happened in Czechoslovakia is this. Rumblings of discontent gained momentum in 1964. The country was stagnating. Individual initiative was being stifled. Industry was falling apart.

Suddenly, with the ouster of Khrushchev in 1964, the new managerial class, growing up within the Communist system, saw their opportunity. They cautiously, but steadily introduced "creeping capitalism" into the system to try to make communism work. First it was light industry that felt the impact. Then transportation. Production quotas, styles and prices were no longer set by a central authority. They were henceforth to be determined by the management of the local co-operative.

The system has been working so well in industry and transportation that it is to be applied this coming year to agriculture.

By contrast, the Poles have done the exact opposite. They began to introduce "creeping capitalism" into agriculture first to see if it would make the system work. It did. So now they are applying it to transportation and industry.

The accompanying photos illustrate the marked improvement in the urban Czech standard of living during the past two years.

Prosperity Brings Its Problems

Not more than two years ago Czechs carefully looked over their shoulders before speaking softly in public. Today things are different. Criticism of the system is commonplace among the older people.

Young people, assured of jobs, are less concerned. They are turning to their western neighbors and to England for new ideas to fill their minds. The Iron Curtain utterly failed in keeping out

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The SEVEN LAWS of Radiant Health

Did God intend you to be sick — to feel only "half alive"?
Here is the way to a joyous, healthful, thrilling life!

by Roderick C. Meredith

IT MAY come as a shock—few realize it. But from ONE QUARTER TO ONE THIRD of the American people are either *sick* or physically or mentally or emotionally *impaired*!

These shocking facts are revealed in the latest estimates compiled by the National Health Education Committee. Most are suffering from one of *eighteen* "main illnesses and handicapping conditions." At the head of the list was—you may have guessed it—*MENTAL DISEASE*! This is estimated to affect 17 million, or one in ten, of all Americans. Then follows arthritis and rheumatic diseases, affecting over *eleven million*. Next comes diseases of the heart and circulation, which afflict over *ten million* persons!

Now look around the world. In Britain, the *London Observer* reported in 1964: "British industry loses an estimated 18 million man hours every year through psychiatric illness, compared with four million caused by strikes."

Need we mention the tragic state of health of hundreds of millions in Asia, Africa, South America?

What About YOU?

Are you bubbling over with energy and enthusiasm? Are you free from all pain and sickness? Do you have the *drive* and *consistent good health* to lead, to produce, to accomplish—to fulfill the *PURPOSE* of your life successfully?

Make no mistake!

Christians are called to be a "light" an *example* to others. They are called to *help* and *serve* others. And they are called to be *LEADERS*—preparing to *RULE* with and under Jesus Christ in

the *World Tomorrow*. But they simply CANNOT DO THIS effectively if they are "sick" most of the time!

For your bodily health *greatly affects* your drive and zeal—even in spiritual matters. It affects your warmth and friendliness—your *whole personality*. You simply CANNOT AFFORD to remain sick or "below par" most of the time. You need to find the *cause* of sickness and the *WAY* to build radiant health.

Cause of Illness

People do not just *happen* to get sick! There is a *CAUSE* for every effect. And there is a definite *cause* for all the sickness, disease, and physical suffering which is so common in this modern world.

God does not intend for us to be sick. In III John, verses 1 and 2, God inspired John to write to an elder in the church, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and *be in health*, even as thy soul prospereth." We know that God inspired all scripture for *our* instruction (II Tim. 3:16), and so this scripture applies to *all* who would obey their Creator. God wishes us to be in *health*! That is *His WILL*.

Why, then, are so many sick today?

We find in I John 3:4 that sin is the transgression of *law*. That's the Bible definition of *SIN*. Spiritual sin is the transgression of God's *spiritual* law, the law of *love* summed up in the ten commandments.

But there are *physical laws*, too, that regulate physical health. If you break these laws, or if they are accidentally broken, it is a transgression of *law*—and it exacts a *penalty*. The penalty is

sickness—or physical suffering of some kind.

When Jesus Christ healed the sick, it was the *forgiveness* of *physical sin*. Notice how Jesus healed a man sick of the palsy (Luke 5:18-26). He said to the sick man on the bed, "*Man, thy sins are forgiven thee.*" Read this account carefully. In healing the man, Jesus *forgave* the *PHYSICAL SINS* which had caused the palsy.

The *CAUSE* of sickness is the *transgression* of *physical laws* which God has set in motion to govern the operation of our human bodies. These *laws* are just as real as the law of gravity, and the *penalty* for breaking them is just as sure.

God's Way

God has been interested in the physical health of His people from the beginning. The Old Testament is full of directions and laws concerned with maintaining health. In Leviticus 11 and Deuteronomy 14, God gave Israel instructions as to what meats should be eaten. He revealed that they should eat neither *fat* nor *blood* (Lev. 3:17).

These and many other directions as to food, cleanliness, and general health were important guides to Israel down to the time of Christ. The early New Testament church, composed at first principally of Jewish converts, was able to benefit by the health principles God gave Israel.

All through the book of Acts, we find the Christian life spoken of as "the *way*" and "that *way*" (Acts 18:26; 19:23). An honest and careful study of the New Testament will show that in apostolic times Christianity was a definite *WAY OF LIFE*—including an un-

derstanding and practice of basic health principles.

The apostle Paul commanded the Christians at Corinth: "*Glorify God in your body*" (I Cor. 6:20). He said that we are "bought with a price" — our bodies *belong to God*. We should therefore *glorify* God in our physical bodies by using them as He intended, and by *obeying* the physical laws He has set in motion.

God has left it up to man to discover most of these laws — knowing we would be able to do so. But God does reveal the *principles* we should go by, and, in addition, He specifically reveals *those laws governing health which we would not otherwise be able to learn*.

Yes, God does wish us *all* to "*prosper and be in HEALTH*." And through the apostle Paul, He has commanded us to "*glorify God in our bodies*."

Using the health principles revealed in God's Word as a guide, and utilizing the results of man's observation and research into this subject, we can learn the definite laws which govern our physical health. By really *understanding* and *obeying* these laws, we can build the kind of radiant health which will enable us to live the kind of full, active, and joyful lives that God intended.

There is no excuse for feeling and being only *half alive*! The mounting rate of sickness, suffering, and death clearly shows that this world has *lost* the way to *health* — the way to *live*. We need to learn how to really *LIVE*!

What, then, are these physical *laws* which affect our bodies — and our *lives* — so much?

1) Build a POSITIVE Mental Attitude

One of the least understood factors governing health is the profound effect that the *mind* has upon the body. It is becoming increasingly recognized that a large part of the common ailments of mankind are caused — not so much by the *body* — as by the *mind*. Ulcers, indigestion, headaches, eyestrain, nervousness, and a host of other ailments — are often found to be directly caused by the condition of the *mind* — not the body.

Physical nourishment and care alone

are not enough. In Proverbs 15:17, God inspired Solomon to write: "Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith."

Haven't you known families who engage in a "free-for-all battle" during nearly every meal? Perhaps they are ignorant of the fact that fighting, nagging, and quarrelling at the table is almost certain to cause nervous indigestion and other ailments.

Few people today have the sense of contentment and real peace of mind upon which good health is predicated. They need to learn to *relax*, and to put *living FAITH in God* to guide them in solving the little problems which plague so many people.

This first requirement of good health is something which people who reject the knowledge of God can never fully hope to achieve. They may go to physicians and to psychologists and psychiatrists with their mental ills and fears. *But it is God alone* who can give real peace of mind. Men cut off from God will continually seek and not be satisfied, but Paul wrote of the Christians, "And the *peace of God*, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:7).

Even the Christian has to work at building *positive* mental habits. As Jesus said, we are to take no *anxious thought* for the morrow, but put *faith* in God and the power of His kingdom. Do *your* part in overcoming thoughts of hate, strife, and worry. Then keep close to God in *prayer* and *obedience*. Ask Him to give you love, joy, and peace through the Holy Spirit.

Cultivate thoughts of love, faith, and joy, for Solomon wrote, "A *merry heart* doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones" (Proverbs 17:22).

For any new readers, let me heartily suggest that you read *and study* last month's article in this series. It was entitled: "SEVEN KEYS TO MENTAL MASTERY." It revealed *many* vital principles that tie in with this present article — especially regarding the building of a *positive* and *balanced* mind. It revealed the ability to think *BIG* and so hurdle many a terrible obstacle or setback which might well provoke deep

discouragement or even suicide in a neurotic individual.

2) Food and Fasting

We are what we eat. The body is formed entirely from the foods we eat. Yet the average person has *very little* knowledge of what he really ought to eat to build a strong, vigorous body.

If the foods most of us eat were fed to a rat, the rat would soon die of *starvation*! *Why*? Many of the products commonly called foods are of little or no value in sustaining, nourishing or building the body. In fact, it has been proven by tests that they do actual *harm* to the body. They clog the digestive system, aggravate it and become a real burden for the body to eliminate. In many cases, they act as *poisons* — not foods!

The basic thing to remember in selecting foods is to be sure you eat *natural foods* which have not been corrupted or perverted in man-made "food" factories. Then you must learn to have a balanced diet containing all the elements your body requires to sustain and build health.

Take care that your food is *properly prepared* so as not to destroy the body-building elements. *Avoid* the starchy, greasy, sugary, spiced-up concoctions which may *taste good* at the moment, but which contain little of nutritional value and will in time *wreck your stomach*.

It is beyond the scope of this article to give you specific dietetic instruction, but remember the principle that your foods should be *natural* foods — as God caused them to grow or be formed in nature. These will include *genuine* whole grain breads (*without poisonous preservatives added*) and cereals, *fresh* fruits and *fresh* vegetables — cooked at low temperatures so as to preserve their nutritional value, lean meats cooked without grease or fat, and dairy products — including certified *raw* milk.

Few people fully realize the *great harm* caused by such "refined" or "improved" products as white bread, white sugar, canned fruits and vegetables, and pasteurized milk when these are substituted in place of the *natural*

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What Do You Mean... SALVATION?

Do you realize not one in a hundred knows what it is — how to get it — when you receive it? Don't be too sure you do! Here, once for all, is the TRUTH made so plain you will really UNDERSTAND it!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

COULD you, yourself, answer these questions? If someone asked you to open your Bible and show him exactly *where* the Bible says salvation means *going to heaven*—could you do it?

Is salvation a *place, a destination, a condition, a reward*—or *WHAT?* ... and *where* would you turn in your Bible to find it? Are you sure?

Could you open your Bible and show a questioner where it tells you *when* you receive salvation? Do you actually get it *now*, when you die, when Christ returns—or at some other time? This article will show you plainly.

Are you, at conversion, an inheritor, an heir to inherit, or what—and just what *does* one inherit?

Suppose you were asked what connection there is between salvation and that *whole third* of the Bible devoted to prophecy. Could you explain it? Another third or more of the Bible is taken up with history. Can you explain the connection of this vast amount of Scripture with *salvation*? Can you believe MOST of the Bible is totally unconcerned with the matter of salvation?

Let's Make it PLAIN!

Religious people talk about "getting saved." Yet even most religious people understand no more of what the Bible teaches about salvation—the real meaning of the word "salvation"—than a certain young man did about another religious expression.

He said to me, "I gave my heart to the Lord at the revival meeting last night."

"Well," I said, "Just what do you mean—you gave your heart to the Lord?

WHY

do some misrepresent, saying we teach "salvation by WORKS"? *They know better!* This surprising article will make the TRUTH not only plain, but tremendously INTERESTING! You'll see how millions have been deceived into a FALSE salvation.

Just how did you do that? Did you reach in your hand, take your heart out, and actually hand it to the Lord—and was He really right there, in Person?"

"Well, uh—uh—" he stammered, confused, "uh—well, no, I didn't do that."

"Then just what *did* you do? *How* did you give your heart to the Lord?" He stammered some more, then guessed he didn't know.

That's the way it is with a lot of people who say "I got saved." They don't really know what they mean by "getting saved."

Do YOU know what the BIBLE teaches about salvation? Millions of sincere people have *supposed* they knew—yet have been deceived into accepting a FALSE SALVATION.

It's about time to get to the plain WHY'S, WHAT'S, HOW'S, and WHEN'S, so you can see it clearly, plainly, right in your own BIBLE! *Why* should the most important thing in life be a vague, mysterious, superstitious, ethereal, meaningless thing?

I'm going to make it PLAIN—in your Bible! So prepare yourself for a SHOCK! And don't believe me—BELIEVE THE BIBLE!

What Salvation Is

While the real truth must come from the Bible, the dictionary definition may help a little. Webster defines "salvation" as: "1. The saving of man from the spiritual consequences of sin; especially deliverance from sin and eternal damnation. . . . 2. Preservation from destruction, failure, or other evil."

Now we need to learn the Bible definition of SIN, and to see what the Bible reveals the spiritual CONSEQUENCES to be. Whatever the CONSEQUENCES, Webster says salvation is to save you *from* it—and in this the Bible shows Webster was right. Also salvation means PRESERVATION—and in this, we shall see the Bible affirms the definition.

But why would you *need* to be saved from the spiritual CONSEQUENCES of sin? And WHY, if you are an immortal soul, do you need *preservation from destruction*? What has this to do with you?

Suppose you say, "Look, I don't go to church. I don't pretend to be religious. Why should I be concerned with all these religious words like 'sin' and 'salvation' and 'spiritual consequences'?"

Does this concern *only* religious people?

WHY You Are Concerned

God Almighty, who designed, created, and sustains human life—including yours, says this: "ALL have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

That involves YOU!

Right now you probably have no conception of what is meant by "the glory of God" you have come short of. You'll

really open your eyes in astonishment when it is made plain to you.

But, whatever SIN is, *you have sinned*. ALL humans have! Christ, only, is excepted. *You are involved*. And since salvation is saving man from the *consequences* of sin (and the Bible affirms this, as we shall see), let God's Word tell you what the *consequences* are.

It is plain and simple. Here it is: "The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 6:23).

But why have you heard — and possibly believed — just the opposite? *Look at that* — read it in your own BIBLE! *Notice!* The wages you are going to be paid for having sinned is DEATH! Then why do so many religious people teach exactly the opposite of the Bible — WHY do they teach that the wages of sin is ETERNAL LIFE in hell?

Look at that again, in your Bible! On the one hand, the penalty is DEATH — on the other hand, the gift is ETERNAL LIFE. The two are contrasted — it is one or the other — DEATH, or ETERNAL LIFE.

Right here let me make VERY PLAIN one thing THE BIBLE teaches. A few persecutors have accused us of teaching "a salvation by WORKS" — that is, that our "works" *earn* salvation. Let it be made clear and plain right here that your "WORKS" — your *evil* works — *do earn something* — but it is NOT SALVATION — what they *earn* — the WAGES they *earn* — is DEATH, and *not* salvation!

Further, let's get this point straight and plain right here — ETERNAL LIFE is *not* something you can *earn*, it is God's GIFT through Christ! That is the plain teaching of YOUR BIBLE! You *earn* wages. The only wages you can *earn* is DEATH. Your Bible says that. We say that. But our accusers actually teach the very thing they accuse us of teaching!!! — they teach that ETERNAL LIFE is the wages you *EARN* by your works — even though it is eternal life in hellfire.

Again — your BIBLE says very plainly that "the GIFT of God is ETERNAL LIFE." Now this very verse (and all others in the Bible bearing on the subject agree) says plainly that what you RECEIVE by God's GRACE — as HIS GIFT,

is ETERNAL LIFE. It says that eternal life is something you have to OBTAIN as a GIFT from GOD! Therefore SALVATION actually is "ETERNAL LIFE" — a GIFT! But do you know the accusers who try to discredit this very work of God DENY THAT? They actually DENY that eternal life comes only as God's GIFT by grace and through Christ. THEY SAY YOU ALREADY HAVE ETERNAL LIFE. They say you are an "IMMORTAL SOUL"!

Yes, this is amazing!

This is important! This is the crux of the whole question — of life — of the reason for existence! If you have an immortal soul — if you already *have* eternal life — then the Bible is not true when it says plainly eternal life is a GIFT from God. According to the Bible, what the "saved" receive as God's GIFT through Jesus Christ is ETERNAL LIFE. Salvation, then, actually *is* the receiving of something you don't now have — ETERNAL LIFE. And if that Bible statement is TRUE, then our accusers are FALSE!

They try to deceive people into believing they do not need to be saved *from death* by Christ's free grace — by His shed blood. They say you do not need saving *from death* at all. They say, as Satan deceived mother Eve, that you will not surely die — you are — or have — an immortal soul!

NOTICE THIS IN YOUR BIBLE!

It's time to quit believing and following MEN. Look in your own Bible. BELIEVE GOD!!

WHY You Are Helpless

Now does the Bible say anywhere that you are, or have, an "IMMORTAL SOUL"?

For years we offered \$1,000 to anyone who can show any place where the words "immortal soul" are found in the Bible. No one ever found it!

WHY IS IT that religious people speak continually about "your immortal soul," about "going to heaven," about dead loved ones being now "with the Lord," and many other such things supposed to be the BASIC beliefs of Christianity — and yet *never once* showing you any such teaching IN THE BIBLE! They *talk* of these teachings as if they were true. They lead you to

take these teachings for granted — to suppose they came from the Bible.

What does the Bible teach about the soul? Will you read it in your own Bible? Don't take my word for it — don't believe me — BELIEVE GOD!

Read it, in Ezekiel 18:4: "The soul that sinneth, *it shall die*." Yes, again, the wages of sin is DEATH — that soul that sins shall DIE!

The truth about the soul is so important God caused it to be written twice. Turn now to Ezekiel 18:20: "The soul that sinneth, *it shall die*." Souls are not immortal. Your Bible says they can DIE!

But the deceiver may say: "That's in the Old Testament." Read in the NEW Testament that ALL Scripture — all that Timothy had known from youth, which was the Old Testament — is given by inspiration of God (II Timothy 3:15-16).

Again, in the NEW Testament: Jesus Christ Himself said you should "fear him which is able to *destroy* both *soul* and *body* in *gehenna*" — a fire that will *burn them up* — cause them to DIE — *destroy* what is burned! Oh, yes, the Bible does teach *that* kind of hell-fire — but not the kind where one burns forever and yet never burns up (Matthew 10:28). Let's *believe* Jesus Christ when He says souls can be DESTROYED! They are NOT immortal!

This may come as a surprise: not only is it true that there is no such expression anywhere in the Bible as "immortal soul," but the word "immortal" occurs *only once* in all the Bible — in I Timothy 1:17, where it refers to GOD as being immortal.

Further, the word "immortality" can be found only five times in all the Bible. In Romans 2:7 you will read it is something for us to *seek for*. Of course! It is the GIFT of GOD, who has it to give! You don't need to *seek for* something you already have! In I Corinthians 15:53, and again in verse 54, immortality is something the "saved" shall *put on*, AT THE TIME OF THE RESURRECTION. In I Timothy 6:16 it speaks of the resurrected and glorified Christ, who, *only*, of all who have been born human, has immortality. And finally, in II Timothy 1:10, immortality is something Jesus Christ brought to

light—made possible for us to receive—through the Gospel.

So the Bible teaches that the soul is NOT immortal, but is mortal, subject to DEATH as the penalty of sin!

Now where does this leave YOU? Let's get back to YOU!

All have sinned. That includes you. The penalty is DEATH! You do not possess eternal life from natural birth. Christ said: "That which is born of the flesh is flesh" (John 3:6). So you are only mortal, material FLESH. You are "of the earth—earthy" (I Cor. 15:47). The life you were born with is merely temporary chemical existence! You live by breathing air in and out of your lungs—the *breath of life*.

You are only one breath away from death—the cessation of the existence we call "life." If you don't draw that next breath, you can't keep alive or conscious ten more minutes. There is no immortal soul that will keep you alive and conscious. You ARE a soul (Gen. 2:7) that has *sinned*, and so shall DIE, unless saved from it by Christ's grace.

If your heart does not make that next beat, there is nothing in you to keep you alive ten minutes. You exist by breathing of air and circulation of blood—fed by food and water. You have only temporary CHEMICAL EXISTENCE. You are like a clock wound up, and running down. You don't know at what second it will stop!

You can't give yourself any LIFE beyond this running-down chemical existence. There is no eternal life inherent in you. Nothing you can do will produce it, supply it, or EARN it. You can't get it by *your own works*!

What your own works have done for you is earn for you the PENALTY of death. And it is ETERNAL DEATH—*eternal punishment*! You see, everyone has "WORKS"—either good or bad.

GOD—and God *only*—has immortality! Instead of *assuming* carelessly the pagan teaching of "immortality of the soul," turn again to I Timothy 6:16 and read it with your own eyes in your own Bible! The risen Christ, and He only, of all who were born human, has immortality. God has immortality—life *inherent*, in Himself (John 5:26). He has given to the Son, Jesus

Christ, also to have LIFE *in Himself*. And only GOD can impart eternal life to YOU! It comes through Christ.

But how are you going to go to God? Your past sins not only have condemned you under penalty of death—they also have put a total BARRIER between you and God. They have cut you off from all access to God!

Read it! See it in your own Bible: "Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: but *your iniquities have separated between you and your God*, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear" (Isaiah 59:1-2).

HOW Seek God?

So HOW, when this barrier stands between you, are you going to GO TO GOD to obtain eternal life?

Again Isaiah answers: "SEEK ye the Eternal while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near; *let the wicked forsake HIS WAY*, and the unrighteous man his thoughts... For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Eternal" (Isa. 55:6-8).

So now you SEEK GOD, so you may obtain eternal LIFE from Him. You REPENT! You forsake *your way* of life, and turn to God's way. But you find something is *still lacking*! You find you still are cut off! The barrier is still there! Do you know why?

At this point we need to stop and find out what is meant by that word "SIN."

Haven't you honestly been a bit confused by this religious terminology? You hear people talk about "sin," "getting saved," "under law or under grace," "justification," "sanctified," "heaven," "hell," "predestination," and dozens of other terms. Haven't they been pretty vague to you—rather meaningless? Do you know that most religious people who use all these religious words usually don't know any more than you do what they really MEAN?

What Do You Mean—SIN?

We started by quoting the Scripture "ALL have sinned." We said that included YOU!

But *what is SIN*? Why, when men preach, don't you hear *that* explained, defined, made clear and understandable? WHY are these religious terms used most of the time loosely, vaguely, meaninglessly?

Once, in Springfield, Oregon, a young man with a Bible in his hand accosted me on the street. An evangelist had come to town and pitched a tent. He brought with him a "gospel team" including some eight young men of college age, who roamed the streets carrying Bibles, stopping people and inviting them to attend the services. One stopped me.

"Well now," I said, 'Does your evangelist teach that Christ saves us from SIN?' He assured me he did.

"Well, what I want to know," I persisted, "is what I have to quit DOING—or what I have DONE that you call 'SIN.' Just what *is* 'SIN'?"

"Well," he answered, "Christ died for our sins."

"But that doesn't tell me exactly *what* I've done that Christ had to die for," I insisted. "What *is* 'SIN'?"

"Christ DIED for our sins," came the reply.

"Yes, I know—you said that before. But what *is* this thing, 'SIN,' that He died for? What do I have to quit doing? Can you open that Bible you have, and show me the BIBLE DEFINITION of the word 'SIN'? Is there a place in the Bible where it gives a plain definition—where it says 'sin is—' and then in plain words tells what it is?"

He called to a second of the young men—then a third, and a fourth. Finally, with a large crowd gathering, they called the evangelist himself. But even he could not—or *would not*—turn to the Bible answer! One by one, they slunk away!

Then I took a Bible out of my briefcase, turned to I John 3:4, and read to the crowd:

"Sin is the transgression of the Law."

But *what* law? This is explained in Romans 7. So next I read:

"What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay I had not known sin but by the law"—or, in the plainer English of the Moffatt translation: "Why, had it not been for the Law, I

would never have known what sin meant!" In other words, the Law *defines sin*. Sin is breaking the Law. But *what* Law? Continuing, same verse: "for I had not known lust, except the Law had said, Thou shalt not covet" (Rom. 7:7).

There we are told plainly *what* Law it is SIN to transgress. It is the Law that says: "Thou shalt not covet." That Law is the Ten Commandments. It is SIN to break the Ten Commandments.

In verses 12 and 14 of this same 7th chapter of Romans you will read that the Law is *holy, just and good*, and that it is a SPIRITUAL LAW—a law of spiritual principles of living!

Of course the whole spiritual Law may be summed up in the word LOVE. This may be divided into the two Great Commandments, love toward GOD, and love toward *neighbor*. The first four of the Ten Commandments tell us *how* to love GOD; the last six *how* to love neighbor. The WHOLE BIBLE elaborates, showing the principles involved, until it includes the entire RIGHT WAY OF LIFE!

Now notice Romans 3:20. "Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin."

Of course! False accusers to the contrary notwithstanding, THAT IS PRECISELY WHAT WE TEACH. Keeping the law will not justify anyone. We have all sinned. We cannot justify this guilt we have incurred—we cannot avoid the wages we have earned—DEATH—by obedience, goodness, works, or anything we can do.

Let's make that REAL PLAIN! Most women carry a mirror in their purses. A woman takes out her mirror, steals a glance at her face, discovers dirt on it. Does she try to wash off the dirt with the mirror? Ridiculous? Yes, of course. Looking into the mirror won't cleanse the dirt already there. WHY? Because BY the mirror comes the KNOWLEDGE that the dirt is there! Now God's LAW is His spiritual mirror. Your Bible says so—plainly (James 1:22-25). You look into GOD'S LAW. It shows you the spiritual dirt on your heart. To HEAR God's Word, which corrects, reproves and rebukes (II Tim. 3:16) and then DO NOTHING about the spiritual dirt it

reveals is like a man beholding his face in a mirror, seeing the dirt—gaining knowledge of it—then forgetting how dirty he is—doing nothing about it.

God's LAW is His spiritual mirror. But keeping yourself from becoming more dirty today does not wash off the dirt already there. So, "By the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight"—WHY? Because "by the law is the KNOWLEDGE of sin." OF COURSE!

Sin is "the transgression of the law." Paul would not have *known* it was sin to lust, except the LAW had said, "Thou shalt not covet." The function of the Law is to tell us *what sin is!* Not to cleanse us of yesterday's sin or erase the penalty of last year's sin.

There can never be a LAW, unless there is a *penalty* for its violation. And, where "no law is, there is no transgression" (Rom. 4:15) and could be no penalty—no punishment. If the wages—the punishment—of sin is death, and death is the penalty, then there is a LAW. And if there is no law being broken, there is no transgression and no penalty—and then we need no Saviour—no salvation FROM the punishment.

NOW WHERE did the Law come from? Again, through James, God says "There is ONE LAWGIVER" (James 4:12). That is GOD. God set in motion many laws—laws of physics and chemistry among them. The great law of LOVE is a *spiritual* law. It is THE WAY of peace, of happiness—of right relationship with God and with human neighbor. It is inexorable—a *living* law as much fixed and in motion as laws of gravity and inertia. To break it is to turn in the opposite direction from peace, happiness, security, abundance, and toward strife, fear, worry, unhappiness, suffering, death. The final wages you earn traveling that WAY is DEATH!

Yes, the wages of sin is DEATH! But we have HOPE! The GIFT of GOD is eternal LIFE.

So now, where are we? Eternal life can be had only from GOD. So, as stated above, you seek GOD. But you find a tremendous, impenetrable barrier—your sins you have committed. Until they are JUSTIFIED you have no access to God.

Isaiah 55:6-8, already quoted, says that if you would seek God the sinner must forsake HIS WAY, and turn to GOD'S WAY. God's LAW is God's WAY—and sin, the transgression of His Law—rebellion and disobedience—is YOUR way.

So now you forsake YOUR WAY—you forsake SIN or breaking His Law. You forsake breaking it by keeping it—OBEYING it. At least you try—you do it the very best you can.

LAW-KEEPING Won't Justify!

But what do you find? YOU ARE STILL CUT OFF FROM GOD!

Actually, as we shall see in a moment, you can't keep a spiritual law with a carnal mind. But, even if you could, your OBEEDIENCE now is *only what is required of you now!* It does not make up for PAST law-breaking. That penalty still hangs over you. As we have seen, by being law-abiding *now*, no flesh shall be JUSTIFIED of past law-breaking! A man convicted of committing murder last month does not erase his sentence by being law-abiding this month.

THAT IS WHAT YOUR BIBLE TEACHES! And that is what *The PLAIN TRUTH* teaches! That is what Herbert W. Armstrong and Garner Ted Armstrong and *The WORLD TOMORROW* program proclaim to the whole world! GET THAT STRAIGHT! All the good WORKS in the world—all the LAW-keeping—cannot JUSTIFY you of your past guilt.

Now where do you find yourself? You are now submissive—obedient to God's Law. Is this necessary? MOST ASSUREDLY IT IS! Does it JUSTIFY you? A THOUSAND TIMES NO! NO!! NO!!! Where are you now? You have forsaken *your WAY*—sin; you have turned to GOD'S WAY—His Law.

AND YOU ARE STILL CUT OFF FROM GOD! Your works—your Law-keeping, while certainly REQUIRED, still has not JUSTIFIED past guilt—has not RECONCILED you to GOD. You still have NO ACCESS WHATEVER to God.

And you have to gain access to HIM in order to obtain His GIFT of eternal LIFE! I am trying to make this PLAIN. I want all to UNDERSTAND it, once for all!

After all this—after forsaking SIN

—turning to God's WAY, as He commands—keeping His Law—that DEATH penalty for *past* sins still hangs over you—the PUNISHMENT is still DEATH—and it is ETERNAL punishment—death for all ETERNITY! So your Bible teaches! Don't let anyone tell you we do not teach ETERNAL PUNISHMENT. The BIBLE teaches eternal punishment. We teach eternal punishment. That punishment, YOUR Bible says, is not eternal LIFE in a hellfire of endless torture—not eternal punishing—eternal punishment—it is DEATH for eternity—and God's GIFT is LIFE for eternity! I want to make it PLAIN. Don't ever be confused about what we proclaim to the whole world. The BIBLE is the truth, and we make it PLAIN—*mighty* plain!

The Bible says the punishment is the *second* death—for eternity. It is appointed to men once to die—but after that, the judgment (Heb. 9:27). How? As in Adam ALL die (sinners and saints alike), so in Christ shall ALL be made alive—the same ALL, sinners and saints both—who die the first death (I Cor. 15:22-23). How? By a resurrection (John 5:28-29)—there is to be a resurrection of the just and the unjust—they that have done good, and they that have done evil. Read it and believe what your Bible says! The unjust end up in a hellfire that shall burn them up (II Pet. 3:10; Rev. 20:14-15; Mal. 4:1, 3), until they become ashes under the feet of the saved! Read it. Believe what you read in your BIBLE!

So, where are you? Even with your Commandment keeping which—make no mistake *God requires of you*—still you are pretty helpless. You can't give yourself eternal life. You are doomed to die—and you are still cut off by sins of the past from GOD, who, *only*, has eternal life to GIVE.

You are pretty helpless, aren't you?

Well you have made a right start, even if you are still helpless.

HOW You Gain Contact

And now you have made this right start, there is a way you may gain contact with God who has ETERNAL LIFE to impart. God so loved this world of

sinners, cut off from Him, that He GAVE His only begotten Son! Remember, God GIVES eternal life through CHRIST!

Notice Romans 5:6-10: "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly."

Jesus Christ never transgressed God's Law. He said, "I have KEPT my Father's Commandments" (John 15:10). He also said He set us an example that we should do as He did. He never incurred the death penalty. He never cut Himself off from God. When He voluntarily PAID the death penalty, He did not pay it for any sins of His own—for there were none. He gave HIS LIFE instead of YOURS! He paid YOUR penalty FOR YOU!

The life HE gave was that of the MAKER of us all! God created all things BY JESUS CHRIST (Eph. 3:9). All things—including all humans—were MADE BY HIM (John 1:1-3). Therefore the life He gave on the cross was greater than the sum-total of ALL other human lives! THAT is the life that died FOR YOU—that paid YOUR penalty FOR YOU!

Now, continue in Romans 5:8-10: "But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more, then, *being now justified* by His blood..."

NOTICE! "Being NOW justified." How? By your works—by your required obedience to God's Law? NO! By the blood of CHRIST! If you have repented, and accepted Jesus Christ as personal Saviour you are already NOW justified!

But right here is where so many go off into error. They simply do not understand Biblical terms. "JUSTIFIED" does not refer to the FUTURE—it has to do only with your guilty PAST! This term "justified" does not mean "saved" as we shall now see. It does not mean the GIFT of LIFE. It means the GIFT of ACQUITTAL of PAST GUILT! It means the penalty of PAST sins has been paid in full, by Christ, for YOU!

The law stood over you. It claimed your life—you were under it. It took Christ's life in payment instead of yours. The PENALTY STANDS PAID! You are no longer UNDER the law. It

no longer has claim over your life! You are now under GRACE—undeserved PARDON. You are PARDONED from paying the penalty, since Jesus Christ paid it FOR you! This is not YOUR WORKS. It is Christ's SACRIFICE. YOU ARE NOW ACQUITTED—JUSTIFIED—the slate is wiped clean of a guilty past!

IN OTHER WORDS—the BARRIER between you and God has now been removed! You are now, by CHRIST'S SACRIFICE, given contact with GOD—reconciled to HIM!

SAVED By His DEATH?

So, continue: "Much more then, *being now justified* by His blood, we SHALL BE SAVED by Him."

NOTICE IT! You are already JUSTIFIED. Not by works, but by Christ's blood! The PAST is squared up—the penalty paid—the contact with God made. BUT are you already SAVED?

LOOK AT IT! It says "we shall BE saved." Not that we already are saved. It says "being now justified" but it does NOT say "being now SAVED." It says "we SHALL BE"—yes, in the FUTURE—saved. That is still FUTURE! SEE IT with your own eyes. Don't believe ME. Don't believe preachers who say you are already, now, saved! JUST BELIEVE THESE PLAIN WORDS IN YOUR BIBLE!

It IS real plain, isn't it?

Now here comes a surprise. Notice verse 10:

"For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son..." Here, again, we WERE RECONCILED—past tense. Not by your works—by Christ's DEATH. When you have truly repented, forsaken your WAY, sought God, accepted Christ as Saviour and *His death* as payment for your past sins, you HAVE BEEN, ALREADY, reconciled. So the wording here is *we were reconciled*—past tense—to God by the DEATH of His Son.

What was accomplished by Jesus' death? It paid the PENALTY—it wiped out your guilty PAST—justified you of your guilt—reconciled you to GOD. But did it SAVE you? DID IT? Wait—don't just glibly say YES—see with your own eyes what YOUR BIBLE says!

It says, continuing, same sentence:

"much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life."

CAN YOU BELIEVE YOUR OWN EYES? There it is, in your own Bible!

Already reconciled, by Christ's death; but — "*we SHALL BE SAVED*" — that is FUTURE tense. Not yet *saved* — but we SHALL BE — in the future — saved. Now are you going to be SAVED by Christ's DEATH? Can DEATH impart LIFE?

There is no stronger law in science than the law of biogenesis which says LIFE COMES ONLY FROM LIFE. Death cannot impart LIFE.

Now HOW shall we — in FUTURE — be SAVED? By Christ's death? No! Notice! READ IT! "We shall be saved BY HIS LIFE!"

After Christ died, God RAISED HIM BACK TO LIFE. We are saved by His resurrection — by HIS LIFE — by a LIVING SAVIOUR! Read I Corinthians 15:14-23.

What Do You MEAN — "Not Under the Law?"

Now where do you stand? You are now making progress. You now have real hope. You have repented — you have sought God, forsaken YOUR WAY — turned to GOD'S WAY, as defined in His Law and all through His Word. You have accepted Jesus Christ as personal Saviour, and His shed blood for remission of sins. You are now reconciled to GOD. You are justified of — FORGIVEN — your guilty past. You are out from under the PENALTY of broken law.

Now, we read the question: "What shall we say, then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?" (Rom. 6:1.) You are now under GRACE — undeserved PARDON!

You *deserved* only DEATH. You didn't earn forgiveness — PARDON from the death penalty. You received it BY GRACE through Jesus Christ.

Now, shall you CONTINUE IN SIN — that is, continue *transgressing the Law*? The answer is "God forbid" (Rom. 6:2).

You *were* UNDER THE LAW, when the law stood over you, claiming its penalty. When Christ paid the penalty, and satisfied the claims of the law, you were no longer under the law, but

under GRACE. Now does that mean you are not under obligation to *obey* the law — that you have license to SIN — to BREAK THE LAW? Remember sin is the transgression of the law.

NOW READ THIS IN YOUR BIBLE!

"What then? shall we sin" — that is, according to the BIBLE definition, shall we break the Law — "because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to OBEY, his servants ye are to whom ye OBEY; whether of sin" — breaking the law — "unto DEATH" — penalty for disobedience to God's Law — "or of OBEDIENCE unto righteousness?" (Rom. 6:15-16.)

There it is! We *must not* return to rebellion against God's inexorable law of LOVE — His right way of life. If we do, we are *again* under the law — again automatically sentenced to DEATH! Jesus Christ did not die to give you license to continue in law-breaking. When you accept, by His grace, remission of sins, *it is only for sins THAT ARE PAST!* You cannot obtain *in advance* remission of all the lawlessness you might like to commit *in the future*.

Read *that* in your Bible: "*Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past through the forbearance of God*" (Romans 3:24-25).

We are justified only of SINS THAT ARE PAST. We have remission only of SINS THAT ARE PAST — not license to break the Law in the future.

WHY do some religious people today teach that it is all right for Christians to go right on breaking the Law? WHY do they say that GRACE means LICENSE to DISOBEY God's Law? No wonder God found it necessary, through Jude, to warn us to contend earnestly for the FAITH ONCE DELIVERED to the saints by Jesus Christ — for, as you'll read in Jude 3-4, there are certain men crept in unawares — deceiving people — TURNING GRACE INTO LICENSE! They are the ones who accuse us of teaching "salvation by works."

Would a governor PARDON a man convicted of murder so he could con-

tinue murdering more and more people? God's merciful PARDON — His GRACE — is bestowed on us *because* we have repented, with a sincere desire to *turn from our wicked* ways of lawlessness. If we are willing to live, from here on, *righteously, happily*, as we should have from the beginning, the merciful and loving God has been willing to GIVE His Son Jesus Christ, who, in turn, was willing to give His LIFE, to square up our PAST law-breaking — to wipe the slate clean, and give us, BY HIS MERCIFUL GRACE, a fresh, clean start.

So, from here on, *we must OBEY* — unto RIGHTEOUSNESS! (Rom. 6:16.)

Yet *you cannot* of your own strength, keep the spiritual Law spiritually.

Now let's really understand *that*!

HOW You Get Eternal LIFE

Many religious people — many ordained ministers — will tell you, "It is *impossible* to keep the Law." Are they telling the truth? What does your Bible say?

NOTICE! Of the parents of John the Baptist, you will read: "And they were both righteous before God, *walking in all the commandments* and ordinances of the Lord blameless" (Luke 1:6).

WHY, if it is *impossible*, did Christ command that *IF* we would enter into life, "KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS"? (Mat. 19:17.) Of those who claim to "know the Lord," often using such sentimental religious phrases as "Oh, how GOOD it is to know the Lord," but who teach we should not keep the Commandments, YOUR Bible says this: "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).

Yet you cannot, alone of yourself, keep the Law *spiritually*! That is not a contradiction. You can keep the literal letter, but not the spirit. Let's make *that* plain.

At the same time, we shall explain *HOW* you receive Eternal life — that is, *HOW* you receive SALVATION!

Back again, now, to YOU! You have now gained contact with God. You are mortal, possessing only a temporary chemical existence. GOD ONLY has eternal life. LIFE can come only *from* LIFE

—not from death. Christ's *death* paid the penalty of your guilty PAST — it reconciled you to GOD — gave you access direct to God. But it *did not* give you eternal LIFE — did not, yet, *save you!* Now what?

Jesus Christ said it was necessary for us mortal humans that He go to the Father's throne in heaven (John 16:7) in order to send the Holy Spirit of God for us. This required the resurrected LIVING Christ. So after His resurrection, Jesus ascended to the throne of God that rules the entire universe (Rev. 3:21). Then, some ten days later, on the annual day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit came to enter into the very minds of all who had sincerely REPENTED of their rebellion against God and His WAY, and who had been reconciled to God — had gained access — by faith in Christ's shed blood for the remission of past sins (Acts 2:1-4).

These first disciples received God's Spirit *through the work of the resurrected, glorified, LIVING Christ*. The Spirit of the Father is also the Spirit of CHRIST. Thus it actually was the living Christ, Himself, entering into them — not in Person, but IN SPIRIT! Christ is a *living* Saviour who does His saving work from WITHIN!

Now let's get the connection.

IF the Holy Spirit of God actually DWELLS within you, then as God raised Christ from the dead, He shall ALSO make immortal ("quicken" means energize — make eternally *alive*) your mortal body BY His Spirit dwelling in you (Romans 8:11). But (verse 9), unless His Spirit is actually IN you, you are not a Christian — no matter how many churches you join!

God's Holy Spirit is His LIFE. It imparts His LIFE to you! It imparts *more*, as we shall now see!

God Doesn't "Kid Himself"

One thing more, the Holy Spirit is DIVINE, SPIRITUAL LOVE — the love of GOD flowing into you from God Almighty — through the living Christ! (Rom. 5:5.) Jesus explained how we should come to HIM, and drink in of His Spirit, like drinking in *living water* — and how this same Holy Spirit would FLOW, *like a river of living water*, on out from us (John 7:37-39).

Now let's make all that PLAIN AND CLEAR.

God's Law is a law of LOVE — love to God in reverence, worship and obedience — love to neighbor in service, kindness, sharing. *It takes LOVE to fulfil — to PERFORM — the Law*. You will read that in Romans 13:10.

But, remember? — we saw, in Romans 7:14, that this Law is a SPIRITUAL Law. Science knows only about PHYSICAL laws. Humans are mortals — PHYSICAL. We were born with a capacity only for PHYSICAL love. The love of a parent for a child, a husband or wife for a mate, or even relatives, friends, neighbors. We also are born with capacity for envy, jealousy, hate.

But this SPIRITUAL LAW can be fulfilled — performed — spiritually kept and obeyed — ONLY BY SPIRITUAL LOVE! You were not born with that kind of love. You do not have, naturally, the kind of love required to truly keep this great Spiritual Law.

You must go to GOD to obtain *that* kind of love. That is a love He gives you through the *living* Christ. That is HIS OWN LOVE. It emanates directly from Him.

Now UNDERSTAND! True righteousness is keeping "ALL THY COMMANDMENTS" (Psalm 119:172). It is performing God's Spiritual Law with the SPIRITUAL LOVE which only GOD can supply.

You drink it in from Him — once the contact is established. It pours on out from you like rivers of living water. Water in a river flows in a certain *direction*, guided by the riverbed or channel. GOD'S LAW is that riverbed which guides the *flow* — the expression — the *direction* in which the divine love flows! God's Law is THE WAY of perfect spiritual CHARACTER — the very character of GOD.

So — the VERY SPIRIT by which God imparts to you HIS LIFE — His SALVATION — is also His own LOVE which imparts to you HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS! It is no longer just YOU, in your own power and strength "keeping the commandments" — it is, spiritually speaking, the living Christ IN you, keeping His Father's Commandments — even as He kept them by this same divine love

even while He was human here on earth!

Can you brag, or boast, then, about your righteousness? No — IT IS NOT YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS — IT IS GOD'S! If Christ, by His GRACE, erased your guilty past, gave you access to God, and now pours forth into and through you the spiritual love that keeps the Law, this is not *your* righteousness, but GOD'S.

And this is not YOUR "WORKS"! It is *nothing you earn!*

God does not "kid Himself." Some religious teachers tell you Christ lived a righteous life FOR you over 1930 years ago, and since you "*can't* keep the Law," as they claim, God "IMPUTES" Christ's righteousness of 19 centuries ago to you — by sort of "kidding Himself" that you are righteous, while you are given license to still be a spiritual CRIMINAL breaking His Law! GOD does not impute to you something you do not have.

Far from this — the *living* Christ by His power *makes* us righteous! He imparts to us power to actually BECOME RIGHTEOUS. It is HIS DOING!

WHY Not to Heaven NOW?

Once again, back to YOU! *Now* where are we?

There are, first, two things YOU must do. On that very day of *Pentecost* after Christ had ascended to heaven, many who had joined the mob crying out "CRUCIFY HIM!" during Christ's trial before Pilate, were conscience-stricken and afraid, when they heard the inspired Peter's sermon. They cried out, "WHAT SHALL WE DO?" They, too, *were helpless*.

"REPENT, and BE BAPTIZED every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye SHALL RECEIVE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT" was the inspired answer (Acts 2:38).

Note it! Two things YOU do:

1) REPENT — turn *from* YOUR WAY, by turning to GOD'S WAY — His Law! You repent of sin. Sin is the transgression of the spiritual Law.

2) BE BAPTIZED. The Ethiopian eunuch, coming to a lake of water, asked Philip what hindered him to be baptized. "If thou believest with all thine

heart" was Philip's condition (Acts 8:36-37). Repentance is toward GOD, for the Law comes from God, but FAITH is toward Jesus Christ (Acts 20:21). Faith in Christ's atonement for sin is *commanded* to be expressed by BEING BAPTIZED. (Write for our free booklet, *All About Water Baptism*.)

This, then, *gains contact* with God. That is as far as *you* can go, on your own. You have reached your extremity! So now GOD does something!

3) You SHALL RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT.

This is God's GIFT. It is the presence, conditionally, of Eternal Life.

And now if you faithfully follow GOD's WAY—the way the Holy Spirit leads—you are already a begotten SON OF GOD! "For as many as *are led by the Spirit of God*, they are the sons of God" (Romans 8:14).

"Beloved, *now are* we the sons of God, and it doth *not yet* appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he (Christ) shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is" (I John 3:2).

GET IT STRAIGHT! You are now *converted*—a *changed* person—for God's Spirit (Eph. 4:23) produces a RENEWING of your mind. Your whole concept and direction of life is CHANGED! God's Spirit is HIS VERY LIFE imparted to you! You are now a BEGOTTEN son of God.

But it *does not yet* appear what you *shall be*. This Scripture does not say "where you shall go"—or "where you shall BE." It is talking about a *condition*, not a place: "WHAT we shall be"! Salvation is a matter of WHAT YOU BECOME—not where you shall go! God's purpose is to CHANGE YOU—from your vile character to HIS GLORIOUS CHARACTER—not to change the PLACE where you are!

BUT—you are now *already* a begotten SON of God—you may now call Him FATHER!—*as long as* you are LED by His Spirit!—and no longer (Heb. 10:26-27).

And there are still some "IF's." You must GROW spiritually (II Pet. 3:18). It is "To him that overcometh" that Christ will grant to sit with Him on His throne, when He returns to earth (Rev. 3:21). IF you overcome—

overcome your own carnal nature, the world and the devil—AND KEEP CHRIST'S WORKS (not your own works, but CHRIST'S—by HIS SPIRIT IN YOU) then you shall reign and RULE ALL NATIONS with Him, in the happy WORLD TOMORROW!

The *real* Christian life is, truly, a life of overcoming, spiritual growing—but it is the only HAPPY LIFE—the ABUNDANT life—here and now! Yet we must ENDURE and remain steadfast—for it is he who ENDURES to the END that *shall be* saved! Read *this* in your BIBLE—Matthew 10:22; 24:13; Mark 4:17; John 6:27; I Cor. 9:24-27; Heb. 10:26-27.

So, finally, back again to YOU! Where are we, *now*? You have been converted

—*changed* in mind, concept, attitude, direction of WAY of life—you are begotten as a child of God—you have now eternal life abiding in you—as long as you are LED by God's Spirit in God's WAY—as long as you continue in contact and fellowship with God (I John 1:3)—all by God's GRACE as His GIFT, and not anything you have earned by your works; and now if you continue overcoming, growing spiritually—and ALL THIS ACTUALLY THROUGH GOD'S POWER—you shall INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD, and *be made* IMMORTAL to live forever in happiness and joy!

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THE BIBLE ANSWERS

Short Questions

FROM OUR READERS

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

Does Christmas really celebrate Christ's birthday?

B. E., Canada

Many readers have asked us: "Was Christ really born on December 25th?"

And: "Did Paul and the other apostles—and the early New Testament Church—celebrate Christmas?"

Others have asked: "What is the origin of the Christmas tree—of 'Santa Claus'—of the mistletoe and the hollywreath?"

Most people have grown up practicing Christmas customs, taking them for granted as Christian—but *never questioning WHY*! It is time we learned the FACTS! The holiday now called "Christmas" is rooted in pagan antiquity.

It was celebrated by pagan Egyptians,

Babylonians, and Assyrians 2000 years before Christ was born. Yet Christmas was *not* celebrated in Jerusalem—where Christ founded the inspired New Testament Church—until 385 A.D., over three centuries after the true Church fled from Jerusalem!

Why?

Did you know that the pagan Romans long before the birth of Christ called December 25 the *Brumalia*, or birthday of the *new-sun* after the winter solstice? Christmas was originally celebrated in honor of the pagan false messiah. It was IDOLATRY!

Every one of these FACTS you can find in the leading Encyclopaedias, in your public libraries!

Though the Bible is silent about tell-

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DZYA—Angeles City—1400 kc., 9 p.m. daily.

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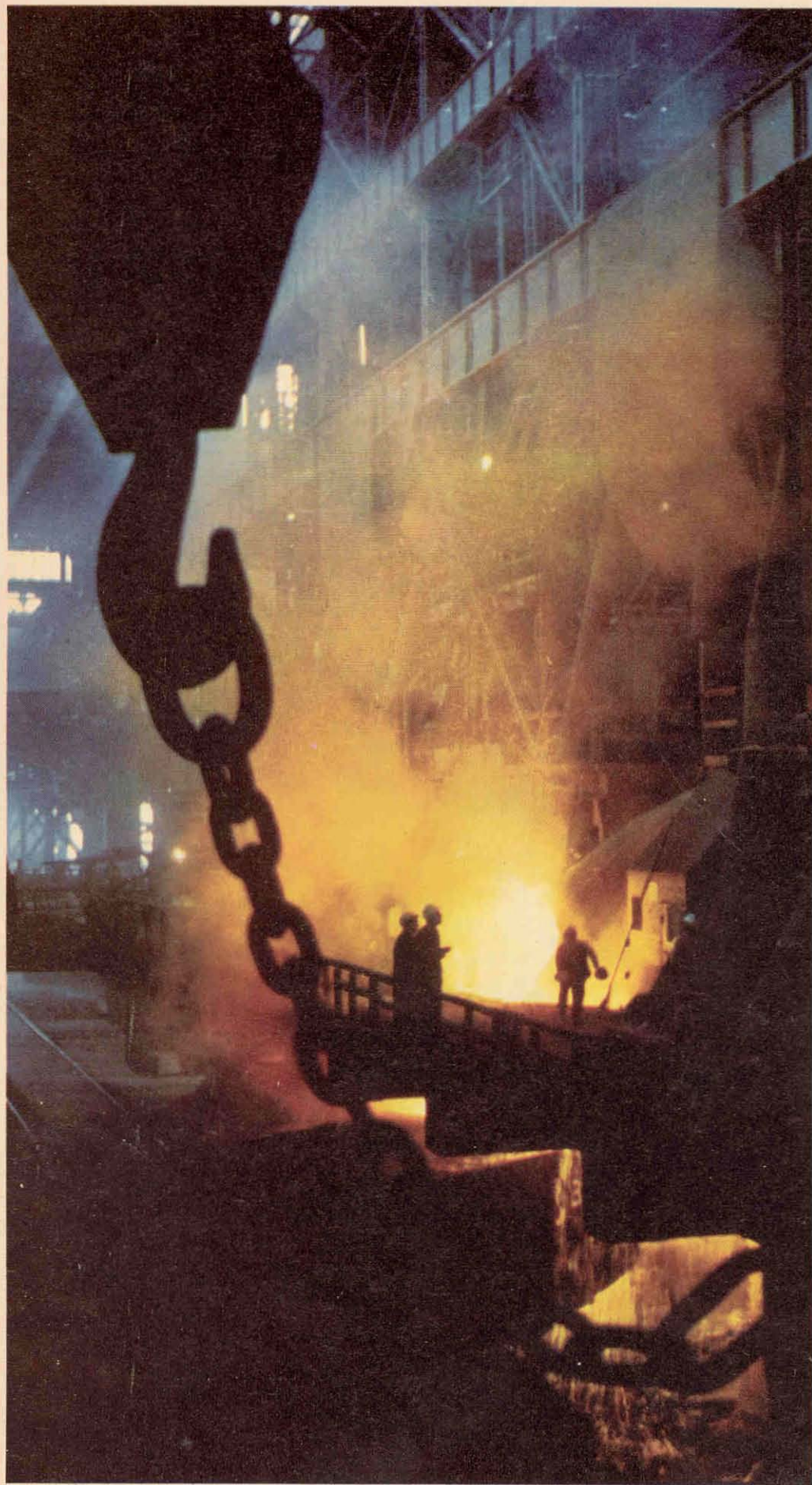
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The Real DANGER Behind —

COMMON MARKET PROSPERITY

Here is a surprising report on the progress of the EEC. This special report unveils the ominous significance of this Continental prosperity. It reveals why this European club will eventually crush America and Britain — economically and militarily!

by Raymond F. McNair

Brussels, Belgium.

EVENTS are speeding up here in Common Market Europe! Prosperity is soaring! Optimism is high!

Across the Channel, however, Britain is in the throes of an economic crisis.

It is time you knew *why!*

Britain Tries Again

De Gaulle blackballed Britain's planned entry into the Common Market in January, 1963. Britain was humiliated and deeply hurt over her rejection. Yet she is now officially ready to try again.

The British Prime Minister plans to visit the leaders of the Common Market nations shortly. Mr. Wilson wants to find out for sure if they really want Britain in their club, or if Britain will merely receive another rebuff — another "Non!"

Britons seem keener than ever to join the EEC. In 1962, one half of the people in Britain were against joining the Common Market. Today, two thirds reportedly *favour* Britain's entry.

Britain's major political parties (Conservative, Liberal and Labour) are all actively seeking to get Britain admitted into the Common Market.

The U.S. campaigned loudly for Britain's admittance into the EEC in 1962-63, and is now again encouraging Britain to join.

On November 10th the British Prime Minister informed Parliament that Britain is now ready to make a *second bid* for Common Market membership. He said: "I want the House, the country, and our friends abroad to know that the Government are approaching the discussions with the clear intention and determination to enter the EEC if, as we hope, our essential British and Commonwealth interests can be safeguarded. We mean business."

But Continentals are skeptical of Britain's motives! Many obstacles lie in the way — the Commonwealth, Britain's shaky economy and a host of differences relative to sovereignty, defence, farm policy, cost of living, wages, and welfare-state problems.

What a change since 1945 when Britain was riding high and the Continent was devastated and lying in the ashes of World War II.

1945 — Europe in Ruins!

Let us go back momentarily and survey Europe at the close of World War II. In the summer of 1945, much of the Continent lay in smouldering ruins — totally devastated through the most horrifying war mankind has ever experienced. Many of Europe's once-proud cities — especially in Germany — had been reduced to rubble.

Russian expansionistic manoeuvres caused American foreign-policy makers to become alarmed — frightened of the Red Russian Bear. Panic-stricken, U.S. policy shapers feared that a prostrate

Mannesmann Steel Photo

German furnaces are busy night and day turning out fabulous tonnages of steel to feed Common Market nations' hungry factories.

Europe would fall easy prey to the ruthless armies of Red Russia. They feared the Communist boot would be firmly planted over all of Europe, as it had been over the eastern part of that Continent.

The antidote? The "Marshall Plan"!

Europe was to be built up *economically* as rapidly as possible. West Germany was to become the bulwark of the Western Allies' defences — the spearhead of NATO. Western Europe was given the biggest financial "blood transfusion" in the history of mankind. The U. S. pumped about *fifty billion dollars* into Europe (including Britain) to help her back on her feet. Also, America's best brains and techniques were employed to help build the most modern factories, steel mills and industries in Europe — and around the world!

The "miracle of Europe" is now a well-known fact of history. Soon this reconstructed, U. S.-financed European bastion of industrial might (begotten by the Marshall Plan), began to pulsate, to thrive — yes, even to *challenge* its creator, the U. S., in the international markets of the world! Western Europe was now on its economic feet and could successfully compete in world markets.

Churchill's Brainchild — a "U. S. of Europe"

Some people credit Sir Winston Churchill with being the architect of the *idea* that a United States of Europe must be created — following World War II.

At Zurich, in September 1946, Churchill said: "*We must build a kind of UNITED STATES OF EUROPE...*"

"The first step in the *re-creation* of the *European family* must be a partnership between France and Germany... There can be no *revival of Europe* without a spiritually great France and a spiritually great Germany..."

After Britain had applied to join the European Economic Community, Churchill wrote (London, August, 1961):

"In my conception of a *UNIFIED Europe* I never contemplate the diminution of the Commonwealth." But Sir Winston's hope is vanishing. The Commonwealth is crumbling.

But the facts of Britain's abortive attempt to join the Common Market are past history. In January, 1963, Britain was given the cold shoulder. De Gaulle slammed the door of the Common Market in Britain's face. Britain has remained outside ever since, still shivering from the cold, economic facts of life — still ever hopeful of sharing in the economic warmth of a vigorous Common Market.

Britain's entry into the Common Market would open up a vast reservoir of nearly 200,000,000 Continental consumers. Britain's exporters are eager to cash in on the rich dividends of this fat, prospering market by joining the EEC.

I recently found in three of the Common Market countries — Belgium, Holland and West Germany — what this prosperity is like.

Belgian Affluence

BELGIUM. My wife and I attended the World's Fair at *Brussels*, Belgium, in 1958. (It was in January 1958 that the *Treaty of Rome* took effect, though it had been signed by all of "The Six" members in 1957.) At that time, I saw nothing which particularly impressed me about the city of Brussels. But my recent trip to that city has completely changed my impression. Brussels is definitely looking up. This city is now filled with modern stores, stocked with very expensive goods. It is the *head-quarters* for the European Economic Community, commonly known as the Common Market. A number of impressive, steel-and-concrete buildings are being erected to house the various departments of the Common Market.

The modern multi-lane thoroughfares in Brussels are outstanding. Brussels is a thriving, pulsating metropolis — destined undoubtedly to become a much more important city in the years immediately ahead.

It is interesting to note *why* the city of Brussels was chosen to become the capital of the Common Market countries. There were two main reasons for this.

Firstly, Brussels was chosen because it was more *centrally located* than Rome, Paris or Bonn.

Secondly, the bigger Common Market

countries (Germany, France and Italy) all wanted their country to be the host — the capital of the Common Market. But *nationalistic jealousies* made this impossible! By agreeing to establish the capital of the Common Market at Brussels in the tiny country of Belgium, this problem was side-stepped. None of the bigger Common Market nations looked upon Belgium with any real envy.

Dutch Prosperity

HOLLAND. I have been in Holland on numerous occasions. But only recently were my eyes opened to the strategically advantageous location of this small country — this most densely populated country in the whole world!

While in *Rotterdam*, I took a sight-seeing tour of the city. From the towering top of Rotterdam's *Euromast* (an observation floor atop a tall, modern tower) I was able to get a splendid view of Rotterdam's vast, new *Euro-poort*, THE LARGEST PORT IN THE WORLD — in actual tonnage! *Europoort* is situated at the place where the Rhine and Meuse (Maas) empty themselves into the North Sea.

From atop this towering *Euromast*, I could see the names of many distant foreign cities of the world painted on the tops of the docks far below me. This gigantic seaport is connected *via* the Rhine to the very heart of Europe, and has a direct outlet into the North Sea, and thence to the rest of the world. *Europoort* is Holland's gateway to the Common Market — and eventually to Central and Eastern Europe.

The Rhine-Danube Canal is scheduled to be completed in 1969. This will link the North and Black Seas by connecting the Rhine and Danube Rivers.

In *Amsterdam*, the diamond-cutting capital of the world, were more signs of prosperity. While in Amsterdam, I saw hundreds of modern, expensively furnished shop windows.

I observed signs of prosperity all over Holland — in her busy ports, her new

Ambassador College Photo

Well-stocked showcase of Berlin's Schallplatte is typical in today's prosperous Common Market nations.





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autobahns, her industries, her smart stores and in her very attractive homes.

Booming West Germany

WEST GERMANY. My main interest in West Germany lay in the industrial Ruhr Valley, of which *Düsseldorf* is considered to be the capital. Düsseldorf is one of the most modern, bustling, prosperous cities you will find anywhere in Europe—or in the whole world!

At *Duisburg*, located a few miles north of Düsseldorf, I visited the huge Mannesmann Werk steel complex—one of the largest in Europe. I was shown through the same ultramodern steel plant chosen to be shown to Queen Elizabeth during her official State Visit to Germany.

The gigantic building which houses this very modern steel plant is about three quarters of a mile long and has the most up-to-date automatic machinery to be found anywhere in the world.

My guide was the same one who had previously shown Queen Elizabeth through this same steel plant. With great pride and characteristic German enthusiasm, he explained to me many of the modern features of this steel mill. He mentioned that everything was done by the punch-card type process,

similar to the new big IBM System in use in America. As an example of the efficiency of this steel plant, he pointed out that one operation, which formerly took *fourteen* men to do, now takes only *one*!

It was an experience to see huge, red-hot blocks of steel released from a furnace, and rolled toward a huge automatically operated roller-type mill which quickly rolled these fiery blocks into enormous sheets of steel. Next, they were cooled down, trimmed and were soon ready for delivery. These steel sheets, we were told, were to be used mainly in Germany's ship-building industry.

We also were able to tour through several other gigantic buildings which made up the Mannesmann Steel Works. Various steel-making operations were carried out in the different buildings. In one, we saw titanic furnaces which, when tapped, poured forth a veritable river of molten steel to feed Germany's hungry industry.

Europe's Largest Inland Harbour

While at Duisburg, we were given a guided tour of the harbour—reputed to be *the largest inland harbour in Europe*. I was utterly amazed at the size

Panoramic partial views of bustling Rotterdam's Europoort, world's largest port, above, and Amsterdam, right.

of this man-made inland harbour, and was dumbfounded to see the many dockyards where such materials as coal, iron and oil were deposited. We saw a veritable mountain of huge pressed cube-like bales of scrap iron. We were told that most of this scrap iron came from the U. S.—mainly from used cars. Also, I noticed similar large compressed blocks (or bales) of scrap iron at the Mannesmann Steel Works, where they were being melted down and devoured by Germany's mushrooming steel industry.

This all brought memories to my mind of the scrap-iron drive in America, immediately prior to the outbreak of World War II. I well remember collecting scrap iron which was sold to the Japanese a few years before America's entry into the war, December 8th, 1941. This, of course, was later used against America at Pearl Harbour and in the ensuing U. S.-Japanese conflict in the Pacific.

As I saw this mountain of bales of scrap iron at one of the docks at the



Duisburg Harbour, I couldn't help being reminded of what happened to American scrap iron in World War II. The question, "Is history repeating itself?" kept echoing through my mind.

Duisburg is an industrial city, located on the banks of the mighty Rhine River. The Rhine is one of the busiest rivers in the world. It is literally clogged with long, huge barges carrying oil, steel, coal, machinery and raw materials to ports all the way from Rotterdam to the very heart of Europe.

While touring Duisburg, we were also shown one of the Krupp Steel Mills. Remember, the Allies have so far been unable to dismantle the huge Krupp Works—and have now apparently given up this futile task.

British Air Vice-Marshal D.C.T. Bennett, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., organized and led the R.A.F. Pathfinder Force that devastated the Ruhr (including the Krupp empire) during World War II. In February, 1965, Air Vice-Marshal Bennett revealed his disappointment at seeing the Allied powers let the Krupp empire be built up stronger than ever before.

German heavy industry in the Ruhr was so heavily bombed that Air Vice-Marshal Bennett admitted: "I doubt if I

ever thought they would *rise again*.

"The decision to allow *their resurrection* has always seemed to me, at the very least, to be indiscreet...lunatic"!

He concluded: "*Many people poo-poo the idea of another war with Germany* and I hope they are right. But this is to ignore the facts of the German character and the declared intention of many people [staunch Nazis] upon whom Hitler depended for his support—to succeed, where they have *twice failed* in the past."

Recent Neo-Nazi N.P.D. elections are legitimate cause for alarm!

Furnace Smoke Blackens Air

The Ruhr Valley has one of the worst air pollution problems of any area in the world! As I saw the air over Duisburg being blackened by the smoke from the furnaces of its many steel mills, I was reminded of a prophecy in Revelation. This mighty Ruhr Valley industrial complex—reputed to be the largest in the world—is about 75 miles long and 50 miles wide. Mile after mile of factories, steel mills and other kinds of heavy industry make the Ruhr Valley one of the largest industrial areas of the world.

In the 9th chapter of Revelation is an

amazing prophecy for today. For thirty years *The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast and *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine have been revealing these prophecies to the world. And—these prophecies *have* come to pass exactly as reported.

Immediately after World War II, many were saying that America and Britain would be attacked by Russia. But I well remember Mr. Armstrong's voice, alone, clearly sounding out in those years.

Mr. Armstrong warned that a United States of Europe—a *resurrected* Holy Roman Empire—would (according to Bible prophecy) eventually invade and conquer America and Britain—unless these nations turned to God in real, heart-rending repentance!

Mr. Armstrong further pointed out that a *war between a United Europe and the Communists* was clearly *prophe-sied to occur at a later date!*

The 9th chapter of Revelation is merely one of several prophecies which reveal this fact. This prophecy is couched in symbolic language. It reveals a final political, economic, military, and religious revival of the ancient German-led Holy Roman Empire. The Fascist-Nazi system went *underground* near the end of World War II—into a veritable

political *abyss* — out of which it is now economically arising. Now read the prophecy: "And he opened the bottomless pit [or abyss]; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit."

This aptly describes the polluted air over many of Europe's cities — especially those in the Ruhr Valley which were destroyed, but are now rising out of a veritable "abyss" of destruction, in many instances under the direction of men who once went underground near the end of World War II.

"Out of the Smoke Locusts"

"And there came out of the smoke LOCUSTS upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power" (Rev. 9:2, 3). Verses 5-11 reveal that these "locusts" are in fact some kind of war-making flying machines. Verse 9 specifically says they will be armed with "*breastplates of iron*." And it mentions that they have "*wings*" — "and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle" (verse 9). This could well refer to the roar of modern aircraft.

The apostle John saw all this in vision. He had never seen or known anything like these armour-plated flying machines which had "stings in their tails" (verse 10) — possibly referring to the firepower of these armour-plated aircraft.

Obviously, he did not know about airplanes, helicopters or other modern war machines. So he likened these war-making machines to "*locusts*."

Notice that these locusts "*came out of the smoke*" which emanates from this abyss or bottomless pit — "*as the smoke of a great furnace*."

Is not this language simply intended to convey that these armoured, flying vehicles are produced through the tremendous furnaces and the resultant smoke which emanates from the area of the old Holy Roman Empire — the "beast" of Revelation? And the "Ruhr Valley" is certainly situated within the confines of the "Holy Roman Empire."

(If you would like a full explanation of the "beast" of Revelation 13 and 17,

then write for the following free booklets: *Who is the Beast?* and *The Book of Revelation Unveiled at Last!*)

Bible prophecy shows that this hideous, warring "beast" is now rising up on the Continent of Europe. This political "beast" will be comprised of *ten nations* who will give their power to one super-dictator or "*Führer*."

A number of prophecies reveal that Germany will be the chief nation — the leader, the very heartbeat — of the ten nations which will comprise the soon-coming United States of Europe (see Isaiah 10:5-26; 30:30, 31; 31:8, 9).

U. S. of Europe Versus USSR

The 9th chapter of Revelation, when properly understood, actually depicts a soon-to-arise United States of Europe attacking the Communist nations, including Russia, in fearful self-defence (verses 1-11). (This United States of Europe will have previously attacked the U. S. A. and Britain.)

Verses 13-21 picture the Communist counter-attack against a United States of Europe. The army of this invading Communist force, which will attack this United States of Europe, will comprise two hundred millions! "And the number of the troops of their cavalry was TWO HUNDRED MILLION..." (Rev. 9:16, Moffatt translation).

This Communist horde will be sent as a *punishment* from God upon an idol-worshipping Europe (verses 19-21). And certainly, anyone who has ever travelled extensively through Europe knows that there are countless thousands of idols before whom people bow. God Almighty calls the *making, bowing before and worshipping* of idols, IDOLATRY! (Ex. 20:3-6.)

The modern-day Germanic peoples are the peoples who were anciently known as the Assyrians. The Germans (modern-day Assyrians) who will lead this United States of Europe are likened to "locusts" in the third chapter of Nahum. This chapter was addressed anciently to the "bloody city" (verse 1) of "Nineveh" (verse 7) — capital of ancient Assyria! Verse 17 says, "Thy crowned [ones] are as the LOCUSTS..."

And it is also interesting to note that Sir Winston Churchill even compared

the German soldiers to devouring "locusts."

The mad *Führer*, Adolf Hitler, launched his brutal *blitzkrieg* attack against Soviet Russia on June 22nd, 1941. Later referring to Hitler's invasion of Russia, Churchill said: "I see the hideous onslaught of [the] Nazi war machine with its clanking, heel-clicking dandified Prussian officers... I see also the dull, drilled, docile, brutish masses of the Hun soldiery plodding on like a swarm of crawling LOCUSTS..."

Yes, the great *furnaces* of the Ruhr Valley are being built up — are being stoked, ready to begin manufacturing *munitions* to lead the United States of Europe, if our peoples do not repent, into the horrifying carnage of World War III! God's Word reveals that this *will* certainly take place — as sure as tomorrow's sunrise if we do not repent! We may wish to hide our eyes from these prophecies, but we had better *not* act like the proverbial silly ostrich!

The smokestacks over the many industrial cities of the Ruhr Valley are already beginning to belch out thick smoke that will ultimately blacken the very sky — "the sun and the air were *darkened* by reason of the smoke of the pit" (Rev. 9:2).

As in World Wars I and II, the Ruhr Valley will again become a giant industrial bastion — producing the war-making, locust-like flying machines and other munitions which will be used by the prophesied "beast" in a frantic, but futile, attempt to conquer and rule the world!

Right now powerful forces *in and outside* West Germany are agitating to unify a divided Germany. The November electoral gains of the ultra-rightist N.P.D. are ominous in their significance when rightly interpreted!

It will be just a matter of time until East and West Germany become reunited.

Common Market Gains — Britain Loses

Meanwhile, Britain continues to dismantle her Empire, desperately trying to scuttle her last African colony (Rhodesia), the Common Market countries

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THE GREATEST STORY NEVER TOLD!

Millions of Christians do not know the real story of Jesus! Now the startling history behind Christ's birth and the mysterious Magi is at last revealed.

by Charles V. Dorothy

YOU probably never heard the true facts *behind* Christ's birth! You only hear the overworked "holy family" story, or the "babe in a manger" theme. Nothing wrong with the birth story of Jesus — as recorded in the Bible — of course.

But you are not told the surprising facts *behind* what the Bible says!

Today, you do not hear the story as it happened 2,000 years ago. You are not told the world's greatest empire moved *exactly* according to God's plan, preparing for the birth of Jesus! You are not told how great rulers and masses of people were electrified by the birth of a world Savior!

These world-shaking events are deliberately left out of the "story" you hear today. Historic proof of those events is too often purposely *ignored, suppressed, forgotten!*

Why were you never told before? Why were the facts hidden?

Untold Problems

The truth is an untold story of current events — as they were 2,000 years ago — showing how God intervened in history to fulfill prophecies hundreds of years old.

Think of these staggering problems surrounding the greatest event in history — the birth of the Son of God!

How will God bring Jesus' family to the prophesied birthplace (Bethlehem) — *at the right time*? How will He announce the birth? How will He convince people this birth is *special*, different from all others — that *this* birth is genuine? How will He make kings and rulers know that the King of kings is born? How will He make those

rulers responsible, inexcusable — later on — for killing the Son of God?

We will answer those questions. But first, go over the story of Christ's nativity again. Think as God does — *think big!* Watch God solve these problems.

You will be astounded at the story!

A Great Story

The Old Testament prophesied many years earlier that Jesus would be a *descendant of David*. God caused Joseph and Mary (both of David's line, both obedient to God's laws, both good child-rearers) to be married. First problem solved.

But now, God faces a huge obstacle. The Old Testament also prophesied the Christ would be born in the City of David: Bethlehem. How will God move Jesus' family from their home in Nazareth to the prophesied birthplace?

The answer has never been understood in its proper light!

"And it came to pass in those days that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus [44 B.C. — A.D. 15], that all the world should be taxed" (Luke 2:1-2). Who did you say? Augustus Caesar? Why, he is the emperor of a world empire!

You are right!

God moves a whole empire, and the greatest leader of the world sets up a whole new government office (the taxing-census bureau), has senators and nobles roaming throughout the Roman Empire — just to move Joseph and Mary to the city where Christ must be born.

Notice what the decree causes: "And all went to be taxed every one into *his own city*" (Luke 2:3-4). A legal

requirement of the census was to go to the family's city of origin. So, because Joseph "was of the house and lineage of David," he left Nazareth and went to "the city of David which is called BETHLEHEM." Second problem solved.

But wait a minute.

Atheists and Bible critics claim there is no historic proof for Luke's "First taxing under Cyrenius" (see any modern Bible translation). Luke does not date this first taxing, and godless historians falsely claim no source outside the Bible mentions it. Therefore, critics assume, no census existed. This supposed "error" of Luke of course casts doubt on Jesus' birth! Is there, as is claimed, no proof outside of the Bible?

Far from it! God preserved the proof through archaeology and history!

The Great Story Proved

The proof of history is in the *Chronicle of John Malalas*, translated by Matthew Spinka (Univ. of Chicago Press, 1940). John Malalas was a historian of Antioch, Syria (c. 491-578 A.D.). On pages 32-33 he writes: "In the 39th year and the 10th month of his [Augustus'] reign he commanded the taking of a census of all his lands, including all that the Romans held during the consulship of Agrippa II, and of Donatus. And all the earth under the Romans was registered by Eumenes and Attalus, the Roman senators." Using the October to October calendar Malalas used, that dates the issuance of the decree for the census to *July, 5 B.C.*

Suidas — another reliable authority — and many others, add information about Augustus' decree, which proves the

census in Palestine was conducted the very next year — 4 B.C., the very time Christ was born!

Abundant evidence from both early Christians and early pagans corroborate this census (see the excellent article in Unger's *Bible Dictionary* under "Chronology").

The Next Problem

How will God announce the birth of His Son? The world must not doubt the *fact* of Christ's birth. Suppose Joseph announces the birth of a Holy Child. Imagine Joseph saying "Say, people... I am the father of the very Son of God!"

Ridiculous! Who would believe him?? Joseph would be considered at best a liar; at worst, a wild-eyed fanatic! No, Joseph won't do.

How about Mary? Suppose Mary says "Say, I am a virgin, but I am also the mother of God!" Preposterous! Can't you hear suspicious, carnal-minded humans chortling sarcastically, "Of all the nerve," "Fallen woman"... What a mockery that would be! No, neither Joseph nor Mary can announce the birth of Jesus Christ. God's plan will confound the wisdom of men.

Notice. "And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid" (Luke 2:8-18).

God sends an angel to a humble group of shepherds — in contrast to the noble Augustus and Cyrenius. Here is the first tiny link in an unbreakable chain of proof for the miraculous birth of Jesus. We need to analyze this oft-repeated but little understood story.

The Truth About the Shepherds

God gives a very startling, but *personal* announcement. "For unto YOU is born this day in the city of David a Savior which is Christ the Lord" (verse 10). Their interest piqued, the shepherds want to see this Savior who is announced as *their* Messiah. Now notice how God absolutely convinces the shepherds and the people of Bethlehem.

First, notice the shepherds are "in the same country," but *not* right on the

slopes above Bethlehem. We know they are at some distance because of the expression "let us go *even unto* Bethlehem." "Even unto" can be translated "as far as." The distance gives proof of the vision.

How so?

Think a moment. What if the shepherds had been right on the same hill above the manger? They could come down the hill, meet people they know very well, then claim to have an angelic vision. When they find the child a few feet away, what do people think? Naturally they think the shepherds are in "cahoots," in collusion with Joseph and Mary! No, shepherds *nearby* wouldn't do. But distance rules out a conspiracy with Joseph and Mary.

Second, the angel says: "And this shall be a sign unto you; you shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger" (Luke 2:12). Notice the angel gives a sign, *but no address*.

Why? So the shepherds will begin to ask everyone they meet: "Where is the newborn Savior?" "Where is the Christ Child?"

Can't you imagine people's reactions? "WHAT Christ Child?" "In a manger—are you serious?" "A Savior?... born in a *barn*?"

But that is precisely the point. God wanted the herdsmen to ask, to question, to focus people's attention on His Son's birth. If God had given them the address of the manger, they would ask no one. The announcement would not be broadcast. This natural way — God's way — the announcement is broadcast! Finally, with the help of one or more local citizens, the shepherds actually *do* find the swaddled baby in — of all places — a stable! (Luke 2:16.) The sign is confirmed! The angel told the truth!

Now analyze what God has done. God has masterfully confirmed the angel's message to *three* parties: The shepherds themselves, the independent townspeople; plus Joseph and family!

Strange as the message first sounded to the *shepherds*, they did find a child in a stable after all. Finding the child, as the angel said, adds weight to the angel's announcement that He is "Christ the Lord." The message is con-

firmed to the independent *townspeople* who know that the shepherds were honestly looking, that they were not "primed," that they sincerely sought a baby they believed to be Christ — and all this in a strange and unlikely place, a manger. *Joseph and family* — who realized no one knew they were there, who told no one of the birth, also see God's hand, God's proof. Such circumstances cannot be concocted by mere man.

Armed with irrefutable proof, the shepherds boldly announce Christ's birth *to many people*. "They made known *abroad* the saying which was told them concerning this child" (verse 17). The Jewish people were amazed.

The Mysterious Magi

How can God announce Jesus' birth to His own nation — the Lost Ten Tribes of the House of Israel? How can God witness to the nobles, dignitaries, "higher ups"? The answer has never before been told. The answer is in the mysterious Magi... the much maligned, much misunderstood Magi! Matthew is the only Gospel writer who records this great story. But scholars cannot agree about what Matthew means. Do you know who the Magi were?

Commonly the Magi are supposed to be either heathen or pagan worshippers of Zoroaster, or maybe practitioners of black magic.

The Bible talks of two kinds of Magi or Magians. The earliest mention in all ancient records of the Magi is found in Jeremiah 39:3, 13. The King James says "Rab-mag," left untranslated because the translators did not know the meaning. *Rab-mag* has correctly been deciphered as "Chief Magi." These were pagan priests, physicians, learned men in the company of the Babylonians. The best authorities — ancient and modern — all tell us that "Magi" comes from *mag* or *mog* meaning priest, great one, from the old Persian language called *pahlavi*. You may confirm this in any reliable Bible dictionary. From these priests (Magi) descend a long line of evil and perverted priests, sorcerers, etc. — from Haman the Agagite (Book of Esther) to Bar-jesus or Elymas the sorcerer (Magian) of Acts 13. So the

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PEACE IN OUR TIME?

World leaders today are asking: "Is there a WAY to peace — some formula to follow — that will solve the chronic ills of this world?" The answer is made plain here.

Press Headquarters
Manila Summit Conference

by Arthur Docken

TODAY, the streets of Manila are jammed with private autos, Jeeps, taxis, and busses. Thousands of people have converged on the city for one last look at the heroes of this, man's latest attempt at peace — the Manila Summit Conference.

The chiefs of state of seven nations — the United States, the Philippine Republic, Australia, New Zealand, Thailand, South Korea and South Vietnam — have gathered here in Manila to discuss the war in Vietnam and the hope

for peace. For two days they have met behind closed doors in a conference of unprecedented magnitude and importance.

Newsmen are talking excitedly about the events of the past two days, and the hope for world peace. But the world needs more than *hope*.

Seemingly insurmountable problems need solutions.

War is not the only threat to security and happiness. Before this day is over 10,000 people will have died from star-

vation. Tonight about two thirds of all human beings will go to bed hungry, never knowing what it feels like to have a full stomach. Philippine newspapers run recipes for the cooking of rats in an effort to rid the country of the rat menace and at the same time to increase the protein intake of the natives. President Johnson has admitted that at this time the world is losing the war on hunger.

War and hunger riots are a real threat. And on the heels of famine



The leaders of nations attending Manila Summit Conference begin first meeting.

Bugtong — Philippines Free Press



Ambassador College Photo

President Johnson and other leaders chat informally during Manila Conference.

come diseases. Diseases are increasing at alarming rates right now. New forms of disease are showing up and the plagues of old, once thought to have been eradicated, are again on the increase. Health authorities are frankly frightened.

Crime, too, is on the increase around the world. In every country law enforcement agents are alarmed.

Summit Not Success

Reporters here at the Summit Press Headquarters are gifted at analyzing world events and news significance. They entertain no false hopes that this Conference will produce anything new in the way of solutions to world ills. The Press Headquarters in which I am writing is charged with excitement. But it is only a momentary thing that will fade swiftly as the stories are filed and the reporters head for home or their next assignments.

No one really expected the Conference to accomplish anything. Even President Johnson admitted before coming to Manila that he doubted if anything

tangible in the way of peace would be realized at this meeting. Among the newsmen I talked to during the Conference the same opinion was expressed unanimously. No one seems to have any real hope for peace anywhere at any time.

But they are wrong! Strange as it may seem today, we will see *peace in our time*. But not in the way most people might think!

Right now peace looks more distant than ever before. North Vietnam will not listen to any peace talks. Even if there were peace in Vietnam, we know from experience that the Communists would foment war in some other quarter.

During the Conference the President of the United States asked, "If any man in this room has a formula for peace, I hope he will offer it to us." None were forthcoming. Think of it! The very top leaders of seven important nations conceded they knew no sure way to peace. "The way of peace they know not," declares God (Isa. 59:8).

But there is a way! God has shown

man that way. But man has rejected it. It is the way of love and of submission to the government of God. It is the way of giving, not getting — the way of peace, not war. Why have we, instead, war and greed and sorrow today? The answer is in your Bible.

The apostle James was inspired to ask: "From whence come wars and fightings among you? Come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? Ye lust, and have not: Ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain; ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not." Ask who? NATO, SEATO, the United Nations? No, they failed to ask the only One who could help them — God.

"Ye ask, and receive not," continues James, "because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts" (James 4:1-3).

The national leaders that participated in the Manila Summit Conference stood and engaged in a moment of embarrassed silent prayer. There were several religions represented there — Christian and non-Christian — different gods worshipped by different men. Which god did they pray to? Which god heard the prayer of all of them? There certainly was no unity of religion in that meeting. And, of course, the word "God" did not appear in the final declaration of the group. Some certainly did ask amiss in their embarrassed silence if they failed to pray to the True God! Is it any wonder there is no peace?

Yet your Bible reveals mankind will be at peace soon. Within the next ten to fifteen years! It will not be due to nations getting together and deciding on a course of action. It will be due to the direct intervention of God Almighty in human affairs.

Man, left to his own devices, would soon destroy himself (Mat. 24:7, 21-22). God MUST intervene, and He will, SOON — to save man from total annihilation.

"And he [Christ] shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, *neither shall they*

learn war any more" (Isa. 2:4). Yes, man will learn about true peace!

Those days are to come in *our time*. It may sound incredible, but you can read it with your own eyes. Check up in your Bible and see if God's Word can fail. Send for the booklets, *Does God Exist?* and *The Proof of the Bible*. Search back in history. Has there ever been an organization of men that brought lasting peace to this earth? If one had, we would have peace today. God tells us man does not know the way to peace—and today's wars (hot and cold) prove God true.

God is going to send His Son, Jesus Christ, back to this earth to teach man the way to peace. "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and *make war*" (Rev. 19:11). Christ will fight against the nations gathered in battle lines *against Him* (Rev. 19:19). Then, "He shall rule them with a rod of iron." He will *force man* to live in PEACE!

Soon "... the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea" (Isa. 11:9).

You can have that knowledge now. You can begin reaping the blessings of peace, prosperity and happiness today. It is up to you!

What our READERS SAY

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be a mistranslation or a misplaced comma in the Bible? I am referring to Luke 23:43: 'And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.' Paradise, I think, means heaven. However, Jesus didn't go to heaven for three days and Jesus is the firstfruits or the only one resurrected as yet. How then could the thief have been resurrected also? Shouldn't the comma be placed after 'To day?' "

D. O., House Springs,
Missouri

• Exactly. The original Greek had no paragraphing, commas and periods.

Translators placed the comma where they THOUGHT it should go, based upon a very false INTERPRETATION of the verse. It is fully explained in a reprint article on the "Thief on the Cross."

Wants College, but . . .

"I want to go to college (I'm thirteen), but today for kicks I picked up a popular teen magazine and boy, was I disgusted. Under the heading of 'Campus Choices,' I was shocked to find, as the favorite topics of conversation, 1) birth control, 2) sex, 3) marriage. Is this discussed at all colleges? Let me quote some rules for being a 'hep' freshman. 1—What people imagine is better than anything you can tell them. 2—Quit school at least three times before you're a junior. 3—Refuse to wear something, like underwear. 4—Discuss how you can tell about a girl's sex life by the way she dances. 5—Tell everyone you were married when you were fourteen, but that you're thinking of having it annulled. 6—Refuse to go to gym or chapel. 7—It's not how you play the game, it's whether you win or lose.' Junk like this nearly turns my stomach. I want a college education awfully bad, but not bad enough to lower my standards *that much*. I want to be an interior decorator. Tell me, isn't there a single campus in the entire United States that isn't polluted with this kind of filth?"

Girl, Erlanger, Kentucky

• Sure is—the two campuses of AM-BASSADOR!

"Gentle Ridicule"

"I enjoy Garner Ted's choice of words, for he can say more in a few words than anyone I have heard. His ability to relate things to today and today's language is part of the appeal of the program. And, of course, he is a master of the 'gentle' ridicule technique."

Reader,
Chattanooga, Tennessee

The Modern Cynics

"As a young man in college, I can say that the young people want to believe more than anyone else. But it is discouraging; we are surrounded by

cynical professors and new moralists and the pressures are fantastic. When I first heard *The WORLD TOMORROW*, I thought it was going to be another Bible-beating, prayer-cloth-selling program. It wasn't, and I was overwhelmed by the lucidity of your ideas. I think I have never been so overwhelmed in my life. After 19 years of confusion and mild agnosticism, finally something logical and real."

College student,
San Antonio, Texas

Correspondence Course

"I would like to relate to you how pleased I am with the Bible Study Course which I am taking. I have finished Lesson 3, and have truly enjoyed it, and am looking forward to my next lesson so very much. It is truly amazing how much one can learn through Bible study, and I might add, I never knew it could be so exciting. At first I didn't think I would have the time to devote to the course as I have a family and am quite busy. However, I make time and look forward to the Bible study so very much. Thank you again for making it possible for others to receive this wonderful course."

Barbara B., Harpenden,
Hertfordshire, England

"My eyes have really come open now. I see the value of this powerful work that you and staff are doing for our Lord. At school one day, my class was discussing the existence of God and, do you know, many of them didn't even believe in God, because one of them said, 'He lets people die.' When it came my time to speak, I spoke. What I said ended the discussion because it was according to the Bible and something they didn't dare deny. I learned it all from your Bible Correspondence Course. God does exist and you can prove it."

Ray L., Conroe, Texas

"Since last January of this year I been receiving the wonderful magazine of PLAIN TRUTH. My family and I find it so interesting that we spend nights discussing and debating its down to earth and truthful articles. . . . The magazine is so nicely put out that I

intend to bind all issues soon as the year is over and place it in the library for future reference. I am proud to say that it's the first publication that my mother, who doesn't read and understand English made me take the trouble to translate so she too can take part into the conversations."

Truthfully Yours,
C. V., Zabbar, Malta

Your Prayer DOES Count

"Do you know that it never occurred to me to pray for *The WORLD TOMORROW*. It seemed to be so powerful and inevitably successful—however I will."

Lancaster, England

• *That's a fine compliment—but not the kind we hope to hear. Many have ASSUMED this great Work of God sails along on its own power. NOT SO. It NEEDS your prayer and concern. And what we really rejoice to hear is that people ARE praying for the success of this work!*

Common Market

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of Germany and France are cashing in — in Rhodesia and other markets, formerly dominated by Britain.

What do all these facts add up to? More and more, Britain's former colonies are being seduced into trading with the Common Market countries—instead of Britain! The six Common Market countries—including Germany, Holland and Belgium—are all booming!

No one should object to prosperity *per se*! But, remember, prosperity is easily misdirected. Prosperity often begets greed! *It takes money to wage war!*

The Bible reveals that, once Europe really becomes prosperous and powerful—once she begins to "feel her oats"—she will, regrettably, again turn her power and energies into destructive, war-making channels.

COMMON MARKET PROSPERITY IS MERELY THE PRELUDE TO A FINAL POLITICAL UNITED STATES OF EUROPE!

Whether we wish to admit it or not, the handwriting *is* on the wall for the

Anglo-Saxon peoples of America, Britain and her Commonwealth! The "*beast*" of *Revelation* is rising up.

The whole world will soon stand aghast when they see this U.S.-financed, German-dominated, religious-controlled "beast"—the resurrected Holy Roman Empire—rise up before our very eyes! It is time we opened our eyes before it is too late and repent of our national sins!

Personal from the Editor

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It is THE WAY that now threatens the extinction of humanity.

THIS ALL MEANS ONE THING: Man, imbued with human nature, is utterly UNABLE to solve his problems. He can only worsen problems and create new ones. By the "knowledge" and efforts of MAN this world is doomed and HOPELESS!

Is there, then, nothing to live for?

Is there NO HOPE for the future? Not within the knowledge, the skills and abilities of this world's leaders. Of these self-professed "great" men, God says, "Professing themselves to be wise, they have become FOOLS!"

But THERE EMPHATICALLY IS a bright future ahead! *The WORLD TOMORROW*—which *The PLAIN TRUTH* proclaims, will bring world PEACE, universal prosperity, universal right education, universal good health.

This coming Utopia does not depend on the planning or doing of MEN. It will be produced IN SPITE OF men.

The greatest event of all history will be the coming of the *living* Jesus Christ once again to earth. But, *this* time, He is not coming as the gentle young man from Nazareth, teaching things that bring upon Him flogging and death at the hands of angry men. Jesus Christ rose from the dead. He went to the throne of the Government of the vast UNIVERSE, to be GLORIFIED, and CORONATED as Supreme RULER over the entire earth. When He returns, the world will know something of the

meaning of "THE POWER AND THE GLORY!"

His eyes will flash like flames of fire. His face will not be pale white—it will be like the SUN shining in FULL STRENGTH! He will come with all the POWER that created the UNIVERSE! He is coming to CRUSH every government of MEN, as if to grind them into powder! He is coming as the KING of kings, ruling over ALL NATIONS.

He is coming to CHANGE HUMAN NATURE! He is coming to ENFORCE the WAY of outgoing concern, or LOVE, of giving, serving, sharing, helping, instead of grasping, taking, and self-centeredness. He is coming to ABOLISH war, competition, strife and violence. He is coming to inaugurate a universal RIGHT EDUCATION. He is coming to CLEAN UP this filthy earth. He is coming to restore THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD as the all-powerful WORLD GOVERNMENT.

Yes, I see a very bright future—just ahead!

It's the *only* GOOD NEWS in the world today!

Short Questions

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ing us to observe Christmas, or recording any such observance by the apostles or the early true Church, it *does* have something to say about the CHRISTMAS TREE!

Yes, it's time you learned the TRUTH about Christmas! You can have the astonishing FACTS about the origin and history of Christmas—how it crept into the Christian-professing world—how the custom of trading gifts with one another commenced, instead of giving gifts to Christ—all these FACTS and many others are now available for you in our FREE 16-page booklet, "*The PLAIN TRUTH about CHRISTMAS!*" No other booklet makes the truth about Christmas so simple, so plain, so intriguingly interesting.

WRITE *immediately* for your free copy of "*The PLAIN TRUTH about CHRISTMAS!*" Don't delay. Write your letter for this amazing booklet *before* you read another article!

The Bible Story

by Basil Wolverton

CHAPTER NINETY-EIGHT

DAVID KING AT LAST

DAVID hadn't heard of the battle between the Philistines and the Israelites in the valley of Jezreel until a young Amalekite came to Ziklag with the news. He was greatly shocked by the report that the Israelites had been defeated and that Saul and his sons had been killed. (II Samuel 1:1-4.)

He was even more startled when he was told by his informer that he, the man who stood before him, had witnessed the deaths of Saul's sons and had himself killed Saul.

The truth, however, was that Saul had killed himself. (I Samuel 31:4.)

An Opportunist Without Scruples

"Explain what you mean by claiming that you killed Saul!" David snapped at the fellow as he moved menacingly toward him.

"Let me tell you what happened!" the young man hastily exclaimed as he backed up and held up his hands. "As the Philistines were pressing in on us with their infantrymen and their chariots, I saw Saul, who seemed to be wounded, leaning on his spear for support. When he saw me, he beckoned me to him and asked who I was. I told him that I was an Amalekite who was fighting in the army of Israel. He informed me that he had been wounded mortally, and he commanded me to kill him before the Philistines could get to him. I did as he asked, and plunged my sword through him. He died immediately."

"You are a stranger," David interrupted. "Do you expect me to believe you without some kind of proof?"

"Indeed not," the Amalekite replied. "I knew that most anyone would doubt my story, so I took the liberty of removing one of Saul's armlets and the king's insignia that he wore on his helmet for identification." (II Samuel 1:5-10.)

He reached into a bag he carried and produced a metal arm band and head-piece. David stared at them. He recognized them as the armlet and helmet insignia he had often seen Saul wear when he had been the ruler's armor bearer. He felt that the Amalekite wasn't being completely truthful, but he couldn't help but believe the report that the Israelite army had been defeated and that Saul and his sons were dead. It was more than enough to send David and the people of Ziklag into a state of mourning. As was the custom then, they tore their clothes, wept, moaned and didn't eat anything until after sundown. (II Samuel 1:11-12.)

David continued the questioning of the Amalekite to learn more of the tragedy that had taken place in upper Canaan.

"Tell me exactly who you are," David demanded.

"I've already told you that I'm an Amalekite," the man replied. "I came from a family you wouldn't know about, living in the desert south of here. I was a captive brought into Canaan and into the Israelite army."

"Do you believe that the mighty God of Israel put Saul into the high office of king?" David asked.

"Why — yes," was the reply. "Surely he couldn't have become king unless your God had allowed it."

"Then aren't you fearful of what our God will do to you because you have removed from rulership a man whom God ordained as ruler?"

"Why should I be fearful?" the Amalekite asked a little disdainfully. "I did what I was ordered to do."

A Would-be Murderer's Reward

"Our God is to be obeyed before our king," David pointed out, "and we should fear our God more than our king. If you killed Saul, you did a very evil thing."

David motioned to one of his soldiers, and the Amalekite looked up to see the man striding menacingly toward him with a hand on his sword hilt.

"Execute this criminal who claims he killed Saul!" David commanded.

"No! No!" the man gasped, leaping back. "What kind of thanks is this? I raced here to be first to tell you about Saul because I thought that you would be pleased to know that your enemy was killed! I thought that you were a fair man who would reward me for a favor!" This gentile Amalekite assumed that David hated Saul as Saul hated David.

"If you even thought of killing the king, your heart is evil. And your reward is death!" After David's sentence, he then turned away as the Amalekite fell under a swift blow of the soldier's sword. (II Samuel 1:13-16.)

The Bible doesn't disclose whether or not David further investigated the death of Saul. If he did, he had little reason to regret the Amalekite's death, inasmuch as the fellow told what he would have done if he had had the opportunity. The Amalekite had probably witnessed the scene between Saul and his armor bearer, and the notion had come to him to pose as Saul's slayer and try to collect a reward from a man he believed hated Saul.

Although Saul died for rebelling against God and for seeking advice from a woman with a familiar spirit (I Chronicles 10:13-14), David knew it is wrong to rejoice over anyone's downfall. (Proverbs 24:17.)

To express his respect for Israel's ruler and his love for Jonathan, David composed verses through which he lamented the passing of the two men. This song, titled "The Bow," became one of the national anthems of Israel. (II Samuel 1:17-27.)

In the days that followed, David had to make some important decisions. He realized that he was to succeed Saul as king of Israel, and he looked to God, through Abiathar the priest, to show him what to do. God made it known that he and all his men should move their families from Ziklag to Hebron, the chief city of the tribe of Judah. David obediently made the move with his small army of 600 men from the tribes of Benjamin, Gad, Judah and Manasseh. (I Chronicles 12:1-22.) It was a relief to him to at last be able to travel freely in Israel without fear of attack.

David Becomes King of Judah

As soon as David had made Hebron his headquarters, the leading men of Judah met there to hold a solemn ceremony in which they joined with Abiathar the priest to anoint and proclaim David as the king of their tribe. (II Samuel 2:1-4.)

When David learned that the men of Jabesh-gilead had rescued the bodies of Saul and his sons from the Philistines, he sent messengers to the men of that city to carry a letter of commendation for what had been done. David was careful not to give the impression that his praise was coming from one who considered himself as the future king of Israel, though he did make it known that he had been made king of the tribe of Judah. (II Samuel 2:5-7.)

Although David was destined to become ruler of all Israel, the death of Saul didn't completely clear the way for the fulfillment of that event. Abner, commander-

in-chief of Saul's former army, had escaped from the recent battle with the Philistines. Hoping to retain some measure of power in Israel, Abner convinced Ish-bosheth, another son of Saul who obviously had no part in the war, that it would be possible for him to become the next king of Israel if he would set up a place of operation in



At last rid of Saul's oppression, David and his men freely moved their families and their belongings from Ziklag to Hebron.

the town of Mahanaim in the northeastern part of the territory of Gad. The Philistines hadn't reached that area, and the Israelites there felt a special loyalty to Saul. They would naturally look to his son as his rightful successor.

Although he had no authority from God to do so, Abner proclaimed Ish-bosheth king of Israel. All the tribes except Judah accepted Ish-bosheth, and he assumed the rulership for the next two years. Meanwhile, in spite of the Philistines, thousands of whom were in their very midst, the Israelites continued to survive. (II Samuel 2:8-10.)

Abner and Ish-bosheth were far from pleased that David and the tribe of Judah continued to remain apart from Ish-bosheth's leadership. Eventually Abner took a small army westward across the Jordan River and camped close to a large pool near Gibeon, a town about twenty-five miles north of Hebron, in the territory of Benjamin.

When David heard about it he sent Joab, his captain of the military forces of Judah, with soldiers to oppose Abner's men if they should move farther south. Though David wished for peace, he knew many of the tribes of Israel were spoil-

ing for a fight. So Joab and his troops boldly marched to the pool of Gibeon and set up a camp across the water from Abner's army. For a time the men of the two camps restrained themselves to merely exchanging curious and hostile stares. Then Abner, addressing himself to Joab, shouted across the pool.

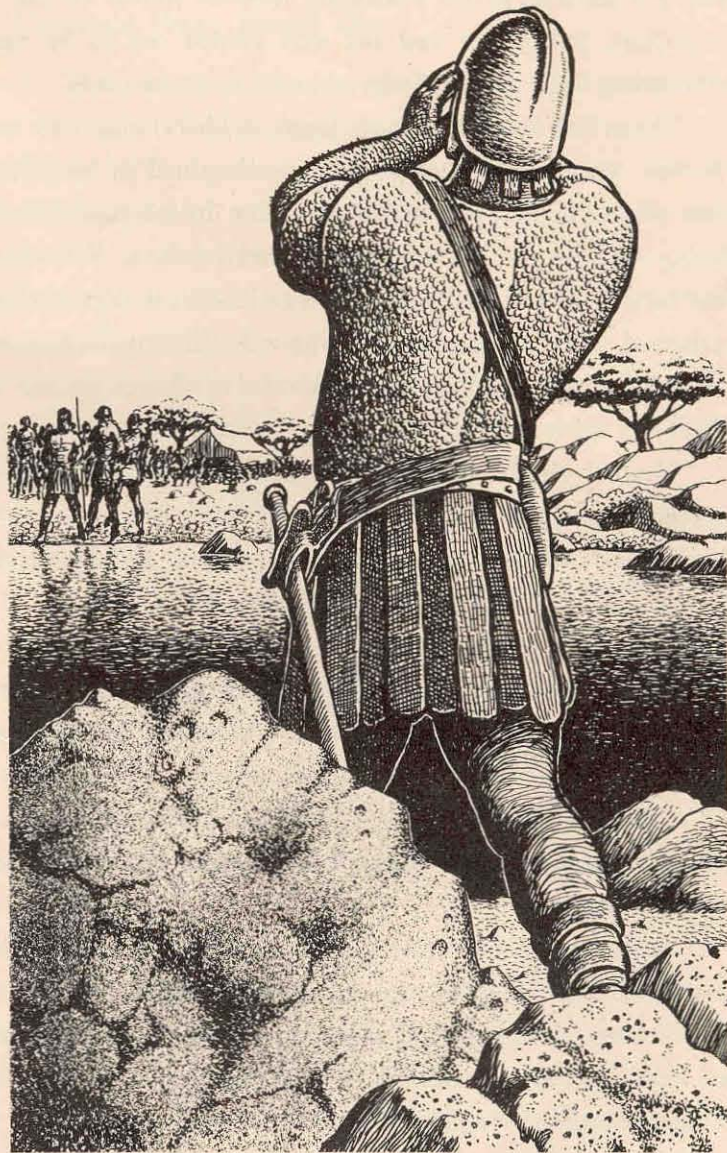
"Instead of just sitting here, why don't we amuse ourselves with a simple bit of competition between some of our men?" he asked.

"What do you suggest?" Joab inquired.

"How about twelve of your men against twelve of my men?" Abner asked. "If there are more of your men left when the scuffle is over, I'll take my men back to Mahanaim. If there are more of my men left, we want your word that you will take your men back to Hebron."

"Agreed!" Joab shouted back. (II Samuel 2:12-14.)

This was a rash agreement. Nevertheless, from those who volunteered, Joab chose twelve of his most athletic and capable young soldiers, who walked part way around the pool to confront the approaching twelve men Abner had selected. At an agreed signal the two sides rushed at each other, swords drawn, free hands extended and every man dodging and



Intent on rousing Joab and his soldiers to action, Abner shouted challengingly to them across the pool of Gibeon.

weaving to try to escape being seized by the beard or hair of his head. Tragically, all managed to obtain the desired hold, and all became victims of the cruel and bloody contest.

Asahel's Deadly Race

When the onlookers saw their champions go down, the two companies vengefully rushed together in fierce combat. Joab's men proved to be the superior fighters. (II Samuel 2:15-17.) Abner saw that it was useless to continue facing his opponents. He shouted to his remaining men to retreat to the north. Joab's men set off in pursuit, but Abner and his men turned out to be very able runners. Athletes with strong legs were greatly admired in those times.

There was a man among Joab's soldiers who was especially fast on his feet. He was Asahel, a brother of Joab, well-trained in long-distance running. He set out after Abner, determined to overtake him. In the pursuit he passed some of the other fleeing soldiers, but he wasn't interested in them. When at last he was only a few feet behind Abner, the officer glanced back at him and seemed to be even more perturbed when he recognized who was chasing him.

"Aren't you Asahel, Joab's brother?" Abner panted as he struggled to keep ahead.

"I am!" Asahel gasped between breaths, "and I mean to take your armor back to Joab!"

"You'd stand a better chance of getting the armor of one of my men you've already outrun!" Abner puffed.

"Don't try to talk me out of this!" Asahel panted.

"If you get too near me I'll have to use my spear on you!" Abner warned. "I know your brother Joab well, and I wouldn't be able to face him if I have to slay you!"

"I'll take my chances!" Asahel grunted as he lunged forward to seize Abner. Little did Asahel realize the political intrigue that would come from that decision to overtake Abner.

At that moment Abner jerked his spear backward with all the force he could muster. The partly pointed butt of the weapon rammed into Asahel's chest with such severity that it pierced the fellow's body and protruded from his back. Asahel fell dead and Abner continued his fatiguing flight. (II Samuel 2:18-23.)

Joab and another brother, Abishai, along with the other victorious soldiers, were trying to catch up to Abner and his men. But Abner's retreat had started in the late afternoon and by the time the sun had set, the two groups were still hun-

dreds of feet apart. The chase was still taking place in the territory of Benjamin. When nearby Benjamites heard what was happening, many men of that tribe joined Abner and his scattered troops on a rise being approached by Joab and his men. Thus encouraged, Abner stopped to face Joab and make a plea for peace.

"Why must this killing continue?" Abner called down to Joab. "It will only lead to more misery later on! Now we are prepared with men of Benjamin to stand against you, but we hope that you'll decide now to command your men to cease pursuing their brothers!"

Uncertain Peace Breaks Out

"As surely as God lives," Joab shouted back, "if you had not asked for peace, we would not have stopped chasing you before morning." (II Samuel 2:24-27.)

Joab impatiently motioned to his trumpeter to blow the sound to cease pursuit. The men obeyed and gradually joined him where he stood. When Abner saw that he wouldn't be troubled any more at that time by Joab, he led his men away and walked all that night to cross the Jordan River at dawn and head northward toward the town of Mahanaim beyond the Jabbok River.

Meanwhile, Joab and his men walked back all night to return to Hebron at the break of day. They carried the dead Asahel with them, later burying the body in the tomb of Asahel's father in Bethlehem.

Including Asahel, Joab lost twenty of his men in the strife with Abner, whereas Abner lost three hundred and sixty soldiers. It was obvious that God wasn't helping Abner in his efforts to promote Ish-bosheth as king of all Israel. (II Samuel 2:28-32.)

For a time there were frequent small battles between David's forces and those of Ish-bosheth. These skirmishes didn't settle matters. Regardless of their outcome, respect for David steadily grew with all the people of Israel. (II Samuel 3:1.) Meanwhile, Abner took advantage of Ish-bosheth's lack of ability as a leader, and worked to try to obtain more power for himself with the people who continued to remain loyal to Saul.

Ish-bosheth and Abner came to a parting of the ways, however, when Ish-bosheth accused Abner of being too intimate with a woman named Rizpah, with whom Saul had lived without a marriage tie. The Bible doesn't relate whether Abner was guilty of what he was accused. In any event, he became very resentful.

"Do you think that you are speaking to a dog?" Abner heatedly demanded as he confronted Saul's son. "If it hadn't been for me, you would long ago have been in David's hands. I have done much to keep you on the throne and the leader-

ship of Israel in the hands of the ones your father would have chosen and yet, you decide to belittle me and ruin my reputation by this ridiculous charge!"

Ish-bosheth had nothing more to say against Abner because he knew that without Abner he couldn't remain in his questionable position. Very soon he realized that he had said too much for his own good. (II Samuel 3:6-11.) Abner's anger was so great that it led the military commander to decide to forsake Saul's son and try to join David, whom he realized was gradually coming into greater power.

Shortly afterward David received messengers who informed him that Abner had decided against doing anything more to promote Ish-bosheth as the leader of Israel, and that he would willingly join David and work to bring all Israel together if it would please David to accept his services.

Abner's Political Switch

David was perplexed at this suggestion. He was certain that Abner was looking out for his own interests, but he had a certain admiration for the military leader because he seemed an honorable man and had such perseverance. He wasn't aware that Abner was angry because of Ish-bosheth's accusation.

"I'll welcome your help on one condition," David wrote in a message back to Abner. "Don't come to join me unless you bring Michal, Saul's daughter and my first wife. Saul took her from me a long time ago, but I still want her back."

At the same time David sent messengers to Ish-bosheth, demanding that Michal be returned to him. Being without good relations with Abner, Ish-bosheth feared that if he didn't comply he would be at the mercy of David's soldiers. He ordered some of his men to go and take Michal from Phaltiel, the man to whom Saul had given her after David was forced to flee from his home. Michal was separated from her weeping common-law husband, who tried to follow her. Abner came on the scene in time to order Phaltiel back to his home and to decide when and how Michal should be returned to David. (II Samuel 3:12-16.)

It was important to Abner that he should first contact the elders of Israel, diplomatically suggesting to them that they would be wise to choose David as their king instead of Ish-bosheth. Because Abner was respected in Israel, the opinions of thousands of people, starting with the Israelite leaders, were destined to be switched in favor of David.

Later, Abner and twenty of his picked soldiers took Michal to Hebron. David was pleased, and perhaps even Michal was happy to be returned to her first husband, especially inasmuch as he was obviously about to become the king of all Israel.

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THE GREATEST STORY NEVER TOLD!

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Bible shows that "Magi" sometimes means a priest of paganism.

But that is not all.

Classical history, ancient Greek dictionaries, and the Bible *all agree* there is *another* kind of Magian or Magi. Look at Daniel 2:48: "Then the king made Daniel a *great man*, and gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler of the whole province of Babylon, and CHIEF of the governors OVER ALL THE WISE MEN [Hebrew: Magi] OF BABYLON." One of God's most righteous men is PRESIDENT of the *Babylonian* Magi! Since Daniel remained president for a long time, this Bible example proves there was at least one righteous Magi—namely Daniel. Daniel also certainly taught, and set the example of, God's way to those he ruled! Through Daniel's teaching the Magi (priests) of the pagan world came into contact with Bible prophecies about Christ, as we shall see proved later. But this does not answer the question: Who were the Magi of Matthew?

Where Did the Magi Come From?

Let's get the truth straight at last! Commentaries and Bible dictionaries are in *confusion* on this vital point. Matthew certainly knew where they came from. He tells us they went back to "their *own* country" — he had to know *which* country, to know it was their own. Matthew is not trying to hide their identity by saying Magi "from the East" (or "Eastern Magi"), HE IS TELLING US WHERE THEY CAME FROM.

But where is "the East?"

Based on a misunderstanding of such prophecies as Ps. 72:10-11 and Isa. 60:6 (which Matthew did not think were fulfilled by Magi) many commentators think "the East" means ARABIA. But Arabia proper in the Bible is normally called either "Arabia," or "the South."

How about INDIA? Were the Magi really Brahmins? No, the Magi did not come from India. The king of India —

uneasy at the prophecy of a world ruler, and hearing a report of the expedition of the Magi to the West — sent emissaries in the first year of the Christian era (that is, 1 A.D., Christ's fourth year), to find out whether the predicted royal child had actually appeared (Sir William Jones, *Asiatic Researches*, Vol. 10, p. 27-28). This report from Indian history proves the Magi were not Indians: the Indians heard *about* the Magi. Further, if the Magi were Indian, they would have reported to India. The Indian king would already have known the child was born. Obviously the Magi were not Indians, not Brahmins.

And EGYPT? No, Egypt is never called "the East" in the Bible, Egypt lies to the southwest.

The most common suggestion for the Magi's home is PERSIA. The pagan Persian Magi were priests of the false savior, Zoroaster. Did Zoroastrians come to see Christ in Matthew 2? The best answer here is found in the *Encyclopaedia of Religion and Ethics*, Hastings, Vol VII, p. 244 which says: "It is noteworthy, therefore, that Matthew 2 ... ISOLATES THE MAGI FROM PERSIAN RELIGION." This source spends pages proving that pagan Zoroastrians *did not study* astronomy. Furthermore, they despised dreams. But the wise men of Matthew are *very learned* in astronomy, and certainly do not despise dreams.

No, the wise men are not Persian, not Zoroastrian Magi.

The Mystery Solved!

Then were the Magi from Babylon, or from east of the Euphrates River, or from Bactria? All these places have been suggested by scholars. In the face of such confusion, you might become confused yourself. Don't be! You need to know just two important facts to dispell confusion.

The Old Testament has two expressions for "the East" — anything on the east side or eastern is termed "what is *before*" (meaning the near east). Anything *far* to the east or distant as the

rising of the sun is termed "rising of the sun" (meaning distant east). So also Matthew — who follows the Hebrew very closely in every way — has two expressions for areas east of Palestine. First, Matthew says the Magi are from "eastern parts" (in Greek, *ton anatolon*), or the distant East. Second, Magi see the star in "the east" (*te anatole* in Greek) — west of the Magi, but east from Palestine's view, in the "Near East." (See Upham's *Star of the Wise Men*.)

Now consider this. One great empire east of the Euphrates — biblically "the distant east" — conquered the lands east of the Euphrates area, had Babylon as its capital, and included the areas of Persia, Bactria, etc. It was the Parthian Empire. It ruled this whole area, and was the empire of THE EAST; the land of the MAGI!

Who Were the Parthians?

The Parthians rose to power around 250 B.C. in and around the southern shores of the Caspian Sea. That was the very land into which the House of Israel — not Judah — was exiled! The exiles in this land were members of the ten tribes of Israel! The Parthian Empire included none other than the exiled lost ten tribes of Israel — many of whom remained in the land of their captivity until about A. D. 226."

Were there Magi in Parthia? Indeed! The geographer Strabo shows the strong influence of Magi in the king's council of Parthia, which "consists of two groups, one that of kinsmen [king's relatives], and the other that of *wise men* and MAGI, from both of which groups the kings were appointed" (Geography, 11.9.3).

Final Proofs

Contrary to the false story of "Three Kings" who are supposed to be the Magi, eastern writers *all agree* there were TWELVE Magi! Thus, the Magi do not represent the three sons of Noah, nor the Trinity or any such idea.

What do the twelve Magi represent? Is it coincidence that there were TWELVE TRIBES OF ISRAEL? And certain of the ancient Magi could claim Abraham as their father! (See McClintock's Bible Dictionary, Vol. 1, p. 100.)

tock & Strong's *Cyclopedia*, article "Magi".)

The Magi of Matthew 2 were following the star, were following the prophecy of Numbers 24:17 — "There shall come a star out of Jacob [and most of the "lost tribes" of Jacob or Israel in New Testament times were in Parthia], and a scepter shall rise out of Israel." This explains why later tradition connects the apostle Thomas' work with the Magi in *Parthia*, after the resurrection of Christ. The distant nation of Israel had a witness of Christ at His birth, (not to mention other nations through which this large caravan of Magi traveled)!

Now we clearly understand why Matthew mentions the Magi. Matthew — and he alone — puts in the words of Christ: "I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (Mat. 15:24). But we do not read that Christ went to the "lost sheep of Israel." No, He personally did *not* go to preach to the house of Israel.

THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL CAME TO CHRIST! Is it mere coincidence that the shepherds (Jews) come first to Christ; the Magi (representing the tribes of Israel in exile) come second; then the Gentiles come third? An amazing story of precision, of fulfilled prophecy!

But there is more. How does God witness to the whole nation? Let's see.

"When Herod the king had heard these things [the Magi arriving at Jerusalem], *he was troubled*, and ALL JERUSALEM WITH HIM" (Mat. 2:3). This Idumean (not Jewish) king is SHAKEN! Prophecy is being fulfilled! A new king threatens Herod's throne.

"And when he had gathered *all the chief priests and scribes of the people* together, he demanded of them *where* (not "whether") the Christ should be born" (verse 4). What meeting is this?

Nothing less than the Supreme Court of the Jewish nation: THE SANHEDRIN.

"And they said unto him, in Bethlehem of Judea: for thus it is written by the prophet" (verse 5). Do you realize what Matthew is saying?

The greatest ruling body in the nation — the Sanhedrin — pronounces with one voice that Christ is born in Bethlehem. They do not deny the fact!

They publicly and officially proclaim the truth of God *to the king*.

Do you see now how God has reached the king? Do you see how God has witnessed to the rulers and nobles of that age? Do you see how (probably under threat of their lives from Herod) the Sanhedrin pronounces and admits the truth of the Old Testament — only to deny it a generation later? That very Sanhedrin (with slight changes of personnel) *killed the same Jesus whom they testified of!*

This only begins the "great story never told." You need to begin *reading your Bible!* You will see a great story all through the pages of your New Testament. You will see diametric opposites from what is commonly taught in the name of religion today! The great story of Christ's life — as the Bible tells it — is not being published by the professing Christian world today.

SEVEN LAWS

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products that God intended as food.

Man's effort to improve upon God has FAILED. The more you intelligently study the food question, the more you will realize this. So eat a *balanced* diet of the *natural* foods that have not been perverted by the hand of man. And learn to prepare all foods so as not to destroy their nutritional value.

Under the heading of *diet*, we should also consider the health value of *water*. Pure drinking water — and plenty of it — is one of the greatest aids to eliminating body poisons and keeping the entire system clean. It is an aid in preventing or overcoming *constipation* — that source of so many bodily ills. So drink six or eight glasses of *pure water* every day — preferably *between* meals, and *never* using it to wash your food down.

Greatly restricting one's diet is known as *fasting*. The practice of fasting as a health measure is as old as the human race. Every animal, when sick, will refuse to eat. It loses all appetite. Governed by its instincts, it *fasts* until it is well — a *sure cure* provided by nature.

But what about *humans*?

Doctors and dieticians agree that we

humans are in the habit of eating *far more food than our bodies require*. If food is used in excess of bodily need: it is bound to produce a clogging up of the vital processes, for if it is not needed it is invariably *harmful* and becomes productive of causes which lead to *sickness* and *disease*.

The greatest number of sicknesses are caused by the presence of a poison in the bloodstream. *Fasting* enables the body to cleanse itself of the accumulation of the products of an imperfect diet. As food intake is retarded, elimination proceeds rapidly and the body is truly "house-cleaning" itself.

For many, many common sicknesses such as colds, headaches, fevers, and stomach distress, *fasting* is a very effective and often the *only natural cure*.

In a strictly health fast, *water only* should be taken, or, in some cases, fruit juices may be taken to provide necessary strength.

Jesus Christ set us an example by fasting, and said that His disciples *would fast* (Mark 2:18-20). *Fasting* is not only a good spiritual practice, but it is a marvelous *natural* means of preserving health.

3) Cleanliness and Dress

It has been said that "cleanliness is next to Godliness," and, while this saying didn't come directly from the Bible, the principle is certainly correct.

In order to teach ancient Israel the habit of cleanliness, God instituted many regulations commanding the people to bathe or wash their clothes after coming in contact with likely disease carriers (Lev. 11:29-47). And in the New Testament, we find a *spiritual* truth based on the *physical* principle of cleanliness, for Christ gave himself for the church, His body, "That he might sanctify and *cleanse* it with the washing of water by the word" (Eph. 5:26). And if we expect to be in Christ's spiritual body, His church, then we should also keep our *physical* bodies *clean*.

Regular care of the skin, hair, nails, and teeth and freedom from perspiration odor are essential to cleanliness and contribute to *health*. Waste products are eliminated through the pores of

the skin, and regular bathing is always important.

Keeping your person, your clothes, and your living quarters *clean* will not only aid in promoting *vigorous health*, but will tend to keep your thoughts on a higher level and keep you closer to God.

Untold physical impairments are caused by the wearing of tight, ill-fitting, or unsuitable clothing. Clothing should afford proper protection from the weather, and should be loose fitting and comfortable. The wearing of extremely tight girdles or corsets by women often results in the cramping of vital organs, and the weakening of muscles and tissues in the abdominal and pelvic areas—often causing physical distress in later life—and sometimes resulting in the inability to have children normally. *It just doesn't pay.*

Also, shoes that throw the whole body out of line often cause harm not only to the feet, but to the entire body. Another common fault among women is wearing unnecessarily tight-fitting shoes, which cause bunions, corns and ingrown nails.

4) Sunshine and Fresh Air

Exposing a good portion of the body to the sun's rays is very beneficial. The sun's rays which provide the greatest

benefit to health are the ultraviolet rays. These rays aid in the utilization of phosphorus and calcium, and vitamin D is formed primarily through this influence.

Try to spend as much time out of doors in the open air and sunshine as you can. Remember that there is danger in sunlight if the body is exposed too long before it is conditioned to the sun. So, in acquiring a tan, you should proceed *cautiously*.

At every opportunity, step outside and *take a deep breath* of pure, *fresh* air. After all, breath is the stuff life itself is made of (Gen. 2:7).

Breathe deeply to be healthy.

We breathe to get *oxygen* into our systems, for without oxygen we should quickly die. *Every vital process in the body depends on oxygen* for its performance. The more you breathe *pure, fresh air*, the more pep you will have, the brighter will be your color, the more alert you will be, and the better posture you will have.

Most of us take in enough air to sustain life, but not enough to live it *vigorously*.

5) Exercise

In this day of push-button gadgets and automobiles, millions of people are

only *half* the physical specimens they ought to be—because of a *lack of exercise*.

Notice a crowd of people some time. Observe the various sizes and shapes—the fat people, the "pot-bellied" businessmen, and others who have no more meat on their bones than a scarecrow. Are these people made in the image of God?

Basically, yes. But they have degenerated from the perfect physical specimens that Adam must have been.

Am I talking about a need for huge, bulging muscles?

No. Except in a very few cases, they are entirely unnecessary in modern life—and constant expenditure of time and energy would be necessary to keep them in that condition.

But nearly everyone today does need an intelligently planned program of *exercise*. Exercise stimulates deep breathing and increases blood circulation; it aids in the expelling of poisons from the system, and tends to produce "normalcy" in all bodily functions.

While work leaves one tired and sometimes enervated, proper exercise is of remarkable assistance in building up *energy*. The body is often *recharged* after systematic calisthenics, and this form of exercise can include all of the muscle groups of the body—whereas regular work or games often neglect many of these, while overtaxing others.

Especially for young people, games and sports naturally afford an enjoyable opportunity to get needed exercise. But these should be supplemented with calisthenics or some form of exercise at home as one grows past that stage in life and tends to *neglect* physical exercise.

Walking and *hiking* are excellent forms of exercise for people of all ages and occupations. But vigorous young people should supplement even these with some form of activity which directly utilizes the arms, shoulders, and torso.

Because of the tendency in the apostle Paul's day to glorify athletics and idolize athletes, Paul wrote Timothy: "For *bodily exercise* profiteth little: but *godliness is profitable unto all things*" (I Tim. 4:8). Notice that Paul did not



Wide World

Towering skyscrapers jut up and out of a dense, irritant-loaded fog, as though reaching up for a breath of fresh air. Air pollution takes thousands of lives annually.

condemn physical exercise, but merely showed that it does profit a little, or for a little while, as compared with godliness which will profit through eternity.

But few of us in this degenerate age are inclined to get too much exercise, and we do *need* a proper amount to build the kind of abundant, radiant health we should all enjoy.

Building a strong, supple, graceful body does require effort. But it is *eminently worthwhile*—especially in this day when we are inclined to let machines do everything while our own bodies stagnate.

6) Sleep and Rest

Many people, especially students, are inclined to delude themselves with the idea that they can drive themselves on in work or play, then "catch up on sleep" later on—and be none the worse for it. *Nothing* will take the place of regular sleep and rest in its recuperative effect on the human body.

Man can go much longer without food than he can without sleep, and sleep becomes unbelievably necessary after long periods of sleeplessness.

Sufficient, regular sleep for most adults ranges from seven to nine hours each night. This is definitely *not* wasted time. It will enable one to be *fully alive* during his work and play, and to live a longer and fuller life in the end.

However, too much sleep is not a benefit. Rather, it is depressing and causes sluggishness and a state of lethargy. We are warned in Proverbs against oversleeping and laziness (Prov. 24:33-34).

In addition to regular sleep, many health authorities recommend one or more short periods of rest throughout the day to recharge our worn nerve batteries.

When God said, "Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work," He was giving a law of *health*—as well as a *spiritual* principle—which will *never* grow old. Both physically and mentally, we *need* to rest every seventh day—and so God gave the Sabbath rest as a great blessing.

Thousands of years ago, God knew

and enunciated what many men still haven't found out—that in depriving yourself of sufficient sleep and rest you will accomplish not more, but *less*, in the end.

7) Avoid Bodily Injury

Accidents annually take a toll of 90,000 human lives and disable some 9,000,000 in the United States alone!

Think of the *millions* of dollars lost in doctor and hospital bills, and of the countless work hours which were forfeited.

This is *entirely unnecessary!*

We have become a nation of reckless, careless people who *defile* and *destroy* our bodies not only with perverted foods, drinks, cigarettes and the like—but by carelessly *injuring* them. God says if we defile the temple of His Spirit, He will *destroy* us (I Cor. 3:17; 6:19).

We need to *repent* of abusing our God-given bodies!

There is abundant information available regarding the prevention of accidents. The main thing is that you realize how *seriously* you should take this problem—and resolve to *quit* taking physical risks in your work or play. One such careless moment can easily *undo* and *wreck* the physical well-being you may have nourished for years.

It just doesn't pay.

Take ACTION!

You now know the *seven basic laws of radiant health*. Here they are summarized: (1) Quit worrying, arguing, bickering. Maintain a *tranquil mind*—a *positive attitude*. (2) Be sure you have a *balanced diet* of *natural* foods. Learn the value of drinking plenty of *water*, of *fasting*, and of *avoiding constipation*. (3) Remember that *cleanliness* is vital to good health, and that *suitable clothing* is also necessary. (4) Derive the maximum benefit from *sunshine* and *fresh air*. (5) Plan a program of regular, sufficient exercise. And stick to it! (6) Let your body recuperate from work and play through proper *sleep* and *rest* as God intended. (7) *Take care* of the healthy body you are building. Don't wreck your other

efforts through carelessness. *Avoid bodily injury.*

Remember these seven basic health laws; *study* them in detail; and, most of all, *practice them!*

You must *put them to work* and *LIVE* by these laws! It will take some effort, but the reward of a strong, graceful, vigorously healthful body will more than repay your efforts.

Of course, if you have already *broken* these laws most of your life, you will not attain as great benefits as if you had started early. And in all honesty, we must realize one factor that *we* have nothing to do with—our heredity, and the fact that some of us have *inherited* certain weaknesses which may never be fully overcome.

But nearly any physical condition can be *greatly improved* if the right steps are taken.

So put your shoulder to the wheel! *Radiant health is worth working for.* And applying these *physical laws* is important *spiritual* training.

It is *God's* will. *You* are commanded: "*Glorify God in your body.*"

And be sure to read *next month's* vital article in this continuing series. It will be entitled: "Build the *Personality* of a King."

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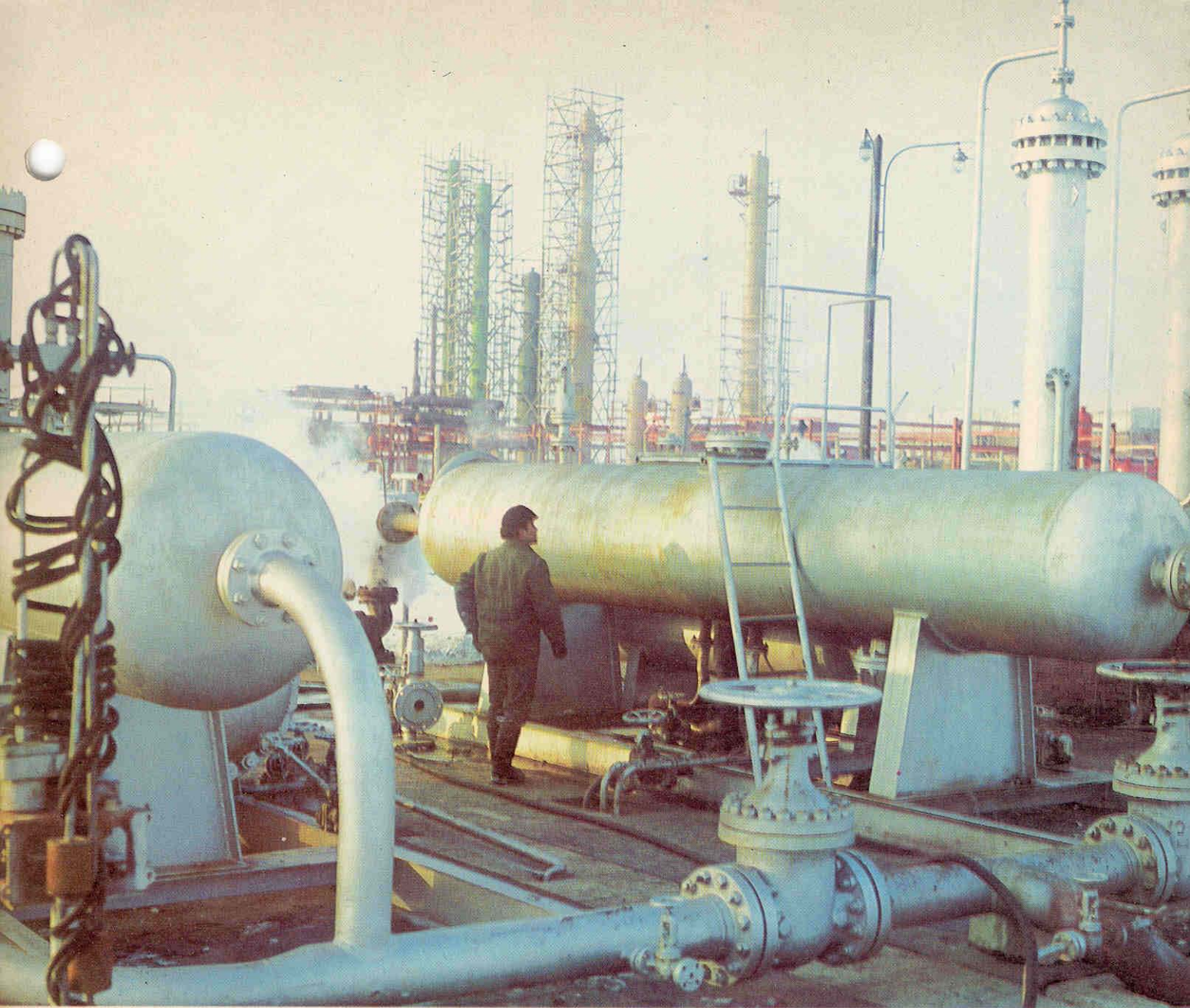
So many ask: "HOW does it happen that I find my subscription price for The PLAIN TRUTH has already *been paid*? How can you publish such a high class magazine without advertising revenue?"

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

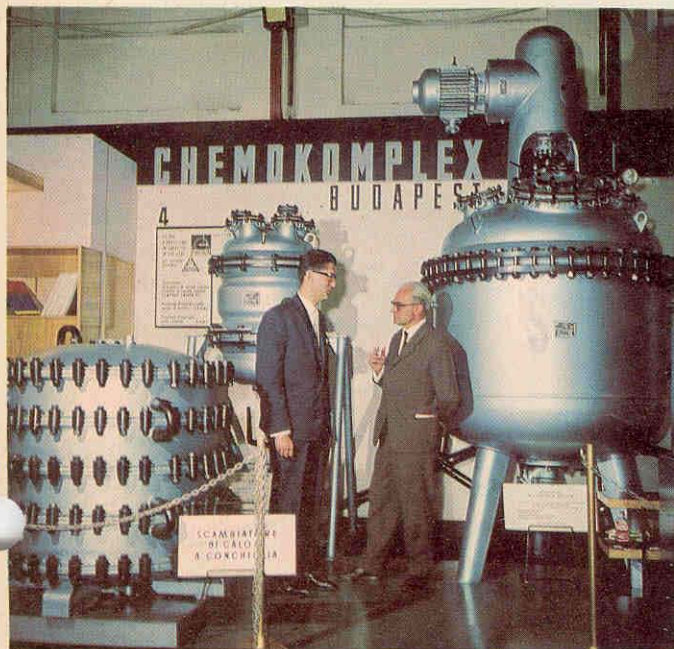
Jesus said, "This Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached (and published—Mark 13:10) in all the world for a witness unto all nations" (Mat. 24:14) *at this time*, just before the end of this age. A PRICE *must be paid* for the magazine, the broadcast, the Correspondence Course, or other literature. But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

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

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New Kind of Revolution

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Western tastes and styles in dress, hairdos, music, art. The Czechs of Bohemia have been quick to take up the latest Western fad. And no wonder — after all, Bohemia gave its name long ago to the unconventional arty way of life that today has come to typify teen-agers in the Western world. Shops in the big cities are stocked with the latest Western products.

In the Czech countryside we had numerous opportunities

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Partial view of gas purification plant, above, near Hajduszoboszlo, Eastern Hungary. Left, Hungarian chemical exhibit in Milan, Italy, illustrates East European efforts to increase Common Market trade.



to pick up in our car young people on the way to some distant city. (It is still safe to pick up hitchhikers behind the Iron Curtain!) One young fellow in particular revealed the thinking of the younger generation. He was on his way to Bratislava to see a sports meet. He wasn't concerned about his parents. The State would take care of them. He wasn't concerned about politics or religion. He was not an atheist; yet to him God was unreal, far off. His big interests, he confessed, were also his big weaknesses—beatle music and sports. He wouldn't complain about the system so long as he had a job and the pleasures and diversions he craved.

Little wonder that in the satellite nations of Eastern Europe the number of dedicated young Communists are comparatively few. And most of those who are dedicated, use communism as the way to *get ahead*. They are dedicated, in other words, to making money.

Erasing the Scars of Revolt

From Prague we drove over well-built roads through Brno and Bratislava to Hungary. The contrast was immediate. Western Hungary—the ancient plains of Pannonia—is heavily agricultural. Gone were the industrial complexes scattered over the undulating and sometimes rugged Czech countryside.

Hungarian agriculture is more primitive than Czechoslovakia's. Not many tractors were in operation on the state farms. Horses are commonplace. More women were in the fields than men. Again the failure of communism in agriculture was obvious. On several occasions we stopped along the roadside and walked out into the fields to talk with men and women on the collectives. (Most everywhere the German language served us well behind the Iron Curtain.)

Hungarians themselves told us that, on the whole, they are a less handsome people than the Czechs and Slovaks. But they are more businesslike, more ambitious, greater individualists. The Czechs sullenly submitted to commu-

nism. It was the Hungarians who revolted in 1956. It took 200,000 Russian troops and 2,500 tanks and armored cars to crush the rebellion. The scars of that struggle are still to be seen in various areas of Budapest, Hungary's capital.

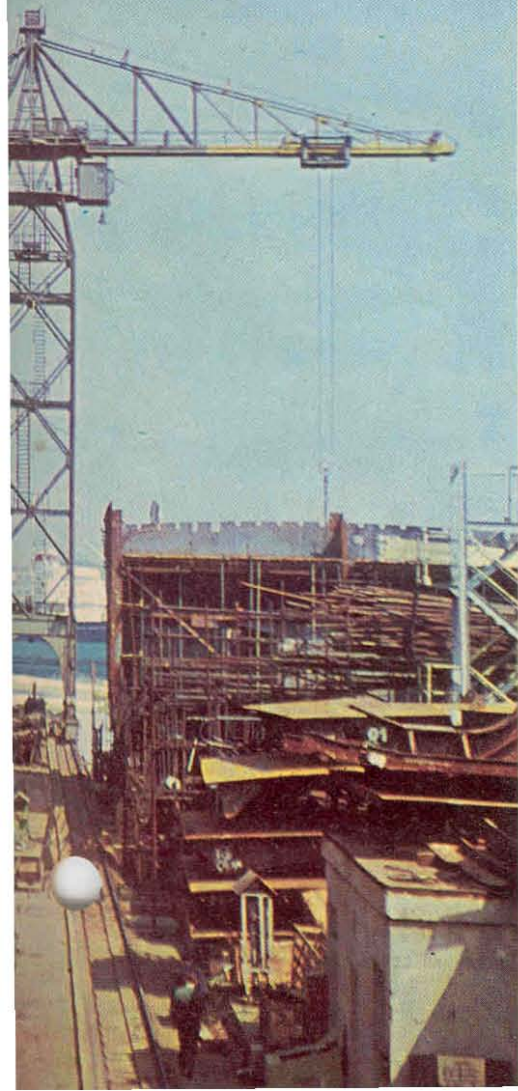
The Czechs and Hungarians are politically socialist brother states. But under the thin skin of politics there are significant differences of language and national character. The Hungarians and Czechs first came to blows in A.D. 906. The Hungarians later joined with the Austrians to dominate their Slavic-speaking neighbors. In 1938 Hungary made away with 4,000 square miles of Czechoslovakian territory. In turn, at the end of the war, several million Hungarians were moved out of Slovakia.

Prague, the Czech capital, has long been characterized as the cultural mother city of Eastern Europe. By contrast, Budapest, the Hungarian capital, has gained the reputation of being the Paris of Eastern Europe. Young people, married and unmarried, caress publicly on the streets and in the parks. The serious housing shortage which hinders marriage adds to the moral problem.

Budapest is heavily congested with vehicles due to a major building program. Unlike Prague, it suffered heavily during World War II and again in the 1956 revolt.

Hungary is making rapid strides with the introduction of "creeping capitalism" and local planning. Trade with Western Europe is booming. Everywhere the Communist satellite nations in Eastern Europe are encouraging West European capital investment and increased trade. They need the West's hard currencies. They don't want the soft currencies of their socialist brother states. This paradox will inevitably lead to stronger ties with the Common Market nations.

In five to six years these Communist nations in Eastern Europe will be faced with major decisions: shall they remain allies of the Soviet Union, be neutral, or join in with the Common Market? They cannot continue the way they are going—serving the USSR while courting the Common Market. Nations, like people, cannot serve two masters.



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Shipbuilding at the Obuda Shipyard, Budapest. Landlocked Hungary is linked to the outside world through the mighty Danube River.

PROPHECY *comes alive*

IN TODAY'S WORLD NEWS

THE world is suddenly discovering what PLAIN TRUTH readers have long known—NAZISM is not dead in West Germany!

The National Democratic Party (NPD) — officially labeled "neo-Nazi" by the Bonn government's Interior Ministry—landed eight delegates in the Hesse state legislature on November 6. Many cautious eyebrows were raised. A few days later the ruling Christian Democrats attempted to form a new government around Kurt-Georg Kies-

singer, a man who had an obscure Nazi-tainted past.

But the big shock came in Bavaria on November 20. On that day the upstart, two-year-old, ultra-rightist NPD captured 15 seats in the Bavarian Landtag (state parliament). This was five more than the NPD bosses had hoped for!

Mounting Frustration

The "signs of the times" in Germany are now clear for all to see. The National "Democrats" are but one symptom of

resurgent German nationalism. The NPD has been the first to capitalize on the mounting nationwide frustration.

Political stagnation in Bonn, repeated failures at reunification, continuous presence of U. S. military power on German soil, prolonged Nazi war-crimes trials, war-reparations payments to Israel—all these and many other nagging problems are beginning to "bug" Germans.

Those who appeal to these sensitive feelings are beginning to get the votes! The big parties are worried. They won-



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Several thousand youths demonstrate in Munich against the NPD two days before the Bavarian state election. Large poster warns: "Remember history. Therefore: No vote for neo-Nazis." Small banner to the right of this reads: "Past: Nationalism. Future: United Europe. NPD: a step into the past." This is West Germany's dilemma today. Will she again lapse into narrow nationalism? Or will she, as Bible prophecy indicates, assume leadership of a grander United Europe scheme?

Federal chairman of the National Democratic Party, Fritz Thielen, is all smiles after Bavarian election. The new ultranationalist NPD drew 7.4 percent of the popular vote, enough for 15 seats in the state legislature. It had no previous representation.

der now if they should be more "nationalist"!

Real Victor — Strauss!

Almost overlooked in the Bavarian election was the real victor—Franz Josef Strauss and his Christian Socialist Union. The CSU, Bavarian affiliate of the ruling CDU, retained its majority in the state's legislature. Strauss even termed the election as a victory for *him* personally.

Few outside Germany realize that Strauss' campaign speeches were also full of strident nationalism. He told one audience, regarding the rival NPD, "People abroad make a great mistake if they think they can deprive us of the right to have a healthy nationalist party in Germany again today."

Like Two Individuals

Regardless of the minor NPD gains, Strauss is still THE MAN to watch in West Germany. No figure within the faceless NPD or any other party anywhere matches the power, influence, and personal magnetism of the bull-necked Bavarian.

The man Strauss is a contradiction. Said one observer: "Attempting to objectively assess Strauss is like trying to describe *two wholly different men*." Strauss is an extremely hard worker, possesses considerable intellectual ability, has an engaging personality. When in Bonn he is polite, gentle and tolerant. But in Bavaria the "other Strauss" comes through. There, reports the *Neue Ruhr Zeitung*, "he is as he always has been — an inflammatory demagogue, *uncontrolled and uncontrollable*."

Said an American newsman: "Strauss is the only politician I ever met who could make a speech on moderation and incite his audience to riot."

This description strikes a familiar chord. Historians often marvelled at the extreme opposites in personality possessed by Germany's last demagogue, Adolf Hitler.

Waiting For THE Time!

A former top European correspondent said recently: "The German public traditionally has deep respect for a strong tough leader, *whatever his human failings* and Strauss again is one of the most powerful men in West Ger-

many. He has wanted to be chancellor ever since the office was recreated after the war, and careful German observers believe it ultimately will be *almost impossible to deny him his ambition!*"

It is just a matter of time—the *right* time!

Strauss (who was *never* a card-carrying Nazi) is now acting as king-maker. He pressured Kurt-Georg Kiesinger into seeking the chancellorship (with Strauss demanding a top cabinet post).

Asked if *he* would try to form a government, Strauss replied dogmatically that he was "NOT YET READY!"

As we have continually warned, watch Germany and watch Strauss!

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Franco "Liberalizes" Regime

Spain's dictator, Generalissimo Francisco Franco has finally issued his long-awaited "liberalization" edict. In his November 22 Madrid speech, Franco opened the door (albeit slightly) for the possible resumption of the monarchy in Spain. Also revealed were plans for toning down the many restrictions on religious freedom.

Both moves are extremely significant to the future of Europe!

The only major barrier keeping Spain out of the Common Market is Franco himself. The Benelux countries will never forgive Franco for drawing on the help of Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy during the Spanish Civil War.

Spain urgently needs Common Market membership to insure that her economic boom will continue. A step-down by Franco (he is 74) would greatly facilitate this move.

On the religious issue, Franco had the full support of the Vatican. It is a policy in line with the "ecumenical spirit"—drawing the separated Protestants back into the Roman fold. Your Bible says a coming 10-nation union in Europe (which will very likely include Spain) will have profound religious significance. Church unity is growing.

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Prince Charles Coming "of Age"

A significant, but little publicized item came over the UPI wire November 14. It said: "Prince Charles, oldest son of Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh, is 18 today and in effect receives the keys of the British Kingdom. From today on he could assume the throne and rule *without his father acting as regent* in the event of the *death or abdication* of his mother . . ."

Watch Prince Charles—especially in these next three years. There is mounting evidence that he might assume the throne after he becomes 21.



Wide World Photo

General Francisco Franco makes proposals in a speech to the Spanish Parliament in Madrid, Nov. 22. He offered Spain a new organic law opening the way to the establishment of a monarchy after he steps down. Franco has ruled Spain for 27 years.

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