

What our READERS SAY

Demands "Showdown"

"As it is common in your practice to make ridiculous statements to support your fundamentalist beliefs, especially in your booklet The Proof of the Bible. which forms the foundation of your religion, obviously you must have never read Tom Paine's The Age of Reason, which proves the Bible to be a fraudulent document full of proven contradictions. I challenge you to live up to your magazine's title The PLAIN TRUTH, with a showdown issue to either prove your viewpoint or admit your ignorance. I dare you to publish this. I challenge your readers to investigate for themselves, to be objective and see both sides for once before jumping to any hasty conclusions."

Mr. W. C., Winnipeg, Manitoba

• Where have you been? That's EX-ACTLY what WE challenge our readers to do. And IF you're all that "objective" why don't you read "Alleged Discrepancies of the Bible" by John W. Haley. Alleged "proofs" of Tom Paine and all other Bible critics are clearly and simply answered. The Bible is the most harmonious, perfect piece of writing that has ever been - and it's prophecies ARE coming to pass. And, incidentally, EVERY number of The PLAIN TRUTH is a "showdown" issue.

Briton Shocked at Loss of Broadcast

"To me the fact that broadcasting 'The good news of the world tomorrow' programme has virtually ceased in this country has shocked me deeply. There must be many others who feel the same way, but what is worse is the fact that if it had continued there must have been some more people who would have heard the wonderful news and stood a chance of being saved. This to me is a tragedy."

F. B., Kent, England

• And to us - and to all of Britain, even including those who never yet beard it.

Cries Out for His People

"I just received the June and August issues of The PLAIN TRUTH. Thank you very much for sending them. It was sincerely difficult to swallow the truth about race riots. I am a Negro and I love my 'brothers' and 'sisters' so much that I am now crying because these things, as terrible as they are, are happening and it seems as though we are not going to stop. I thank God that I know the truth. I am free from these inspirations to prejudge, hate, burn, and destroy. I would still gladly give my life if my people could be turned from their ways."

Ronald M.

New Iberia, Louisiana

• You've got TRUE freedom, Ron --the most precious kind there is.

Autobiography

"I am so very thankful that you have again begun your Autobiography in The PLAIN TRUTH. The experiences in your life are a help to everyone God has called.

"I, personally, was amazed at the answers I received through reading about you, your family, and the men in the Work. To have the whole Autobiography in book form would be a blessing as helpful to us as the wonderful GOD SPEAKS OUT ON 'The New Morality.' We are praying it's God's will that this be done!"

> Norman F. F., Lynwood, Calif.

Notable Growth

"I am afraid my English is too limited for me to express the proper gratitude and thanks for all past favors coming from you; the most important being, of course, The PLAIN TRUTH which I have seen grow from a small 'pulp' edition into one that not only can take its place in the best magazine company today but which is, in my

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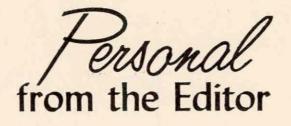
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I HAVE BEEN somewhat amused at a clipping sent me containing an article concerning myself in the *Catholic Herald*, published in England, issue of September 1, 1967.

Frequently clippings are sent me of hostile, slanderous, defaming attacks, falsely accusing, persecuting, and intending to mislead those who are hearing and reading God's TRUTH as we proclaim and publish it. All such attacks are ignored. I have never answered them.

However, this short article in the *Catholic Herald* is different. I would not consider it either as slanderous or an attack. Obviously it was not intended to sing my praises. I think the reader might even detect a note of mild sarcasm, although, from the writer's point of view, obviously differing from mine, he may well have intended to write objectively.

Actually, he freely admits that my prophecy in May of this year, (that war would break out between the Arabs and Israelis within about a month) really happened.

He was absolutely correct in part of his headline, also, when he referred to the silence in broadcasting to Britain being only temporary! Only yesterday I received a long distance call from Paris confirming final arrangements to resume superpower broadcasting to cover the entire British Isles, beginning either December 1st of January 1st.

However, the complete headline was: "Temporary silence for prophet of doom." Now I should like to correct the editor on that "prophet of doom" phrase.

First, I do not claim to be a prophet at all. Second, I do not preach a message of DOOM, but diametrically the *opposite* — I proclaim the GOOD News of the peaceful, happy, prosperous, utopian WORLD_TOMORROW!

We do point out that mankind is doing its best to bring utter doom on

itself. We do make listeners aware of this world's deteriorating conditions we do cry aloud and show the people their sins (Isa. 58:1).

But we also make plain the CAUSES — and we proclaim in power that the living CHRIST whom I serve is very soon going to intervene in ALMIGHTY SUPER-NATURAL POWER to SAVE mankind from itself, and bring us a joyous, glorious and prosperous PEACE!

Our Gospel is a JOYFUL Gospel. It is a Gospel of HOPE — of INSPIRATION — of ASSURANCE for the future!

Since I do not regard this as persecution or an attack — of which I receive many and do not choose to dignify by answering — I feel our readers might be interested — and profited by reading what this particular article said — along with my comments.

It begins: "With the pirate radio stations banned from the air, people in this country can no longer hear Herbert W. Armstrong's sword and thunder broadcasts . . ."

I break off at that point for comment. The ship radio stations which encircled the British Isles were dubbed by the press "pirate radio." But they were in no sense "pirates." A pirate ship is a marauder, a robber on the high seas. The owners of these ships did not come ashore and plunder, rob, steal. Their broadcasting was NOT ILLEGAL. They were not stealing anybody's wave length. There was no law against them - that is, as long as The WORLD TO-MORROW was broadcast by them to many million eager British listeners. Actually, the ships themselves are not illegal even now - being outside British jurisdiction. What the British government did was to make it illegal for Britons or British institutions to broadcast over them.

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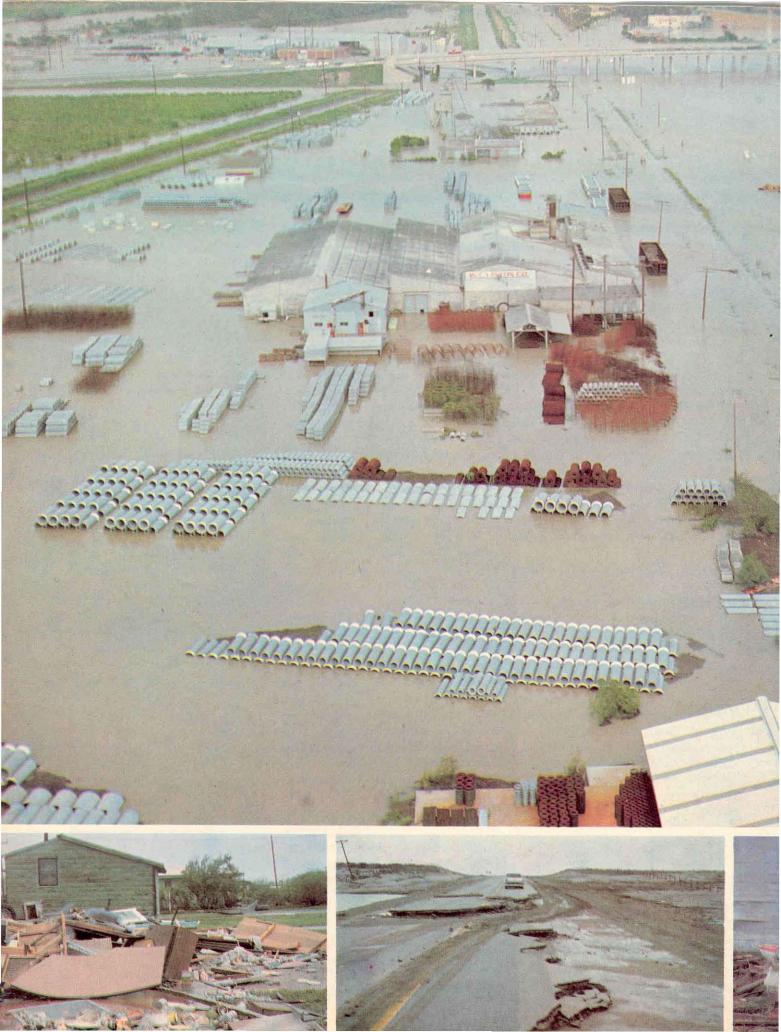
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Duncan — Ambassador College OUR COVER

Thousands in Harlingen, South Texas, were made homeless by flooding — the aftermath of Hurricane Beulah. Authorities had warned residents not to return to their homes until after torrential rains coming in the wake of Beulah had subsided. But many returned anyway — and were caught in the rising floodwaters.

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HURRICANE, TORNADOES, FLOODS WRECK SOUTH TEXAS

First it was vicious Hurricane Beulah. Then scores of tornadoes combined with torrential rains. Finally, the most devastating floods in Texas' history. WHY did it happen — and what does it mean? Read the answer in this on-the-spot report from our Texas staff.

by Eugene M. Walter

T IS NOW admitted. One billion dollars estimated property damage. Hundreds of homes obliterated by hurricane winds. Thousands more devastatingly flooded by 10-foot tides, crashing waves and twenty-inch-plus rains — on the heels of a severe drought.

Electrical and communications systems "damaged unbelievably." Millions of dollars' worth of citrus fruit, just in the beginning stages of harvest, knocked to the ground; numerous fruit trees uprooted and destroyed. At least seventy tornadoes (some reports said more than 100) spawned in the aftermath.

Countless Thousands Hit

At least one million people isolated or immobilized. And 250,000 driven from their homes to emergency shelters in Texas alone (to say nothing of Mexico) at the height of Beulah's fury.

Forty thousand square miles of land — an area equivalent to the entire state of Kentucky or larger than the combined area of Scotland and Wales virtually one gigantic, marshy lake!

News commentator Porter Randall thus described the disaster: "Hurricane Beulah has created a tragedy the like of which Texas has never seen before."

Director of the National Hurricane Center in Miami, R. H. Simpson, ac-

Duncan, Walter — Ambassador College Floodwater, demolished buildings, torn-up pavements as far as the eye can see — havoc wrought when Hurricane Beulah unleashed her fury on South Texas and adjoining Mexico. knowledged that Beulah was one of the three most powerful hurricanes of this century, and that *ber flooding was the worst in history ever caused by a hurricane.*

Officials of the Office of Emergency Planning said that the sheltering and feeding of the refugees was "probably the greatest rescue operation for a natural disaster in history."

Beulah's Destructive Arrival

For more than two weeks Beulah had been building up steam in the Caribbean — wreaking havoc and death wherever she touched land. Then on the morning of September 20 she ripped into South Texas near the U.S.-Mexican border in the general area of Brownsville.

Port Isabel, a coastal resort community of 5,000, was in the direct line of Beulah's 160-mile-per-hour fury. All but five or six of the residents had evacuated — and it was a good thing. Port Isabel was mostly a heap of wreckage when Beulah left.

Erratic Beulah next headed inland toward the northwest. She slammed into the northern edge of the rich Rio Grande Valley and savagely attacked the citrus orchards.

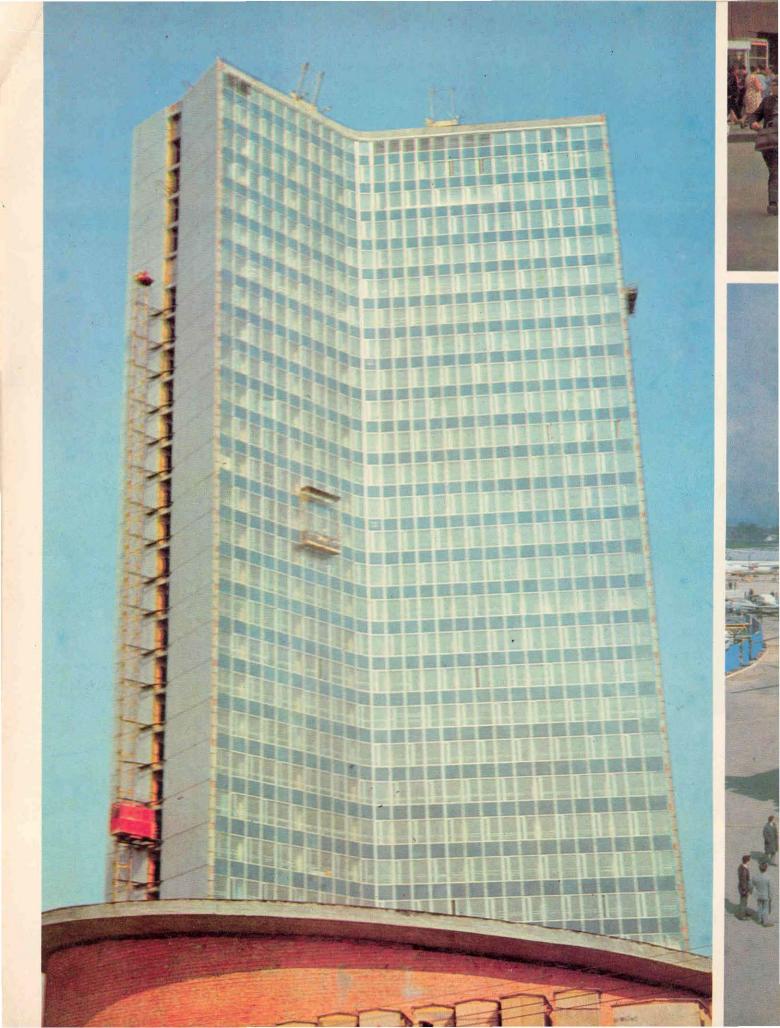
By late evening Beulah had worked herself inland over ranch country and was beginning to lose her punch.

But the worst was yet to come.

The Morning After

As soon as it was light the next morning (Thursday), PLAIN TRUTH staff members began a survey of the

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THE UNFINISHED REVOLUTION



After 50 years of Communism, what is life really like in the USSR? To bring our readers the truth about life under Communism, we begin, with this issue, a series of spectacular eyewitness reports on the Soviet Union.

by Herman L. Hoeh

Moscow, USSR

HAVE JUST returned to Moscow from Soviet Central Asia. What is occurring here would shock West Europeans and Americans — if they knew!

But the West is asleep — lulled by a prosperity unknown to the vast majority of Soviet citizens.

Fifty Bleak Years

This year — 1967 — the USSR has thrown open its doors to tourism. It wants the West to see the accomplishments of 50 years of Communism.

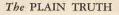
We have traveled over 8,500 miles in the USSR. We have visited with collective farmers and medical doctors, and been invited into private homes on the most unexpected occasions. We photographed freely — well, almost, that is!

Missing are the store windows rich in consumer goods, the well-dressed businessmen, the freeways crowded with



Neon lights adorn Moscow's Central Telegraph for Revolution Day, November 7. Unlike in America, where neon signs are devoted primarily to commercial use, USSR neon lighting is used to promote the Communist Party, its goals and national holidays.





workers' cars so familiar to western eyes. Life here is termed drab by most American visitors. But one thing is being overlooked!

It is more important than all the consumer goods, and fine homes, the night life and pleasures of the West. That something is a national sense of purpose — a mission in life — a goal. That goal is the completion of the world revolution begun November 7, 1917.

The Importance of a Goal

The first law of success is the possession of a goal.

Today, Britons have lost their national sense of purpose. And the goal of most Americans is the enjoyment of the pleasures money can buy. There is no real mission in life. Whatever national sense of purpose there may be left is being eroded away by selfishness.

But here in the USSR there is a national sense of purpose — a goal — a mission in life. It is a frightening goal. It calls for the continued building of Communism within the Soviet Union, and the spread of atheistic Communism by world revolution abroad.

Millions of Soviet citizens — educated to believe in Communism — are willing to sacrifice for this goal, to go without that the industrial and military might of the USSR can be increased. This sense of purpose has been a primary cause in catapulting the USSR in 50 short years to the rank of number two nation in the world.

Everywhere we have traveled in the Soviet Union — whether in Central Asia, the Caucasus or European Russia — red banners proclaim the importance of the big Soviet goal — world revolution. To achieve it, every collective farm, every state farm has its own local goal assigned. Every factory has its quota. Every citizen his or her duty.

Slogans proclaiming the fiftieth anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution and the goal of world Communism are splashed in every city and village. On hydroelectric power stations and factories, on bridges and at airports. On public buildings and apartment dwellings and in the schools. They fill the airwaves and cover book counters.

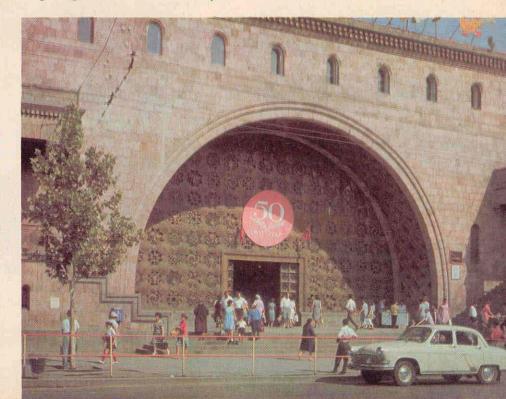
Only the elderly — especially in the Ukraine — seem openly bored.

USSR Builds for a Purpose

It is commonly reported today in Western magazines that Soviet youth is uninterested in building Communism. That they "couldn't care less" about the revolution. Western styles in music, in art and dress are interpreted as telltale signs.

Don't you believe it!

Whatever the Soviet citizen is permitted since the death of Stalin and ouster of Khrushchev is the result of decisions from above. It is all in accor-



Novosti (top), Kubik — Ambassador College Propaganda sign in Bukhara, Uzbek SSR, left, proclaims peace in ten languages to impress tourists visiting the Soviet Union. Red sign under arch of gigantic free market in Erivan, Armenian SSR, announces fiftieth anniversary of Communist Revolution. Thousands of Armenians fled to Soviet Union after World War I to escape Turkish persecution.

PAC. HINTATEAN ST

dance with the overall plan of the Communist Party. This year is the fiftieth anniversary of the unfinished 1917 revolution. This year — 1967 — is the logical year for Soviet citizens to enjoy some of the approved fruits of their long, arduous labors.

What is overlooked is the fact that three generations of Soviet citizens have been educated under Communism. They are indoctrinated with the idea that the Communist Party has their welfare always in mind, that it is always right. Individuals may err, but not the Party. If the Party chooses to allow limited Western styles in art, music, dress and literature, this does not mean the Party has suddenly abandoned its goals. Or that Soviet youth has shelved its revolutionary zeal. Rather, the Soviet system, in permitting these new ideas, is furthering its goals.

Soviet leaders, after the death of Stalin, realized that the Communist goal of world revolution could be achieved more readily by granting limited freedom for individual expression within the collective Soviet framework.

A member of the Communist Party personally told me, as we sat together in a restaurant in Erivan, capital of the Armenia SSR: "Stalin did many terrible things." But this young man is still a dedicated communist. He is quite willing to accept Western ideas so long as they conform with Party doctrine. But he remains a revolutionary. He accepts only those cultural ideas from the West that enable him to serve his Party better.

I have every reason to believe he is sincere — yet sincerely wrong. But he knows no other way. He has been educated to believe in atheistic Communism. Communism is for him a faith.

Western writers are too often unaware that Communism appeals to *faith*, faith in the power of MAN to change this world!

What does the United States send (Continued on page 47)

Kubik - Ambassador College

Uniformed children — members of the Young Pioneers, the Communist Party's children's organization look on as *Plain Truth* correspondents visited their camp outside Volgograd.



Are YOU "Under" the LAW?

Biblical IGNORANCE is the hallmark of our times! Millions of professing Christians know virtually NOTHING about the Bible. Millions understand LITTLE of the "spiritual" sounding phrases they hear from pulpits. Here, in SIMPLE language at last, are the Bible answers to some of the most puzzling and important questions to your life! Here is the TRUTH about YOU and the LAW of God.

YOU'RE living in a lawless world! As never before, you see *violence*, lawbreaking, flouting of authority — the world over! There is no more obvious feeling gripping the hearts of men today than that of *rebellion* against the LAW!

Why? ---

What is it in human nature that makes us *resent* order and authority? Wby do all humans have inner compulsions to break the law? Why is it vast percentages of people cheerfully admit they have, at one time or another in their lives, broken laws of sufficient importance to have landed them in jail?

Flouting of the law is like a game, a holiday atmosphere of fun and frolic to whole segments of our populations today.

No wonder, then, people are eager to believe God is "dead" — that His *law* is *done away*. Millions of professing Christians literally RESENT the laws of God. Millions believe they need pay no attention whatever to the Ten Commandments — that there are no ORDERS to be followed, no OBEDIENCE required of Christians, no WORKS involved in their Christian lives!

The Fatal MISTAKE Millions Are Making!

It's time you saw, with your own eyes, from the pages of *your own Bible* the plain TRUTH about God's laws — and YOUR relationship to them!

First — why is it "religious" terms always seem to sound CONFUSING to people? You've probably heard me mention, on *The* WORLD TOMORROW program, how it seems many people are not truly "satisfied" with their re-

by Garner Ted Armstrong

ligion unless it sounds *so* vague and meaningless, *so* "mysterious" and *so* couched in "pseudo-sanctimonious" and "spiritual" terms that it loses candid MEANING to them.

The very MOMENT the terms "law" or "grace" are mentioned to MANY professing Christians they are almost AUTO-MATICALLY confused.

But WHY?

Simply because they have been FED — yes, SPOON-fed a great deal of CON-FUSION on the subject! But let's *not* be confused! Let's come to understand!

What do you mean, GRACE? Let's decide, at the outset of this discussion, to KNOW WHAT WE MEAN by different terms. Grace, as it is clearly set forth in your dictionary, and in your Bible, has a FAR DIFFERENT MEANING than that which is deliberately PUT upon it by many false ministers in this world.

Just What Is Grace?

What does the word "grace" mean to you?

Does it imply PERMISSION TO SIN? "Certainly not!" you might answer! Well, then — does it mean you DO NOT HAVE TO KEEP GOD'S LAWS? "OF COURSE!" many would immediately reply!

But wait a minute! What IS sin? "Sin IS," the Bible answers, "THE TRANSGRESSION OF THE LAW" (I John 3:4). Well, then — if that's what sin IS — if sin IS the BREAKING OF GOD'S LAWS, SIN is, then, FAILING TO KEEP GOD'S LAWS!

Well, then — IF THAT IS TRUE and your Bible says it is — and *IF* "grace" means you DO NOT HAVE TO OBEY GOD'S LAW — then does not "grace" mean to many of you that you may SIN?

"OF COURSE NOT!" you might answer — but then — isn't it all a little CONFUSING?

It certainly is! Satan and his ministers (II Cor. 11:13) have CONFUSED the meaning of grace in most men's minds! This whole world, according to *your Bible*, has been DECEIVED (Rev. 12:9; 20:3).

Just what, then, is grace?

Grace IS, according to *Webster's New* Collegiate Dictionary, "Favor, kindness, MERCY, etc.," and, the ecclesiastical usage, "DIVINE MERCY OR FORGIVENESS"!

Yes — that's just it! Grace is FOR-GIVENESS! Grace is MERCY! Grace is PARDON!

But forgiveness of *what*? Why, what IS a Christian, but one who has, through the shed blood of Jesus Christ, obtained MERCY and PARDON from his past sins? It is through the blood of Jesus Christ we must obtain GRACE! Christ died, then, to show GRACE toward us — didn't He?

"Of *course*," you would answer. Well, if *this* is true, and the Bible certainly SAYS it is — then may we go on sinning after Christ has shown us GRACE?

Let's let the BIBLE answer — NOT the ideas of men!

Paul was inspired to write, "What then? Shall we SIN [that is, shall we BREAK ANY ONE OF GOD'S TEN COM-MANDMENTS] because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid!" (Rom. 6:15.) There is the BIBLE answer! Paul plainly reveals that we must not think we may SIN, that we can ignore, or live contrary to God's Ten Commandments, just because God has shown us some of His great MERCY!

WHY did God have to show us His MERCY? Why did we NEED "GRACE"?

God answers, "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that *all bave sinned*!" (Rom. 5:12.)

Yes — every human being has BRO-KEN God's HOLY LAWS, the Ten Commandments! Remember, it is the breaking of *these laws*, as they are applied *in principle*, and as they are *magnified* by Christ in His teachings, that IS SIN (I John 3:4).

Every human being has, because of his very *nature* of basic hostility toward God's laws (Rom. 8:7) been convicted of God's law as guilty of SIN! The *penalty* of sin is DEATH (Rom. 6:23). Christ DIED in order to ERASE OUR PAST SINS! (Rom. 5:8.)

THAT IS WHAT GRACE IS! It is the unlimited *mercy* of our God — the unearned, unmerited PARDON of our God, when we totally *repent* of our past sins!

Notice it! "In whom [Christ] we have redemption through His blood, the *forgiveness of sins*, according to the riches of HIS *GRACE*." (Eph. 1:7.)

Grace, then, is God's loving willingness to forgive us of our past sins!

The Modern Deception

Even before the close of the New Testament canon, Almighty God inspired Jude to write, "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that you should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ" (Jude 3, 4). The actual HISTORY of what happened from that time to this is now available! Remarkable, almost unbelievable discoveries are rapidly being made which amply PROVE that, true to the prophecies of your Bible, certain men DID creep in "unawares" - men who DELIBERATELY, with planned forethought, attempted to undermine the pure truth of God which was once delivered to the saints.

This, remember, was a prophecy of many centuries ago! Jude went on to describe these men as those who had a basic resentment and hostility toward all government, and the symbols of government, *those in authority*! "Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, DESPISE DOMINION, and *speak evil of dignities*!" (Jude 8.)

What is in the minds of most professing Christians concerning their relationship to God today?

Basically, it is simply this: they have become convinced that a person should live a "righteous life!" They have become convinced that they have been "sinners" - which usually means persons who have lived "unrighteous lives." To most, an "unrighteous life" merely means having various "worldly" habits and interests, perhaps attending motion picture theatres, dancing, drinking, or playing cards. It may even involve the various modes and styles of apparel. There are dozens of different categories in the minds of men as to what actually constitutes SIN! But whether it involves various of these habits, indulgences, or "worldly acts" — most professing Christians would say that conversion, to them, means "living for God." It means living a "good" life, rather than an "evil" life. It means to think "good" thoughts, rather than thinking "evil" thoughts. In a sort of vague, nebulous way, most professing Christians realize there must be a certain change in their lives when they "repent" or receive, or accept Christ.

To most — GRACE is the STATE of a Christian who is "living for God!" GRACE has come to falsely mean, to most professing Christians, a CONDI-TION of the INDIVIDUAL, rather than a QUALITY of God!

In other words, instead of understanding the true meaning of the word grace as revealed in your Bible, MANY of you have come to feel that GRACE is merely a Biblical term which vaguely means the Christian is in a "saved" condition! It means that God has smiled on the individual, "chosen" him, put him "under grace" and made him a "Christian." How have YOU thought about it? Have you ever really been *clear* on the subject? Have you ever been able to really *track down*, in your own Bible, your beliefs regarding your present state? Have you ever really *proved*, in your *own Bible*, the true meaning that is, the BIBLE meaning — of SIN?

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Let's clear the air! Let's not be confused! Let's come to understand!

What Repentance Is

"REPENT YE therefore, and be *con*verted." (Acts 3:19), said the apostle Peter. To be converted means to be CHANGED!

This change of which the Bible speaks is *far* from a nebulous or vague sort of change. It is a very definitely described change, a complete and total change, a change that God requires in every facet of your individual lives! Jesus said, "Except you REPENT, ye shall all likewise perish!" (Luke 13:3, 5.)

To repent means to be deeply broken up and *sorry* over having SINNED! Peter continued, as you read in Acts 3:19, "... and be converted, that your SINS may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord."

Surely everyone of you knows that Jesus Christ died for the express purpose of taking upon Himself *our sins?* Surely you all know, as a matter of basic, practical, Biblical FACT, that the SINNER must call upon Almighty God to apply the sacrifice of Jesus Christ in order to FORGIVE his sins?

David, experiencing the real depths of repentance, cried out, "Have mercy upon me, Oh God, according to thy lovingkindness, according unto the multitude of thy *tender mercies* BLOT OUT my transgressions.

"Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and *cleanse me from my sin!*" (Ps. 51:1, 2.)

David was calling for the MERCY of God. He was pleading with God to extend GRACE because of his past sins. Later, David said, "Oh how love I thy law! It is my meditation all the day" (Ps. 119:97).

When you REPENT — you repent of having SINNED! And to repent from sin means not only to be totally broken up and sorry over *having* sinned — it means to come to a deep resolve and determination, with the help of God's Holy Spirit, NOT TO SIN AGAIN!

Never forget — what is sin? "Sin IS the transgression of the law" (I John 3:4).

WHEN you have totally repented and been forgiven, then God says "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in the lust thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin, but yield yourself unto God ... for sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under the law but under GRACE" (Rom. 6:12-14).

Do you see? A repentant person is a person who has been SORRY that he has sinned! That means he is totally convicted of having broken God's law, is *sorry* that he has broken God's law, and has now determined, with God's help, never to break God's law again!

Paul goes on to answer a question which might immediately arise in the minds of some who do not KNOW the meaning of the term "grace." He says, in the scripture *immediately following* the one you just read, "What then? Shall we SIN because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid!" (Rom. 6:15.)

Can you now really begin to see? When your Bible speaks of being "under the law," it means, by its very context, under the "PENALTY OF" the law! — not obedience to the law. To obey the law is to be "within the law." To sin — disobey — is to become "under the law."

How Sinners Are Justified!

Another very important clarification of terms is to come to understand the meaning of the word "justified."

Why is it that many of you have not really KNOWN the *plain truth* about such terms as "grace," "justification," "sanctification," "redemption," "conversion," "dedication," "confirmation," and other such "theological-sounding" terms?

Simply because there has been a GREAT CONSPIRACY to deliberately CON-FUSE these terms in the minds of people — keeping the precious truth of Almighty God about the most important subject in your life — that of your personal SALVATION — obscured behind spiritual drunkenness!

To many people, JUSTIFICATION means vaguely the same thing "grace" has meant to so many thousands of deceived persons. It means, to many deceived ones, a "condition" PERMANENT-LY attributed to a Christian.

Many people think once a person is "justified" he is "MADE RIGHT" from then on! But this is simply untrue.

Again, let's go to the only SOURCE to understand these all-important points.

"For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the *doers of the law* SHALL BE justified" (Rom. 2:13).

But how could this be? Simple. It is just as Almighty God says. It is only those who not only *hear*, but actually DO and PERFORM the laws of Almighty God, just as Jesus *said they should* in the Sermon on the Mount (Mat. 5:19) who *shall be* justified!

I have heard my father, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, say many times, "God will not save a single person he cannot GOVERN !" While there is no scripture which says these words directly - there are many scriptures which uphold this basic principle by direct inference. The one you have just read is a very good example. Those who have now come to stand in awe and in fear of the holy LAWS of God, and do now realize they have been convicted of sins in the sight of those laws, have now become totally REPENTANT of having broken those laws, shall BE - as a result of their repentance - justified!

Justification is not a *permanent* "condition" of a Christian. It has to do with the removal and the forgiveness of *past* guilt.

Justified by LAW?

God plainly says that the works of the law, the works and the deeds of the law — any law — whether the Ten Commandments or ANY OTHER law, will not *justify anyone!* "Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law" (Rom. 3:28).

Of course! God did not say in Romans 2:13 that it is by the doing of the law that individuals can be justified. He merely said that those who *are will*- ing to DO His holy laws, are those who are now *eligible* for such justification!

Justification comes as God's free loving gift, through the quality of God which is called "grace."

Notice it "being justified freely BY HIS GRACE through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 3:24).

But neither justification nor grace are a "condition" of a Christian which shall be perpetually attributed to him. The apostle Paul, foreseeing this confusion and deliberate conspiracy to obliterate the plain truth of this simple doctrine, went on to say "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 [grace] of God" (Rom. 3:25).

Could anything be plainer? GRACE is not a PERMANENT "condition" of a Christian, but is a *quality of Almighty God*, expressed *toward* a repentant sinner who now realizes his guilt before God's law, and now wants, with all his heart, soul and mind, to OBEY God's laws and principles!

Justification is not a permanent "condition" of a Christian, but is the immediate condition at the exact TIME of his total repentance and surrender to God; that is, justification is the "CON-DITION" of the newly repentant sinner which is the RESULT of God's grace!

Neither grace nor justification comes BY the works of God's law. They do not come by obedience to *God's* law, or to *any other* law.

Rather, your Bible *plainly shows*, that God *will extend* His unmerited pardon, His GRACE to those who have been totally REPENTANT because they have DISOBEYED. They have now *resolved* to begin OBEYING! Once they have *made this resolve* in their minds, God says such persons can *BE justified*! Once Almighty God ascertains that basic *attitude* of total surrender toward God, He will now extend His righteous and merciful GRACE toward that sinner, by *forgiving* him of all his past sins!

Now notice an important scripture you've probably seen or heard quoted many times on this subject: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of

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God: not of works, lest any man should boast."

This is where most theologians always end the quotation. But let's read all of it. "For we are bis workmanship, created in Christ Jesus [the "new man" as a result of God's Holy Spirit] UNTO GOOD WORKS, which God hath before ordained that we should WALK in them!" (Eph. 2:8-10.)

Of course! We are the handiwork of God, created as new creatures, once we have been *converted*, "in Christ Jesus" for the express purpose of LIVING by every word of God! Living by every word of God means living in OBEDIENCE to God's laws. It means living in humility. It means living a "good" life but Almighty God is the One who tells us what a "good" life is!

He tells us by the perfect example of the life of Jesus Christ! Jesus Christ OBEYED, *PERFECTLY*, all His Father's commandments!

Peter says, "... because Christ also suffered for us, *leaving us an example*, that ye should follow His steps, who did NO SIN, neither was guile found in His mouth" (I Peter 2:21-22).

Did you notice it? Jesus Christ, by doing NO sin, DID obey all of God's Ten Commandments. He set you, and He set me, an example! Are you willing to FOLLOW His example?

God's Law Must Be OBEYED!

Now read these plain scriptures, and come to your own private decision as to what you shall do with them. Jesus said plainly, "... but if you will enter into life, KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS!" (Mat. 19:17.) Paul wrote, "wherefore the law is holy, and the commandments holy and just and good" (Rom. 7:12). Paul went on to say, "For we know that the law is SPIRITUAL, but I am carnal, sold under sin ... if then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law, that it is good" (verses 14 and 16). "For I delight in the law of God after the inward man" (verse 22). "I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself SERVE the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin" (verse 25). "If you fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself,' ye do well, but if ye have respect to persons ye COMMIT SIN, and are convinced of the law as transgressors. For whosoever shall keep the *whole law*, and yet offend in one point, he is GUILTY of ALL!'' (James 2:8-10.)

"And hereby do we know that we know Him, *if we keep His command-ments*. He that saith, 'I know Him,' and keepeth *not* His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him" (I John 2:3-4).

Finally, read the definite description of the end-time remnant of God's *true Church* at the precise *moment* of their persecution in the wilderness, just immediately prior to the second coming of Christ!

"And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, WHICH KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD, AND HAVE THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS CHRIST!" (Rev. 12:17.)

Can you now come to see? The truly converted Christian is living WITHIN God's law, and has experienced God's loving GRACE in being granted forgiveness for his *past transgressions* of God's law.

May God help you to come to see, in your own Bible, these plain truths. Be honest with yourself. What will you po about it?

THE BIBLE ANSWERS Short Questions FROM OUR READERS

There 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.

"What was Cain's mark mentioned in the book of Genesis?" B. G., Kansas

This enigmatic question has puzzled theologians for thousands of years.

The word "mark" in Genesis 4:15 in the King James Version of the Bible is a translation of the Hebrew word owth. According to Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible, the Hebrew word owth may be rendered "mark," or "signal, flag, monument, sign, or beacon."

The *owth* — mark or sign — that God made for Cain could have been something to carry on his person, perhaps around his neck — from which the ancient and modern custom of wearing a charm or talisman for protection may be derived. Is it not possible that Cain or his descendants may have begun to look upon this sign — which may have been in the form of a cross as a "good luck" charm and turned it into an item of idolatrous worship? (Compare Num. 21:4-9 with II Kings 18:4 for a similar example.) The various forms of the cross are of pagan origin and go back to earliest antiquity.

The Hebrew word *outh* could also indicate even a boundary marker that God set up to separate or segregate Cain and his descendants from the rest of mankind. Genesis 4:12 shows that God banished Cain to the land of Nod — meaning land of "wandering" — east of Eden or Palestine.

The Jewish Publication Society translation renders Genesis 4:15, "And the Lord said unto him [Cain]: 'Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.' And the

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Lord set a *sign* FOR Cain, lest any finding him should smite him." The original Hebrew conveys both meanings — a mark on the person of Cain, or a sign set up for him to segregate him from others.

Some have thought that Cain's mark involved skin color. Cain's mark was NOT the changing of his skin color as some suppose. Cain, in accordance with certain West African traditions, may well have been dark, but his sin was a matter of character, not of heredity.

God created ALL races — white, yellow and black, to serve and glorify Him with their own particular abilities. Racial differences are not due to the "mark of Cain." God originally planned that humanity be divided into various races so that they might learn to live and work together in their own respective heritages around the world.

• "Some claim that the Bible is not scientific—and, as proof, they quote Genesis 2:5-6. They claim this scripture says there was no rain on the earth from the time of Adam to Noah. Is this what Genesis 2:5-6 really means?" E. G. R., Pennsylvania

Their claim is false. There is nothing unscientific about the Bible.

Genesis — the first book of the Old Testament — answers basic questions about origins. Genesis means "beginning" or "origin." The first chapter of Genesis tells us of the origin of rain who caused it — how it happens. It makes plain that it did rain on earth between Adam and Noah.

Note, too, that the second chapter of Genesis fills in various details of the re-creation account that the first chapter leaves out. When both chapters are taken together, they complement and mutually amplify each other.

With this in mind, observe what Genesis 2:5-6 actually says: "No shrub of the field was YET in the earth, and no herb of the field had YET sprung up; for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground; but there WENT UP a mist FROM the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground" (Jewish Translation).

Now consider these facts:

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(1) The Lord God CAUSES rain — He set laws in motion to bring it about. There could be no rain if God had not set laws in motion to produce it. The evolutionary idea that weather "happened" without the forethought of the Supreme God is nonsense!

(2) Most important, Genesis 2:6 does NOT say that the mist DESCENDED UPON the earth, as most assume. It says that a mist WENT UP FROM the earth!

(3) Genesis 2:5-6 is speaking of a time PRIOR TO — not after — the third day of re-creation week. Notice the proof. The mist ascended from the earth before any shrubs or herbs appeared. Genesis 1:11-13 shows that the types of vegetation on earth today were not created until the THIRD day. The mist that ascended before the third day was needed to prepare the soil for plant life on that day. The mist ascended according to the laws of evaporation, became clouds, descended as rain, and readied the land for vegetation.

Genesis 2:5-6 tells us who is the Originator or Maker of weather or climate. It tells us about the beginning of climate for the age of man. God is the Beginner or Originator of a process set in motion before the third day of creation week that waters the face of the entire world. This process is still in effect today! It is common knowledge that clouds are formed by the condensation of water vapor or mist that has first GONE UP FROM the earth by evaporation. Under certain conditions water droplets form and it returns to the earth as RAIN or other types of precipitation.

The Bible is not telling us about some mysterious or special way God watered the earth prior to the Flood. A mere mist without any rain could not have sustained plant life over all the earth for the great length of time between Adam and Noah. The Bible is clearly telling us about the beginning of weather patterns God thought out to water the soon-to-be-created plant life!

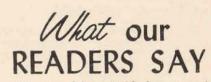
The little word "yet" is clearly implied in the latter portion of Genesis 2:5 as well: "...For the LORD God had not [that is, not YET] caused it to rain upon the earth...." Afterward it did RAIN when the evaporation-condensation-precipitation cycle was begun by a gracious God who takes care of His creation and sustains it.

Geology and archaeology also prove there were weather disasters BEFORE the Flood because of man's disobedience. These disasters cannot be accounted for on the basis of merely a "mist" watering the face of the earth.

Jesus warned: "But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be" (Mat. 24:37). The pre-Flood world experienced upset weather conditions just as we are increasingly witnessing TODAY!

As in the days of Noah, before the Flood, the world has once again forgotten who *began* and *controls* climate and weather. GOD is the Master Weatherman! He plainly tells us that HE is its Originator.

It's time to WAKE UP to this fact and begin seeking Him and His perfect way of life!



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PLANTS THAT TRAP INSECTS – AND EVOLUTIONISTS!

A new kind of dogmatism is sweeping the scientific world. No longer do leading evolutionists speak of evolution as "theory." Today, many assert it to be FACT. Long bitter antagonists of "dogmatism" in religion, evolutionists have gradually become the proprietors of a new, and very dogmatic, religion of their own. It's the religion of NO GOD — the FAITH in evolution! Read the shocking claims of one of the most august assemblies of evolutionists in history — and then see how the fascinating truth about CARNIVOROUS PLANTS traps evolutionists!

by Garner Ted Armstrong and Paul W. Kroll

O NE OF the most momentous events in evolutionary science occurred in 1959. Attending a series of lectures on the campus of the University of Chicago were such respected leaders of evolutionary thought as Julian Huxley, Axelrod, Bates, Darwin (grandson of Charles Darwin), Dobzhansky, Emiliani, E. B. Ford, Gaffron, Leakey, Olson, Rensch, Shapley, Simpson, Tinbergen, Waddington, Wright — and a host of others.

From the scientific pulpit in Mandel Hall issued forth some of the most astounding assertions of this scientific age.

A new kind of dogmatism seemed to prevail.

Scientific Dogmatism

No longer did these giants of the evolutionary world speak of theories, postulates, or hypotheses — now they dogmatically asserted evolution to be FACT! With stentorian thunder, the sweeping pronouncements found their way into science writers' headlines, into textbooks, and into the thousands of classrooms represented by the huge assembly of eager teachers of science.

The interest in the meetings was *intense*. Masses of teachers came to each discussion — remained until the final words were spoken. And no wonder! Here, at last, or so it seemed, was absolute, final PROOF for the eager teachers. Here, at last, was ammunition for their classes to silence the last dissenting voice against "spontaneous generation" or "natural selection."

No longer would teachers be subjected to nettlesome questions from "Creationists" in their classrooms for now the united voices of the world's most famous and renowned teachers of evolution had handed down the final decree.

Evolution, they said, was a fact.

In an opening address, Julian Huxley picked up and read from the Preamble: "Biologists one hundred years after Darwin *take the* FACT of evolution for granted, as a necessary basis for interpreting the phenomena of life."

No Longer Theory?

After reading the questions to be discussed by the panel, Julian Huxley officially began the panel discussion period.

He said, "The evolution of life is no longer a theory; it is a FACT and the BASIS FOR ALL OUR THINKING" (*Evolution After Darwin*, Volume III, Panel Discussion of the Evolution of Life, pages 107, 111).

The succeeding hours and hours of discussions were liberally sprinkled with *equally dogmatic* assertions about the proofs of evolution.

And what an IMPACT such language

had on the academic world! Thousands of teachers returned to their classrooms across the nation, newly armed with fresh dogma; fresh doctrine for their students.

Evolution was true. There was no use arguing further. Anyone who belabored the issue at this point would be scathingly indicted as a "religious nut" or a completely uninformed, uneducated "nincompoop" who wasn't willing to accept the pronouncements of the greatest minds in the world.

So they informed their students.

But what if YOU were one such student? The teacher dogmatically asserts you EVOLVED. All life, he says, came from NONlife. All living creatures gradually, over millions and billions of years, CHANGED from one kind to another. Amoebas became living, highly complex animals. Fish became reptiles. Reptiles became birds. Amphibians became ungainly land animals. Land animals became men.

Any Specific Proof?

But, being an inquisitive student, you want some PROOF. You want to look into *any specific* PART of evolution, and be able to see a clear-cut — concise — DOGMATIC example of evolution IN ACTION.

A professor quoted Huxley, following the panel discussions: "I think that [the intense interest displayed by teachers] was extremely important. The first thing the celebration did, I am sure, was to convince a large number of people that there was NO POINT IN ARGUING ABOUT THE THEORY OF EVOLUTION.

"It simply IS NOT JUST A THEORY any longer; *it is a fact*, like the fact that the earth goes around the sun and that the planets do all sorts of things...

"The other point I think was brought home to the people who attended the panels was that you can no longer talk about creation.

"Animals, plants, and human beings EVOLVED; they were not created in the Biblical sense" (*Evolution after Dar*win, Sol Tax Editor, Volume III, "All Things Considered" Panel, pages 264, 265).

But You Are Skeptical!

But, like most people, you've probably had at least SOME religious training. You have always "just thought" that there *is*, perhaps, some sort of a "god" up there. You have no really CLEAR idea of what KIND of god — or whether HE CREATED — but you have had a fair share of religion taught to you.

Being broadminded — you want to INVESTIGATE. You don't expect to give up traditions, past ideas, and notions of your own without at least SOME sort of *proof*.

After all — where would the world be if everyone just SWALLOWED something because a so-called "authority" SAID so?

So you go to your college library. Pick any library. Pick the one in the University of Chicago — from which the astounding pronouncements of evolutionary dogma issued forth.

Take a look at the book called *The Carnivorous Plants* by Francis Ernest Lloyd — since it was claimed that PLANTS evolved.

This particular book is a classic in its field. NO OTHER WORK is comparable on the subject with the possible exception of Darwin's work.

In this book on one of the practical, tangible aspects of "evolution" you expect to find PROOF. You eagerly expect to find POSITIVE statements. FACTS! So turn to page 7. Here you see the phrase, "evolution of the carnivorous plants." Ah! Now you can settle back and see, with an open mind, the real PROOFS of evolution at last. In this particular study — that of only ONE group of the MYRIADS of life forms all around you — you're comfortably assured you will see PROOFS for the absolute conviction with which your professor speaks. PROOFS to substantiate the snickers and sidelong glances of other students who regard you as slightly eccentric or archaic.

You begin reading.

"About the origin and evolution of the carnivorous plants, however much these questions may intrigue the mind, LITTLE CAN BE SAID, nor have I attempted to discuss them"

But - WHAAAAAAT?

Wait a minute, here! What is this author saying? Did he really MEAN he would not even *discuss* this VERY important point in the evolutionary scheme of things?

You continue.

"The fact that they have originated at TWO OR MORE distinct points in the phylogenetic tree is of major importance.

"How the highly specialized organs of capture *could have* evolved seems to DEFY our present knowledge."

The author then lists several huge problems which he admits are impossible to resolve.

Then follow these words: "Since we CANNOT ANSWER these questions, IT IS PERHAPS AS WELL TO SAY NO MORE" (The Carnivorous Plants, Francis Ernest Lloyd, pages 7, 8).

But WHAT IS THIS?

When you actually investigate, for yourself, specific aspects of the evolutionary story, you find NO DOGMATISM.

Instead, you find an impossible array of DOUBT. Of CONFUSION. Of MAY-BE's, perhaps's, possibly's, could-havebeen's, and we-may-safely-assume's.

Frantically, you investigate DOZENS OF OTHER volumes.

But the SAME THING happens.

In every single instance, you see HUGE DOUBTS. MISSING evidence. MISS-ING intermediate species. MISSING proof. MISSING fossils.

Is YOUR Mind open?

Can you imagine the screams of indignation should evolutionists read these headlines? "Theologians one hundred years after Darwin take the FACT of CREATION FOR GRANTED, as a necessary basis for interpreting the phenomena of life." Or, "The Creation of Life is no longer a theory, it is a FACT and the BASIS for all our thinking!"

Can you imagine the scoffs, snorts, and sneers of scorn at any such "return to medieval DOGMATISM?" Scientists would RIDICULE the use of such language. They would demand PROOF of such assertions!

But is YOUR mind open?

Do you honestly believe that evolutionists have been entirely OBJECTIVE in their approach? Do you believe they have STUDIED THE BIBLE, investigating *all* its claims, and studied geology, biology and all related fields from the point of view of creation — and then felt they had to DISCARD such an explanation?

If so — you are hopelessly misinformed. Dozens and scores are the frank admissions of evolutionists that they automatically REJECTED creation as an answer. Sometimes, they even give the reasons WHY.

For example, in his book entitled, Ends and Means, pages 312, 315, 316, Aldous Huxley admitted, "I had motives for not wanting the world to have a meaning; consequently ASSUMED that it had none... The philosopher who finds no meaning in the world is ... concerned to prove that there is no valid reason why he personally should not do as he wants to do.

"For myself, as, no doubt, for most of my contemporaries, the philosophy of meaninglessness was essentially an instrument of liberation from a certain political and economic system and *liberation from a certain system of morality*. We objected to the morality BECAUSE IT INTERFERED WITH OUR SEXUAL FREE-DOM; we objected to the political and economic system because it was unjust.

"The supporters of these systems claimed that in some way they embodied the meaning (a Christian meaning, they insisted) of the world. There was one admirably simple method of

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confuting these people and at the same time justifying ourselves in our political and erotic revolt: we could deny that the world had any meaning whatsoever." (Emphasis ours throughout.)

Huxley objected to professing "Christians" who seemed to have *no difficulty* in "justifying" imperialism, war, the use of torture — and ecclesiastical tyrannies — but who still insisted on certain personal "morality." While one may sympathize with his natural dilemma as a result of such contradictory philosophies — and readily understand *why* it appeared to Huxley these men MUST be wrong, it is equally clear that TWO ERRORS do not produce TRUTH.

What an amazing corroboration of the blazing indictment of scripture given in Romans 1:28; "And even as they DID NOT LIKE to retain God *in their knowledge*, God gave them over to a REP-ROBATE mind...." Then follows a scathing account of all the forms of libertine promiscuity admittedly DESIRED by so many today!

Gaping Holes in Theory

Evolutionists KNOW their theories are shot through with BROAD GAPS. They KNOW there are mammoth PUZZLES, giant QUESTIONS, huge PROB-LEMS, unanswerable DIFFICULTIES in their theory. Still, they cling tenaciously to a *belief*, a dogmatic assertion, an article of FAITH. Why? Because blind chance won't RULE them. Empty space — "natural selection" and "spontaneous generation" will not thunder from heaven any MORAL and SPIRITUAL LAWS!

Human nature *resents* God (Rom. 8:7). It does not want to be GOVERNED by the Creator God — does not want any restrictions placed on it.

It's about time you began to come to grips with the *real* issues — and quit hiding behind what you may "suppose" to be "proofs." It *could* mean your life!

So now — once again — let's notice what happens when we look SPECIFI-CALLY into evolutionary doctrine. *What about* the origin and "evolution," of carnivorous plants?

WHY must evolutionists REFUSE to discuss them? Why must they BRUSH ASIDE this peculiar group of living things? WHY do they feel it well to SAY NO MORE?

Let's let the specialists themselves answer!

Let's see the breathtaking story of some more of the handiwork of God let's see FACTS about the creation around you — and ask evolutionists to explain it all.

But first, listen to this admission about the imagination-defying IMPROB-ABILITY of any evolutionary beginnings having occurred!

"The odds against the right combination of circumstances occurring to evolve intelligent life on earth were about 400 thousand trillion, trillion, trillion, trillion to 1," said a Nobel prize-winning scientist, Sir John C. Eccles. Then he said, "the appearance of man is *highly improbable*, and one can hardly imagine it happening TWICE in the universe."

If the "odds" against evolution are so infinitely enormous so as to require brain-defying series of naughts to express the improbability of it — even happening ONCE — then what are the "chances" of evolution being true at *least twice* in the rise of insect-eating plants?

Remember the statement you read in the textbook?

"The fact that they have originated at TWO OR MORE distinct points in the phylogenetic tree is of major importance ... How the highly specialized organs of capture could have evolved seems to DEFY our present knowledge."

But let's continue in our perusal of facts about insect-eating plants.

"Nature's" Trappers

There are 450 species of carnivorous plants spread throughout 15 genera and 6 families! And that is, to evolutionists, a SHOCKING fact, all by itself. Why shocking?

Simply that botanists are forced to admit these many *different* plants have many *different* ways of obtaining their food.

Some of these plants have *pitfalls*. Insects are lured to the brim, fall over the edge, and fall with microscopic splash into a murky, insect-digesting soup below.

Others are *living flypaper*. Insects crawl onto the plant and become stuck

in a "gooey" substance, and are later digested.

The microscopic Utricularia and related genera are called mousetraps that spring into action when activated by unwary microscopic animals.

Perhaps the most well-known, called the "Venus flytrap" is a living, miniature bear trap!

Besides having various traps, each has its own unique way of luring the insects close. Some are colored profusely, while others give off a fragrant odor. Each has, strangest of all, perhaps, *digestive juices* that actually create FOOD for the plant out of the insects.

But WHY? How? HOW could plants — which normally always obtain food through their roots — gradually "evolve" into INSECT EATERS?

Did slipping insects "GRADUALLY" over BILLIONS of years "cause" these plants to develop a "desire" to feed on insects, which led to a requirement to develop digestive juices, microscopic hairs which trigger the traps, special coloration, and peculiar odor?

One of Evolution's Stickiest Problems

Not only must any botanist embracing evolutionary dogma have an imagination fertile enough to DEFY every natural law with which he works and cling to notions of mindless "leaps" in life — but he must be able, in spite of the incredible odds against evolution having happened ONCE — believe it happened TWICE OR MORE in the case of planttraps.

Then, he must account for all the many different KINDS of traps — pitfalls, snares, flypaper, beartraps, mousetraps. He must explain, as we shall see, fantastically INTRICATE devices which spring the traps, plus a whole host of insurmountable other difficulties.

A far different approach is found by experts in the various *fields* of the natural sciences from the more philosophic notions of leading proponents of the theory of evolution. While botanists, ichthyologists and the like may cling to DOGMATISM in their insistence of evolution, their works are nevertheless FILLED with their huge, gnawing DOUBTS about the theory.

They say, in effect, "since we CAN'T

SUNDEW SNARES ANT!

Ant that wandered onto sundew (Drosera capensis) got stuck in sticky goo. If you look carefully, you'll notice several tentacles have bent over and tied up the ant!

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ANSWER questions about various SPE-CIFIC 'instances' of evolution — WE SIMPLY PREFER NOT TO DISCUSS THE SUBJECT FURTHER!''

They say, in effect, "You, the layman are simply NOT ENTITLED to an opinion, one way or the other — WE will do your thinking *for* you."

One author said, "Since we CANNOT ANSWER these questions it is perhaps as well to SAY NO MORE!" But *we* of *The* PLAIN TRUTH staff intend to say MUCH, MUCH more!

Let's say MORE, right now, about these marvelous insect-catching plants!

The Sundew and Its Relatives

We have room to discuss only a very few types.

There are 90 species of *Drosera* around the world. The best known is the sundew (*Drosera rotundifolia*). In each of the species, the leaves are covered with gland-bearing tentacles. These tentacles secrete a sticky substance that makes the species of *Drosera* the plant flypaper!

The tentacles perform a dual role. They secrete the deadly, insect-snaring glue and at the same time *bend over the hapless insect victim* until he is securely tied down!

The sticky glue also serves a DUAL purpose. It snares the insect and supplies *digestive jnices* that turn the insect into plant food.

As an insect crawls across the glueladen tentacles — he becomes stuck! The more he struggles, the more entangled he becomes. The secretion begins to increase.

The tentacles nearest the point of stimulation begin *bending over*. Soon other tentacles, on the periphery, also bend over. At times, the whole leaf will curl over.

Just *how sensitive* are the glands on the tentacles of the plant?

The sensitivity is phenomenal. Charles Darwin experimented at some length with the common sundew.

Here in Darwin's own words is the story of the sundew and its amazing sensitivity:

"It is an extraordinary fact that a little bit of soft thread, 1/50 of an inch

in length and weighing 1/8197 of a grain, or of a human hair, 8/1000 of an inch in length and weighing only 1/78740 of a grain (.000822 milligramme), or particles of precipitated chalk, after resting for a short time on a gland, should induce some change in its cells, exciting them to transmit a motor impulse throughout the whole length of the pedicel...

"The pressure exerted by the particle of hair, weighing only 1/78740 of a grain and supported by a dense fluid, must have been *inconceivably slight*. We may conjecture that it could hardly have equalled the MILLIONTH OF A GRAIN ... it appears to me that HARDLY ANY MORE REMARKABLE FACT than this has been observed in the vegetable kingdom" (Charles Darwin, *Insectivorous Plants*, pages 26, 32, 33).

Startling Sensitivity!

Can you imagine it?

Here is a bit of ordinary hair — .000013 of a grain in weight — pressing on a *Drosera* hair, causing it to move! Such a particle on the DELICATE human tongue would be *far too light* to cause any sensation.

But that isn't all.

Whenever an INEDIBLE particle touches the glands and causes the tentacle to bend over, the leaf soon "realizes" its mistake and *reopens*.

Remember, that plants have NO nervous or muscular tissue. Yet, Darwin later proved that ONE TWENTY-MIL-LIONTH of a grain of phosphate in aqueous solution caused *Drosera* to react.

There is yet more:

"A single touch or even two or three touches does not cause inflection."

Darwin admitted: "This must be of some service to the plant; as during STORMY WEATHER, the glands cannot fail to be occasionally touched by the tall blades of grass, or by other plants growing near... on the other hand, extreme sensitiveness to slight pressure is of the HIGHEST SERVICE to the plant...

"Nevertheless, the movements of the plant are *not perfectly adapted* to its environment; for if a bit of dry moss, peat, or other rubbish, is blown on to the disc, as often happens, the tentacles clasp it in a useless manner ...

"That water should produce NO EFFECT might have been anticipated, as otherwise, the leaves would have been excited into movement by *every shower* of rain" (Charles Darwin, *Insectivorous Plants*, pages 35, 77).

Could This Have Evolved?

But how would an evolutionist reason about the chances for the "development" of carnivorous plants — or any plant or animal?

Notice what Julian Huxley said about the chances of natural selection — in speaking specifically about the supposed evolution of the horse:

"Of course, this could not really happen, but it is a useful way of visualizing the fantastic odds AGAINST getting a number of favorable mutations in one strain through pure chance alone... NO ONE would bet on anything so *improbable* happening; and yet *IT HAS HAPPENED*.

"It has happened, THANKS TO the workings of natural selection and the properties of living substances which make natural selection inevitable" (*Evolution In Action*, Julian Huxley, pages 41, 42, 43).

Reasoning in a Circle

Can you believe it?

Here are men who know that the idea of evolution simply taxes human logic BEYOND its limits. They know that it is simply IMPOSSIBLE — even statistically — for all life to have evolved.

Evolutionists scorn religion as being "illogical" and "unscientific!" Yet, they *admit* to the utterly INFINITE IMPROB-ABILITY of their theories. IN SPITE of all facts to the contrary — IN SPITE of all the DOUBTS, the MAMMOTH problems they must "not discuss" or "lay aside" they still CLING TENACIOUSLY to their theories!

Let's face it.

Such absolutism — such dogmatism knows no parallel since the days when ecclesiastical authority demanded of a scientist that he SWEAR, UNDER THREAT OF DEATH that the world was, indeed, FLAT!

Such FAITH in a theory NOT PROVED would *embarrass* the comparatively WEAKER "faith" of many a professing Christian!

Look further into the impossibilities of evolution to account for the myriad wonders of living things.

A current accepted idea is that a genetic pool of mutations is built up over vast periods of time. These *slight* mutations are held in readiness (as recessives) so that natural selection can come along and select certain characteristics. Or, that *slight* mutations make a slight — but beneficial — change in an organism *immediately*.

This is what causes evolution from one type of creature to another. Given enough time, anything can evolve — it is said.

Taken to its logical conclusion, every characteristic in all forms of life should have GREAT survival value. Otherwise, natural selection wouldn't have selected out THOSE characteristics.

But evolution runs into a brick wall here.

There are just too many instincts in nature that DON'T HAVE ANY, or in some cases limited, value for survival.

The carnivorous habit in the Droseça is just ONE of many such exceptions.

We've already read Charles Darwin's admission that the movements of the plant are NOT PERFECTLY ADAPTED to their environment. Why? Because they can be *fooled* by rubbish and peat moss to bend their tentacles.

If natural selection singled out mutations, it would have picked out one for ability to tell edible from nonedible immediately.

But this is only the surface problem.

To Eat or Not to Eat?

Extensive experiments have shown that the *Drosera* do benefit from being able to eat insects. The fed plants DO forge ahead of the unfed plants. But catching insects *is not essential* for survival. UNFED plants do live — and thrive fairly well.

Lloyd admits:

"Such more or less contrary views" some had even claimed that the carnivorous habit was a DISADVANTAGE, since overfeeding the plant would kill it — "have in the long run been brought to a focus in the idea now generally accepted that carnivory is 'a very striking and useful adaptation, which, THOUGH NOT ALWAYS OBLIGA-TORY, can under circumstances better the condition of the plant" (Francis Lloyd, Carnivorous Plants, page 163).

But if the role of insectivory is *not very crucial* in the struggle of existence — why did natural selection CHOOSE the genes that supposedly produced this habit?

Again, evolution cannot explain it and remains silent.

The Venus Flytrap

One of the most remarkable of the carnivorous plants is the genus *Dionaea* — commonly called the Venus flytrap. At the end of each leaf is a two-lobed trap ready to imprison an unsuspecting insect.

The lobes are poised — waiting for an insect to *trip* one or more trigger hairs located WITHIN the lobes. If these are tripped, the plant snaps shut — SUDDENLY!

Inside, the insect prey is doomed. Botanists have admitted that this plant trap simply *conldn't be* improved upon. The trap is the acme of perfection!

Trapping an insect is one thing. But it's worthless if you can't digest him. The Venus flytrap is up to the task.

The trap becomes a stomach. Digestive juices are secreted by the plant. The insect is broken down chemically into nutritional material for the plant. Further, the plant would have to be able to INGEST the nutrients. This it does too. It has been proven that Venus flytraps that have been fed insects *thrive better* than ones which HAVEN'T had any to eat.

The Venus flytrap is selective. If an insect triggers the trap, it will stay closed for days — until the insect is thoroughly digested. If some other, *inedible* substance should trigger the trap, it will open in a FEW HOURS.

Of course, all this array of abilities is WORTHLESS if you can't first LURE the insect to the trap. Here again, the flytrap scores. The inner faces of the lobes have a band of glands that exude a substance that is *pure perfume* to insects.

They come to examine — and ZAP! Suddenly, they find themselves enclosed in a vegetable prison.

How Does It Move?

Scientists have puzzled over the problem of how or what sets off the triggering mechanism. Notice this admission:

"How the mere touch of a toothpick or an insect on one of the flytrap's minute trigger hairs can cause so *violent a reaction* is an OPEN QUESTION. Plants have neither muscles nor nerves.

"What then is the source of the mechanical energy?

"Plant physiologists, who have PUZ-ZLED OVER THIS PHENOMENA for more than a hundred years, *still cannot agree* on the answer" ("Plants that Eat Insects," Paul A. Zahl, *The National Geographic Magazine*, May, 1961).

The author continued:

"How this tension develops and how the signal is transmitted from the trigger hairs are MOOT QUESTIONS, although a recent study has shown tiny *electrical disturbances* during the action."

The flytrap has no muscles, no nerves, no hinge of any kind. Yet, it can release its trap in less than HALF A SECOND, later it can close *tightly* against an insect, finally it can *reopen*!

If electricity is involved in the action of the flytrap, then the plant is FAR MORE COMPLEX than has been thought.

But just exactly how this causes tensions to be built up and suddenly released by the triggering action of the sensitive hairs is yet unknown. A further problem is, how does the flytrap "know" when to REOPEN?

Did the Flytrap Evolve?

Once again, we ask, could such numerous and complex mechanisms develop *piece by piece* over vast periods of time — or *suddenly* mutate into existence by one quick stride?

Most botanists such as Lloyd have simply said: "Since we don't know the answer to these problems, it is best to SAY NO MORE"!

But that doesn't make the problem go away.

If evolution is so logical - the fly-

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trap mechanism should be EASILY explained.

Charles Darwin tried to explain it some one hundred years ago. He asked:

"Can any light be thrown on the steps by which these remarkable powers [of the Venus flytrap and other carnivorous plants] WERE GRADUALLY ACQUIRED?" (Charles Darwin, Insectivorous Plants, page 361.)

His Reasonings?

How did he attempt to answer this problem? First, he discussed the marvelous absorption power. He said that other plants absorbed various chemicals in their cells.

This he said was the answer!

The Venus flytrap had merely "learned" to do it BETTER.

But let's stop and analyze that. Is that *really* an answer? Or isn't it merely pushing the problem back. If the ability to absorb nutrients is found in other plants where did *THEY AC-QUIRE THAT ABILITY*?

Nevertheless, Darwin dismissed the problem after one long paragraph.

But that was only problem one. Who can explain how the plants acquired the ability to *digest* insects?

How did Darwin answer this one? (Almost nobody else has tried!)

Again, he said ALL plants contain an acid; all plants have power to dissolve protein substances. Therefore, the venus flytrap has merely PERFECTED this ability.

But again, we ask — where did the *other plants* acquire their "limited" ability to do this?

Nevertheless, Darwin used this circuitous reasoning in order to avoid the problem. He concluded on this issue by saying:

"As it cannot be doubted that this process would be of high service to plants growing in very poor soil, it would *tend to be perfected through natural selection*...

"It ceases, therefore, to be any GREAT MYSTERY how several genera of plants, in no way related together, have independently acquired this same power" (*ibid*, page 363).

But saying it DOESN'T make it so.

However, let's go on to problem three.

More Unexplained Problems

Darwin on stage again:

"Little light can be thrown on the GRADUAL acquirement of the third remarkable character possessed by the more highly developed genera of the *Droseraceae*, namely, the POWER OF MOVEMENT when excited" (*ibid*, page 363).

First an admission of ignorance — then comes the *same reasoning*.

Other plants and flowers have the ability for some kind of movement. Therefore, the Venus flytrap movement is just a PERFECTED ONE.

Let's stop and think!

Is that really the truth? Does it make sense? Darwin admits these are *inferences and probabilities*. He is simply taking the *problem* and trying to use it as **PROOF**!

The ability to *lure* insects, to *trap* insects, to *digest* insects, to *absorb* the nutrients had to be SUDDENLY created TOGETHER. Otherwise, each of these would be useless.

And, surely, no evolutionist could claim all these marvelous mechanisms and abilities *suddenly mutated together*.

Diving in Deeper

The Venus flytrap isn't as simple to explain as that. Remember, we discussed the possibility of electrical sensations.

But here is something even more basic.

You can take drops of water — or even a stream of water — and pour it on the venus flytrap. But it doesn't close!

Darwin tried this and found it to be so. He even blew many times through a fine pointed tube with great force. But blow as he would against the triggers — there was no closure.

What's the point of this?

Obviously, the Venus flytrap was designed so that it WOULDN'T CLOSE during rainstorms and high winds. BOTH of these would be prevalent in the areas in which they grow.

The sensitivity of the Venus flytrap is related to a MOMENTARY touch (and this has to be more than once) rather than PROLONGED pressure.

What does this prove?

It's quite clear that a Master Designer — One who had His ENTIRE CREATION in mind — designed the Venus flytrap. He knew rain, wind would be there. So He engineered the flytrap so it wouldn't respond to such pressure.

But what did Darwin claim?

"This may be accounted for by SUPPOSING that these plants and their progenitors have grown accustomed to the repeated action of rain and wind, so that no molecular change is thus induced; while they have been rendered more sensitive by means of natural selection to the rarer impact or pressure of solid bodies" (*ibid*, page 365).

That's what the idea is — a supposition!

We simply cannot reason about things which man creates in this way. No one could claim that a lot of metal scraps gradually got accustomed to bears walking over them until they "developed" into a beartrap!

That kind of reasoning is foolish! and we can plainly see it.

Yet, we allow men to hoodwink us by this SAME KIND OF REASONING when it comes to God's Creation. Let's wake up and realize the truth.

Why So Rare?

It has been admitted that of all the carnivorous plants — according to man's way of thinking — the Venus flytrap is the BEST adapted. Yet, it is one of the most *limited* in its range.

Not only that, it is gradually becoming *extinct*.

Darwin again admits:

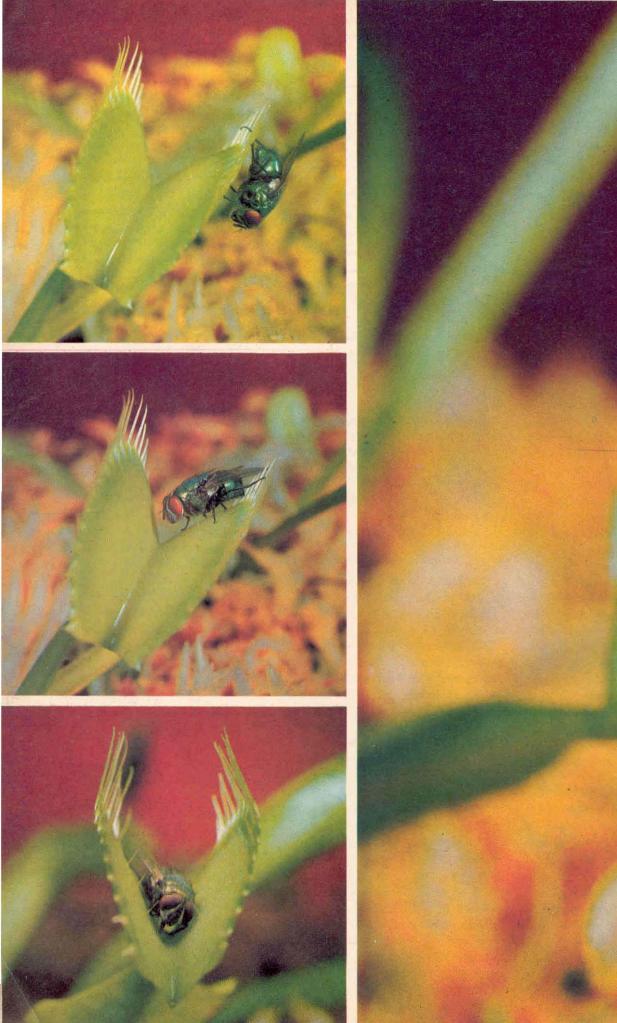
"It is strange fact that Dionaea, which is one of the most beautifully adapted plants in the vegetable kingdom, should apparently be on the high road to *extinction*" (Charles Darwin, *Insectivorous Plants*, page 358).

Yes, a problem to evolution.

But not to the truth of creation.

But another problem is that Venus flytraps have THRIVED FOR YEARS without any insect or meat tidbits.

"Botanists believe that consumed insects serve carnivorous species . . . contributing to maximum growth and vigor but NOT NEEDED FOR SUBSIS-

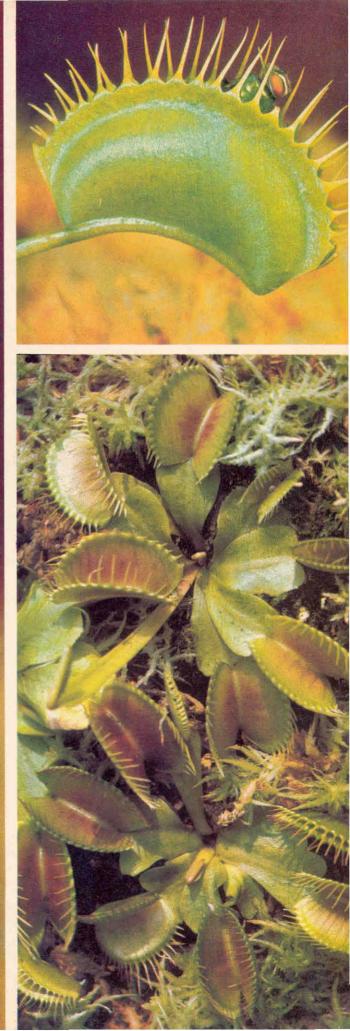


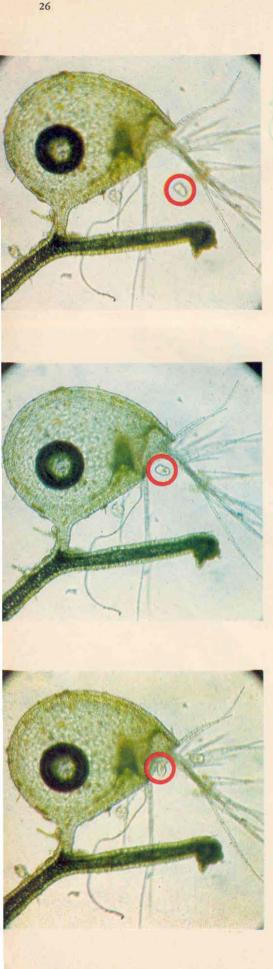


VENUS FLYTRAP VICTIM

Red-eyed fly — about 3/8 inch long carelessly wanders into open flytrap. Notice lower left-hand corner as fly hits trigger hairs. Then — ZAT! flytrap snaps shut, trapping its victim. Fly struggles — but just doesn't have enough strength to break out.

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TENCE" (The National Geographic Magazine, "Plants that Eat Insects," Paul A. Zahl, May, 1961).

If it wasn't necessary for survival, how did natural selection — wby did natural selection — choose these COM-PLEX characters to develop? After all, evolutionists tell us: "Animals [and that goes for plants] acquire new characteristics if they provide some IMMEDIATE advantage. They are never acquired merely by accident, to be stored away, as it were, like money in the bank, possibly to serve some useful purpose in the distant future" (The Primates, LIFE NATURE LIBRARY, page 178).

The obvious truth, of course, is that the Venus flytrap DID NOT evolve. It was created, *complete* with all the marvelous mechanisms. A demonstration of the engineering ability of the Creator God — with a dash of His *humor*!

The Utricularia

Carnivorous plants also exist in the *submicroscopic* world! There are five genera of them. One of these genera, *Utricularia*, consists of some *two hundred sixty-five* species — around the world!

Francis Lloyd, who did years of research on these free-floating plants, was simply amazed. Here is his startling summary:

"They present a COMPLEX AND PUZZLING morphology ...

"But most to be wondered at are the traps which present an ASTOUNDING DEGREE of mechanical delicacy depending on a fineness of structure scarcely equalled elsewhere in the plant kingdom.

"Moreover they occur in an UNEX-PECTED VARIETY of form" (Francis Lloyd, *Carnivorous Plants*, pages 213, 214).

You cannot really appreciate the traps of these plants without a microscope. *Utricularia vulgaris* — the most common

UTRICULARIA SUCKS IN FOOD

Microscopic animal (see red circles) swims near door of a trap — one of many composing each Utricularia. It trips door which opens — animal is sucked in. Later, after digestion of microscopic animal, the trap is reset through a process of pumping out water through membranes of the trap walls. Gentry — Ambassador College species — has a trap no larger than a PINHEAD!

A microscopic water animal will normally swim around aimlessly. But branched whiskers near the doorway GUIDE the daphnia or other water animals to the trap. When the animal touches the trigger bristles — the animal is VIOLENTLY SUCKED INTO THE TRAP!

It only takes about 1/50 of a second for the trap to capture its unsuspecting victim.

The trap then becomes a stomach. The animal is digested and utilized as food.

But how does it work?

Mystery of the Traps

Actually, the traps work on the "partial vacuum" principle.

Along the lower lip of the Utricularia vulgaris are some bristles. These bristles are attached around the trapdoor. They distort the lower edge of the door when touched.

SUDDENLY! — a surge of water is sucked into the trap, carrying in the hapless victim in its vortex.

But how does this sucking process take place?

First, water is pumped out of the trap through membranes in the walls. This results in a *lowering* of the pressure within the trap. The door even has a row of cells that acts like *weatherstripping* to make the hermetic seal sure.

The trap is now set.

When a microscopic animal trips the bristles which trigger the door, it is sucked in. A good analogy might be riding in a jet at thousands of feet above sea level. The cabin must be *pressurized* at atmospheric levels. Outside, the pressure is MUCH LOWER. If a window were to be suddenly broken in that plane, a person next to it could be *projected out*.

The Utricularia trap works on the same principle.

Man's bear trap and mousetrap are PITIFULLY primitive in comparison. Lloyd, after finishing his study—was simply fascinated. He frankly stated:

"In closing this account one cannot (Continued on page 32)

HURRICANE

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disaster area by car. An aerial survey was impossible at this time because the sky was dark and foreboding. Radio broadcasts were warning continually to be on the alert for tornadoes throughout the entire area.

Port Isabel was about 125 miles south of Kingsville, our departure point that morning. The first 75 miles of this distance on U.S. Highway 77 is through very lightly populated ranch country — formerly the famous King Ranch.

On this morning after the hurricane, however, little land was to be seen. It was mostly one high, swampy lake. Cattle could be seen hovering together on the few available patches of high ground. Most of the time the water was right up to the road's edge. Frequently it overflowed the highway by five or six inches.

Finally we arrived in Raymondville, a small city of 10,000 on the northern perimeter of the valley's cultivated area. It was here that the scope of the destruction began to hit us.

In Raymondville

Snagged, snarled power lines; snapped utility poles; denuded and uprooted trees and shrubbery; wrecked signs and billboards; buildings with windows knocked out and part of the roof gone — these were the sights that met the eye in all directions.

And everywhere — water. Dirty water. Water with jagged and splintered debris sticking out of it.

Dark and heavy clouds cast a pall over the city like a suffocating blanket. Occasionally they unleashed torrents of rain. To add to the gloominess of this unnatural, midmorning darkness, the city was without lights. It was without electric power and telephone service.

We tried to buy gasoline — but there was no electric power to operate the pumps.

There were no usable toilet facilities — the sewerage system was out.

The water was not safe to drink. We finally found a small grocery store that had a few gallons of bottled water. This drinkable water and the store's few remaining items of groceries were being sold fast. Several inches of water covered the floor.

Across the street, we discovered a gasoline station that was just opening for business. Electricity had somehow been restored to the hospital, and this station happened to be on the same line as the hospital.

As we filled with fuel, one man was cursing because he had been refused shelter at one of the churches during the hurricane. He was a member of the same general denomination as this church, but he was not a member of that particular church, so he was turned away. He went back home and rode out the hurricane there.

South of Raymondville, the evidences of destruction were even greater. Damage to buildings and power lines appeared more extensive. Cultivated fields were filled with water and the citrus groves were flooded up to the lowest branches of the trees.

At Highway 100, we turned east to travel the final twenty miles to Port Isabel. Most of this highway was under several inches of water, and the land surrounding the highway was almost completely inundated. Travel was slow.

At Port Isabel

We arrived at Port Isabel about noon and were stopped at the town's entrance by the National Guard. No one was being allowed entrance except returning residents and newsmen. We showed our credentials and were admitted.

Main Street was an unbelievable maze of destruction. On one street a jeep was overturned. On another a huge houseboat with pontoons lay on its side and blocked the entire street.

An estimated 85 percent of the structures in town were destroyed, and *all* others were damaged.

Some of the residents who had returned were armed and on the lookout for looters. *What* one would loot and *where* you would take it I never quite figured out.

At the National Guard's temporary base, we were introduced to Captain Sanders and Mayor Leo Sanders who were both most helpful and courteous to us. They filled us in on many details and personally allowed us entrance to Padre Island.

On Padre Island

Padre Island is separated from the mainland and Port Isabel by a threemile causeway. A bridge on the causeway had been damaged, and for fear of damaging it further, not even residents of the island were being allowed to pass over the causeway. Only police officials and a few newsmen were allowed passage. Mayor Sanders was kind enough to give us personal permission and we were among the first to cross over to the island.

The south part of this island has between 200 and 250 year-round residents, many of whom live in a trailer court at the southern tip.

This trailer court was obliterated. The Department of Public Safety said that 112 out of the 116 trailer homes had been destroyed. We didn't see any that were not destroyed, though a few may not have been.

And by "destroyed" I don't mean just lightly tipped over. I mean *shattered*. The difference in air pressure when the hurricane struck caused many of these homes to literally *explode*. What remained was just a mangled heap of rubbish.

Other facilities on this island resort were likewise extensively damaged.

The Flooding Begins

From Port Isabel, we drove to Brownsville. This road was even more flooded and in spots along the ocean where the tides had come crashing in, it was completely washed out.

Brownsville, (population 50,000) though not in the most direct path of Beulah, had sustained heavy damage and was already in the midst of a \$120,000 cleanup operation.

As we left Brownsville and headed up the valley, it began to rain very hard! Suddenly we found ourselves in very deep water — literally!

Radio reports said that the entire region for several hundred miles north was now under torrential rains. More than twenty inches had fallen in some areas and roads were being closed. This deluge was about the same as the average annual rainfall over much of this area!

Immediately we headed for Harlin-

gen to the north, but heavily flooded roads made travel slow. The land was unbelievably level and water was everywhere.

In Harlingen the Department of Public Safety told us that if we had any hopes of getting out we had better head north to U. S. 77 immediately that it might already be too late.

As we followed another car on a spur road leading to U.S. 77, we suddenly found ourselves in water up to the bumper. To make matters worse, it was raining furiously and the water was so deep that all roadside markers had disappeared. It was impossible to turn around, and unless we kept moving, the car would stall. There was only one thing to do: head for the traffic light that was hanging above the road about a quarter of a mile away and hope that the road didn't bend anywhere in between!

Thankfully, we made it through this difficult stretch and onto the main highway. But even the main road was seriously flooded now and driving was hazardous.

Warnings Unheeded

Few cars were headed our direction north. But hundreds were headed south — right into the flooded area we were leaving!

Who were these people and where were they going? These were people who had evacuated to escape Beulah. Now that Beulah had passed they thought that it was all over and they were returning to their homes — contrary to the instructions being broadcast continually over the radio. But their homes were now in greater danger than ever and certainly more flooded than when Beulah struck. It was a pathetic, moving sight.

We made it to Corpus Christi only minutes before the roads became completely impassable. By now it was becoming obvious that the flooding and continuing rain were going to be a greater disaster than the hurricane itself. Highways throughout the area were being closed, emergency calls were going out for boats to evacuate people from a dozen or more different communities. And tornadoes were a continuing threat.

Operation Bravo

A few days later, when the skies had cleared, but when the flooding was at its worst, we flew photographers back into the area. They were able to land at Harlingen, home base for Operation Bravo — the Army's relief operation. Here they were extended every consideration by Army personnel. They were taken by Army helicopter over the entire area as the Army conducted rescue operations and dropped food supplies to those in need on both sides of the U. S.-Mexican border.

PLAIN TRUTH photographer Lyle Christopherson gives this report on Operation Bravo:

I was assigned to a helicopter which flew missions into the heart of the disaster area. It was piloted by two Vietnam veterans, CW3 F. W. Cross, pilot, and CW3 R. L. Simkins, copilot. These men went about their flight assignment in the truly professional manner of persons not just doing a job, but doing this job with zeal, accuracy, dedication, integrity and a sense of purpose. With a combined flight log that totaled upwards of 6,500 hours, their procedures left no doubt that every movement or action during the flight had purpose.

Our first mission together was a late afternoon flight from Operation Bravo's Headquarters in Harlingen to Reynosa, Mexico. This flight went right over Harlingen's most beautiful homes — and also the area of some of the city's worst flooding. The flight continued over numerous large brimfull flood canals and the wide, rampaging, debris-laden Rio Grande River.

At Reynosa our helicopter was assigned to drop food along the muddy Rio Grande as we proceeded to the north. Shortly after the huge CH-47B helicopter lifted off, we found our first food recipients. The big whirlybird lowered slowly along a section of railroad track and the crewman in the rear began throwing the heavy burlap bags containing canned foods to the eager, hat-waving amigos running down the tracks. The goods had to be dropped some distance away so that the wind from the helicopter blades would not blow the people into the murky-brown waters.

Several other similar stops were made before the mission was completed.

The next day began as the one before: a briefing at 0630, a quick cup of coffee, and the assignment of flight missions for the first half of the day.

It is not an easy job to be dashing about just a few feet above the murky floodwaters trying to find those who need prompt aid.

Nor is it a light matter to listen to the screaming turbines that supply the power for the huge helicopters. Even with adequate ear protection, the whine and clatter of just a few hours flight in one of these big helping hands of modern aviation made my ears ring for hours.

Surely the Army and these pilots and

crew members deserve a pat on the back and a "thank you" for a job well done. And so do thousands of others who worked long hours under trying circumstances to help those in need: the telephone and electrical repairmen, the Red Cross volunteers, policemen and firemen, truck drivers, boatmen, food servers — and a host of others.

Other Problems

Adequate food, water and shelter were not the only problems faced by the flood victims. Whenever there is a disaster of this type and magnitude, the threat of disease is always present.

This report from the *Tyler Morning Telegraph* (Sept. 29, 1967) gives an insight into some other problems: "Texas fought clouds of mosquitoes so thick that they blackened a man's arm, leaving trails of blood when brushed away. Knots of writhing snakes were found in abandoned homes when residents came back. Two persons were bitten in the badly flooded area northeast of Corpus Christi, but were in satisfactory condition."

In some areas a few trees were blackened with tarantulas trying to escape the floodwaters.

And then there was the smell. The smell of bloated and decaying cows, dogs and chickens. The smell of waterlogged wood, rotting fruit and vegetation, and water-soaked textile goods. The smell of fetid, backed-up sewage. These and a hundred other smells seemed at times to dominate everything.

The memory of Beulah will linger for a long time to come in the hearts and minds of those whose lives were so forcibly altered by her.

PLAIN TRUTH Report Different

Hundreds of news media had their reporters and photographers covering this catastrophe. Some of the small newspapers could send only a lone reporter with his camera. On the other hand, the big magazines and radio and television networks had whole armies of reporters, photographers and cameramen on the scene with private jets, private helicopters, and hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of equipment all at their immediate disposal.

Some were there to sensationalize. Others were there just to fill their day's quota of 2,000 words of copy —

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whether they had something worthwhile to say or not. Many others were careless with the facts because they had a deadline to meet. At one point so many confusing "facts" were being circulated and printed that nobody knew what to believe.

Our purpose is to report to you those things which we have seen with our own eyes, and to check as carefully as we can those facts or accounts which we pass on to you from others. We do not "blow up" an already tragic situation just to fill up space, meet a deadline, or fill a quota. We receive no pleasure from telling of wrecked homes, destroyed property, disrupted lives, suffering, misery and death. But we have a commission to perform. And reporting the meaning of these terrible catastrophes is an important part of that commission. It is the meaning of this tragedy that has been overlooked.

What about it? Do you know WHY this tragedy struck? Was there a *reason*?

And does it mean anything to YOU — you who live in some other part of the United States, in Canada, England, South Africa, Australia or some other part of the world?

YES, IT DOES! Other news sources may have told you *what* happened. But they simply *do not know* wHY it happened. And they wouldn't be allowed to tell you if they did know!

That is what makes this report different. We have something far more important to tell you than just *what* happened. We will now tell you *why* this disaster struck South Texas and what it means to *you*, *personally* whoever you are and wherever you live!

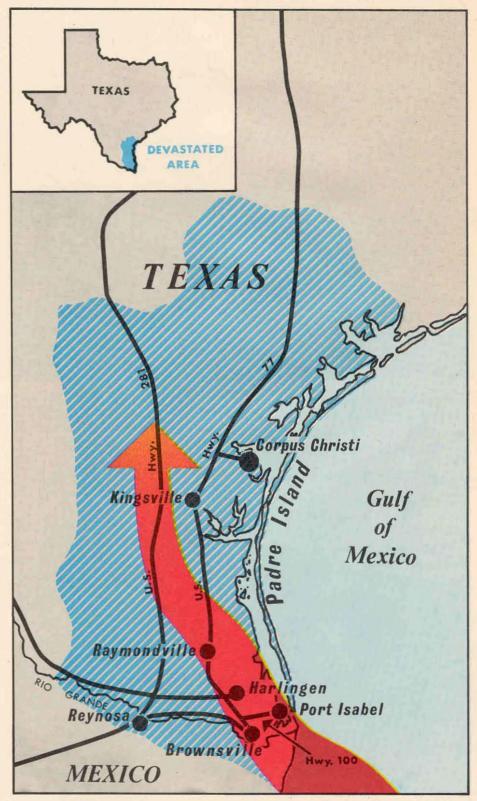
Who Controls the Weather?

In our modern, materialistic world, we have forgotten that there is an allpowerful, all-knowing God in heaven who rules every facet of this whole universe. That God — whose existence you can prove — controls the weather.

Man can *upset* nature's intricate balance in the weather pattern. But he cannot *control the weather*. God and God alone is the Master Weatherman and it's high time we began to realize that fact.

We teach our children the story of

The PLAIN TRUTH



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Hurricane Beulah's path of havoc, showing the route toured by our own reporters and staff photographers in order to bring you this firsthand report and its meaning in your life.

Jesus calming a dreadfully stormy sea by simply standing up and commanding, "Peace! Be still!" (Mark 4:37-41.) Because many don't *really* believe it, however, it usually sounds like a fairy tale or a piece of fiction.

But this isn't just a fanciful story whose purpose is to entertain children for a few minutes in Sunday school. This event *really happened*! It ought to teach us, among other things, that *Jesus Christ controls the weather*.

And because Christ is "the same yesterday, and today, and forever" (Heb. 13:8), that same *living* Christ can and does control the weather today!

God has *always* controlled the weather — and He always will! God rules *supreme*!

"Whatsoever the Lord pleased, that DID He in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places. He causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings for the rain; he bringeth the wind out of his treasuries" (Ps. 135:6-7).

God sends "Fire, and hail; snow, and vapours; stormy wind fulfilling his word" (Ps. 148:8).

Yes, God is in complete control. He is in full charge. Whatever He desires or allows HAPPENS. He gives a command — it is DONE.

Throughout the Bible, control of the elements is named as one of the most outstanding means by which God demonstrates His awesome power to man,

Why Violent Weather in Texas

The weather is the single most important factor in the economy of a nation.

When man is obedient to God, God gives good weather as one of His choicest blessings.

But when man is disobedient and rebellious, God uses His awesome ability to control the weather as a powerful and fearful means of punishment.

"So persecute them with thy tempest, and make them afraid with thy storm. That men may know that thou, whose name alone is the Eternal [Yahweh, in Hebrew], art the most high over all the earth" (Ps. 83:15, 18).

God allows violent weather to strike *fear* into the hearts of men. He sends it as an alarm — a warning — that something is very seriously WRONG!

That is precisely WHY God permitted Hurricane Beulah, the tornadoes, the torrential rains and the floods to South Texas. Will the nation heed the warning that something is drastically wrong — that our peoples are sinning? "Sin 15 the transgression of the law" (I John 3:4) — the breaking of God's Ten Commandments.

Have we broken the Commandments: "Thou shalt have no other gods before me"; and "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image"? We surely have! We place just about *anything* and *everything* ahead of God and obedience to Him!

Have we broken the third Commandment which tells us not to take God's name in vain? As we were in the disaster area we heard more cursing, swearing and damning of God's name than we had in a long time.

Do we keep God's Sabbath holy? No — many hate *that* Commandment the worst of all! They wouldn't *dream* of keeping that one!

What about dishonoring parents, stealing, killing, committing adultery, lying and coveting? Why, our nations do these things all the time! Surely we shouldn't have to quote statistics to prove it! Read any newspaper!

We are sinning nations!

And we in the United States, of all people, have the least excuse.

Without Excuse!

In Psalm 147 God tells us why our people are without excuse:

"He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth: His word runneth very swiftly. He giveth snow like wool: he scattereth the hoarfrost like ashes. He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who can stand before his cold? He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he causeth his wind to blow, and the waters flow. He sheweth his word unto Jacob, his statutes and his judgments unto Israel. He hath not dealt so with any nation: and as for his judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye the Lord" (Ps. 147:15-20).

Yes, we in the United States are part of God's people Israel — the literal descendants of the ancient House of Israel, the so-called Lost Ten Tribes. So are the other English-speaking nations — Britain, Canada, Australia, South Africa. (For proof of this astounding fact write for our free book *The U.S.* and British Commonwealth in Prophecy.) We have been blessed by God as no other nations on earth. And one of the biggest blessings we have had has been *access to the Word of God* access to God's laws and statutes which produce every blessing we have.

But what have we done with this knowledge — these blessings?

Oh, yes! We have translated the Bible into many other languages and distributed it around the world.

We have given it to others.

BUT WE HAVEN'T LIVED BY IT OUR-SELVES! And WE OUGHT TO KNOW BETTER!

That is why we are without excuse!

Our people say to God, "Depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways. What is the Almighty, that we should serve him? and what profit should we have, if we pray unto him?" (Job 21:14-15.) Yes, who needs God, many ask?

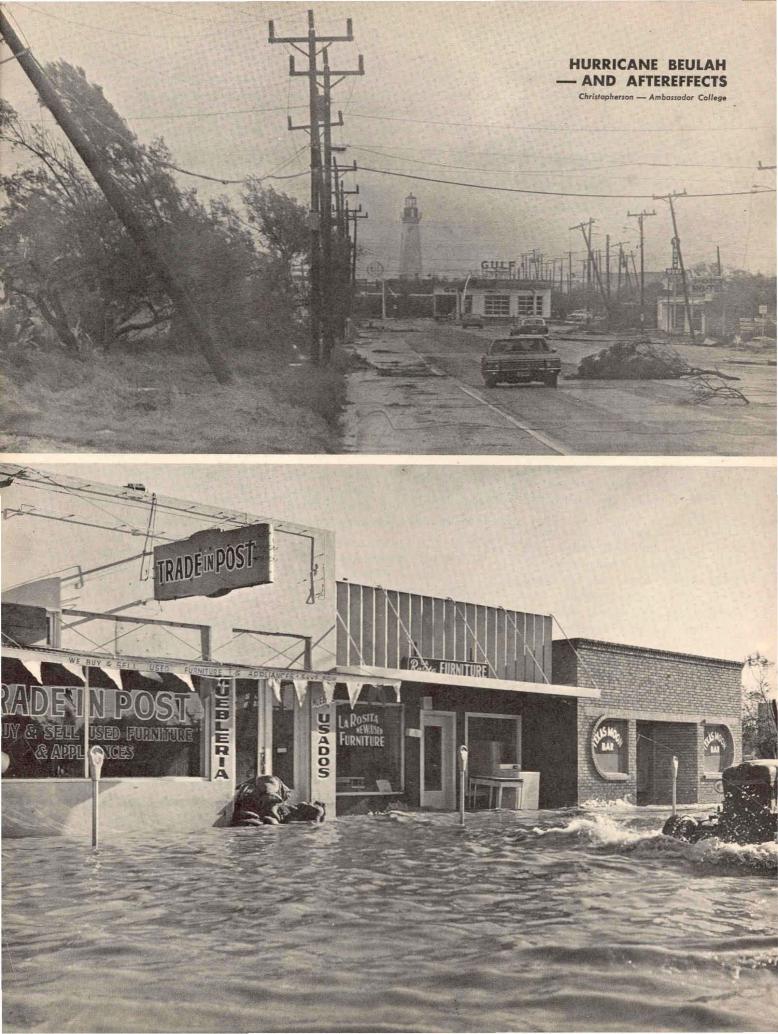
God is now beginning to deal with this attitude. "He [God] rewardeth him [the wicked], and *he shall KNOW* it. His eyes shall see his destruction, and he shall drink of the wrath of the Almighty" (verses 19-20).

God is beginning to punish. But He is not punishing all who are guilty because all areas are guilty. Thus far the punishments have been primarily economic — a loss of the material things we hold so dear. They have not yet resulted in a great loss of human life.

Did you notice that, even though Beulah's disaster was spread over a wide area and caused one billion dollars' worth of property damage, only comparatively *few* lives were lost in Texas?

God Almighty is being merciful hoping that we will "get the point" and begin to change our ways. But if we refuse to take the warning, God is going to punish harder.

For years *The* WORLD TOMORROW broadcast and *The* PLAIN TRUTH have been warning that our sins would lead to disasters unless we change our ways and turn to God with all our hearts. And is it significant that this major natural disaster should have been allowed to strike in South Texas — an area which has probably received a more powerful warning witness for a longer time than about any other part of the United States? *The* WORLD TOMORROW



broadcast has been blanketing this area from both local Texas stations and the big Mexican stations for some twenty years!

Will we heed? Will we repent of our rebellion against God and His Law which He gave for our own good?

Will Your Area Be Next?

The tragedy created by Beulah may not have affected your area. But of this you can be assured: unless we, God's nation of modern Israel, repent — and repent *quickly* — a similar or even greater disaster *is going to strike* right where you live. And that within the next very few years!

It may not be a hurricane or floods. But disaster of some kind — drought, pestilence, earthquake, disease, etc. — WILL STRIKE. Prophecy PROVES it (see our free booklets 1975 in Prophecy and The Book of Revelation Unveiled at Last).

God will not force this entire nation to repent. But you yourself CAN repent. You can begin to change *your* way of life Now. You don't have to learn the hard way.

God's people may suffer to an extent in the punishments God sends on the rebellious. Some of God's people whò lived in the disaster area of South Texas suffered damage during this storm. But He will see that those who obey Him are more than compensated for their losses.

"The Lord *trieth* the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence His soul hateth. Upon the wicked He shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup" (Ps. 11:5-6).

God allows the righteous to suffer a little as a trial to their faith — to test and strengthen them. But when the time of REAL trouble comes upon this world, God promises protection and deliverance to those who humbly put their trust in Him.

"The Lord is slow to anger, and GREAT IN POWER, and will not at all acquit the wicked: the Lord *hath His way* in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of His feet. He rebuketh the sea, and maketh it dry, and drieth up all the rivers... The mountains quake at Him, and the hills melt, and the earth is burned at His presence, yea, the world, and all that dwell therein. Who can stand before His indignation? and who can abide in the fierceness of His anger? His fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by Him. *The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble;* and He KNOWETH them that trust in Him" (Nahum 1:3-7).

"Great is our Lord, and of great power: His understanding is infinite. The Lord lifteth up the meek: He casteth the wicked down to the ground. He delighteth not in the strength of the horse, He taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man. The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear Him, in those that hope in His mercy" (Ps. 147:5-6, 10-11).

You have only one hope in the days ahead: the Eternal GOD.

What Will YOU DO?

Now what about you? Can you take a warning? Can you see the meaning behind the destruction caused by Hurricane Beulah? Can you *learn* from this disaster?

Or was this warning lost on you? Are you going to have to see bigger and greater things before you will be convinced? Are you going to have to *personally suffer* before you learn? Are you going to insist on learning the hard way? Will God have to strike *your* area before you wake up?

The decision is yours. No one else can make it for you.

INSECT-TRAPPING PLANTS

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but wonder at the astonishing variety of trap structure. It is not *less astonishing* that there is NO EVIDENCE that one form of trap is superior to another in action.

"The fact of variety is one with the same phenomenon observed when we survey attentively some other unit of structure.

"It seems as though nature, or to deify her fruitfulness, Nature, is not nor ever has been content to make some one thing, however satisfactory, and to let it go at that.

"She must show that she is not bound to the details of a pattern, that in this case, she can make a WHOLE SHELF FULL of different kinds of traps, as if to PUZZLE you to pick the best" (Francis Lloyd, Carnivorous Plants, page 263).

Who Was the Engineer?

As is obvious to anyone with a really open and thinking mind, all these carnivorous plants are a proof of the existence and DIRECT HAND of God. The intricacy of design; the multiple variety of types; the infinite complexity of working design — defy the MIND of man!

He stands aghast at the puzzling array of life. The mastery of engineering involved defies the greatest human invention. A mousetrap may be bigger than the *Utricularia*; but its primitiveness of design in comparison to the plant trap puts it a FAR SECOND.

Yet, the mousetrap was *designed by* thinking humans. Then, isn't this proof that the INFINITELY more complex plant traps had to be *DESIGNED* by an *infinitely* greater mind than that of man?

Of course!

Can YOU see that this vast creation is proof positive of a Creator God? Can you come to accept that God and see He is the RULER of this universe? The time is short. The evolutionists and YOU — have only a few short years before all doubt of His existence will forever be banished!

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The Bible Story

by Basil Wolverton

CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED NINE

GOD CHOOSES SOLOMON

B_{ECAUSE} DAVID had gone against divine orders and had taken a census in Israel, God had caused seventy thousand sudden deaths in Israel.

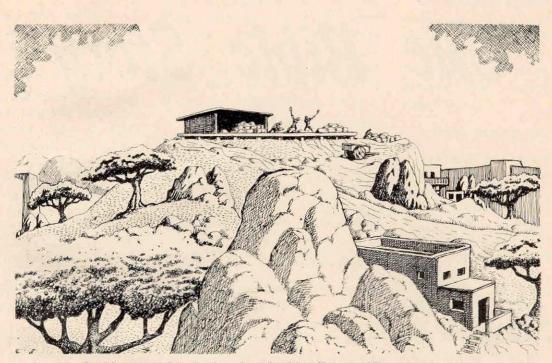
Israel's king had then heeded the advice of the prophet Gad, who had told him that the plague would be stopped if David would quickly build an altar. The site God had chosen for the altar was Mount Moriah, a high area on the northeast side of Jerusalem.

God Selects His Temple Site

The spot was owned by a local Jebusite king named Ornan. Ornan had a threshing floor there and with his four sons was busy threshing wheat when David arrived. (II Samuel 24:1-18; I Chronicles 21:1-20.) As king over all the land of Israel, David could have taken over the place to do as he wished. But it wasn't his way to conduct himself in such a manner. When Ornan learned why the king wanted his property, he was very anxious to cooperate.

"You are welcome to all that I have here without price," he told David. "If you are in need of wood for the fire, use my threshing instruments. If you need animals for sacrificing, take my oxen."

David was pleased at Ornan's willing and helpful attitude. Because he wanted to act in a hurry, he accepted all that Ornan offered, but he insisted on paying. The oxen cost only about thirty-two dollars. But David wanted several acres of land so God's temple could later be built on the spot God had chosen. So he bought the whole hill for nearly six thousand dollars. (II Samuel 24:19-25; I Chronicles 21:21-25.)



David was advised that he should offer sacrifices soon upon Mt. Moriah. It was a high hill at the edge of Jerusalem. It was occupied on top by buildings and equipment for threshing grain.

An altar was hastily erected, and animals were sacrificed on it as soon as possible. God showed His approval by sending fire from heaven to kindle flames on the altar.

A little while later servants came to David to inform him that reports of new plague deaths had suddenly ceased coming in from surrounding areas, and that no deaths had been reported from within the city. (I Chronicles 21:26-30.)

"That means that God has accepted your prayers and your sacrifices," Gad assured David. "The plague has been stopped!"

Relieved and thankful, David dropped to his knees to worship God for being so merciful as to halt the terrible spread of death before it could reach the people of Jerusalem.

Realizing that this was the place where God wanted His future temple to be built, David spent the rest of his life preparing materials and setting aside most of his wealth to pay construction costs and to decorate the temple. He gave his son Solomon the complete plans and instructions God had given him. (I Chronicles 22:1-19; 29:1-19.)

David also thoroughly organized the priesthood and the government. (I Chronicles, chapters 23-28.)

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David's life had been so eventful and wearing that two years later, although he was only sixty-nine years of age, his body was as worn and weakened as that of a much older man. Among his various infirmities mentioned slightly in Psalms 31:10 and 38:3 was his inability to remain comfortably warm, especially during the cool evenings. Even though blankets were piled on him, his circulation was so poor that he always felt chilled.

His servants and advisors decided that the only way he could be helped was by putting a much younger person close to him, so that the vigor, strength and warmth of youth would be imparted, even in a small measure, to the ailing king. Using their own judgment, the advisors chose a young woman for this purpose — surprising as it may seem to those who read this account and who will perhaps be moved to decide that David was again being very foolish. This wasn't David's idea. The Bible states that she was very helpful in caring for David and that there was no kind of wrong relationship. (I Kings 1:1-4.)

A Brother's Schemes

The deplorable thing that resulted from the king's infirmity was the conduct of Adonijah, at that time David's oldest son. Adonijah decided that his father was too old and senile to rule Israel, and that he, Adonijah, should be the one to take his father's place. He tried to impress the people by copying the overly colorful ways of the late Absalom when he was attempting to win the public to his cause. Adonijah chose several very fancy chariots in which to ride about, and hired fifty men to run in front of his chariots to loudly announce to the people that an important person was passing through and to clear the roads or streets of all obstructions.

David, in his ailing condition, wasn't told of all Adonijah was doing. On the other hand, he was aware that his son was strutting around with attendants, but he did nothing about it. David was very sentimental about his sons, and wasn't always as firm as he should have been for their good as well as his.

Whatever the situation, David made no move to prevent his son from trying to take over the reins of the government of Israel. Adonijah managed to obtain the backing of some of the influential figures of the nation, including Joab, the military commander, and Abiathar the priest. Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet refused to help him. So did most of the powerful men and leaders who had been close to David. (I Kings 1:5-8.)

To promote his cause and establish good will among his friends and others whom he hoped to win over to his side, Adonijah arranged for what we of this age would call a campaign rally. It was held at a place where such functions were popular, and where impressive sacrifices were made. Food and wine were in abundance. The mood of those invited was anything but solemn. Most of David's sons were asked to attend, as were many high officials. (I Kings 1:9-10.) Most of David's officers were ignored. So was Solomon, the son of David and Bathsheba, the one David knew God had appointed to be the next king of Israel. (I Chronicles 28:5.)

Nathan the prophet decided that Adonijah had carried matters much too far, and that David should be stirred up to do something about it. Knowing that Bathsheba had great influence with David, he asked her to go to the king to warn him that there was danger of Solomon and his mother losing their lives if Adonijah decided to take extreme measures to obtain full and certain leadership.

"I am aware that you know David wants your son to succeed him as God has commanded," Nathan told Bathsheba. "You must go to your husband and tell him that this won't happen unless Adonijah's ambition is brought to an end at once. God wants David to do his part. When I know that you are speaking about this matter to David, I'll join the two of you and repeat that the matter is extremely urgent." (I Kings 1:11-14.)

Bathsheba was anxious to do what she could to insure Solomon's stepping into his father's place. She went at once to David to explain how Adonijah had been acting and how he was already the king of Israel in the minds of some of the people. She pointed out that if his following increased and if David should die, she and Solomon would come to be regarded as enemies of the state because they were not included in Adonijah's followers.

The Plot Defeated

It was one of those days when David wasn't feeling too well. The young woman especially chosen to wait on him was trying to make him comfortable. Bathsheba could see that the king was moved by the things she said, but he only nodded or shook his head. Then it was announced that Nathan the prophet wished to speak with David, whereupon Bathsheba left. When Nathan came in, he mentioned to David all that Bathsheba had told her husband, but in a different way intended to appeal to David's greatest interests.

"I don't understand why you are allowing another to become king of Israel when it has long been God's command that Solomon should come after you," Nathan pointed out to David. (I Kings 1:15-27.)

"Call Bathsheba. Have her come to me at once," David responded, straightening up and suddenly looking very determined.

Nathan knew as he departed that the king had made a decision of some kind.

He was sure that it was the right one. When Bathsheba arrived, David spiritedly reminded her that he had made a vow that Solomon should surely become king of Israel and that he wished to repeat that vow. Turning from Bathsheba, he told a guard to call Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet and Benaiah, a great hero and the captain of his guards. (II Samuel 23:20-23; II Samuel 8:18.) When these three men arrived, David instructed them to take Solomon to a public gathering place just outside the west gates of Jerusalem.

"Benaiah, see that he is accompanied by most of my guards," David ordered. "And have him ride on my personal mule. Nathan and Zadok, you will anoint my son Solomon as the next king of Israel. Make a public proclamation so that the people will know what is taking place. After the ceremonies are over, bring Solomon back here."

"So be it!" Benaiah exclaimed. "I know this is according to God's will. God has been with you, my king. May He be with Solomon to exalt the throne of Israel, and to make it even greater than it has been during your reign."

When the people in and around Jerusalem saw the king's guard marching before and after the mule-borne Solomon and the two priests, they swarmed together in increasing numbers to follow the parade. By the time the ceremonies were over, and Solomon had been anointed king, a huge crowd had gathered. There were the sounds of great celebration, including the blowing of trumpets and pipes and shouts of "Long live king Solomon!" with such volume that the noise was heard in all the city and in some areas beyond. (I Kings 1:28-40; I Chronicles 29:20-25.)

Just at this time Adonijah's long, party-like rally to gain followers was coming to an end. The last meal was over. Guests were beginning to leave when the sounds of musical instruments and the shouts of thousands of voices came clearly to Adonijah and those with him.

Conspirators in Trouble

"There must be trouble somewhere," Joab observed concernedly. "Perhaps the city is being attacked. What else could cause such an uproar?"

As the wondering listeners paused anxiously, Jonathan the son of Abiathar the priest came in from the street to join them. Adonijah greeted him warmly, remarking what a brave man he was and that surely he must be the bearer of good news.

"It could be good news for some, but I doubt that it is for you," Jonathan replied uneasily. "David's son Solomon has just been anointed the next king by Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet. The loud music and shouts you hear are coming from the huge crowd that witnessed the ceremony. The people are happy and enthusiastic about it." (I Kings 1:41-48.)

A cheerless silence came over Adonijah's guests. Wordlessly they filed out of the place and hurried to their homes, not wishing to have anything more to do with any movement to try to force their erstwhile champion on the throne of Israel. As for Adonijah, he was the most uncomfortable and fearful. It was evident that most of the people wanted Solomon to become king, and that David would deal harshly with anyone who opposed the king.

There was dancing and singing in celebration of Solomon's appointment as king. But Adonijah became alarmed at what he imagined would happen to him because he had tried to become king against his father's will. So he decided to seek protection at the tabernacle. There he went to the altar where the sacrifices were made, and clung to it desperately. The altar was regarded as a refuge for those who had sinned. Adonijah thought it would be the safest place for him if David's soldiers should come after him. (I Kings 1:49-50.)

Solomon had taken over the responsibilities of the ruler of Israel as soon as he had returned to the palace. Although he was only about twenty years of age, he was capable of good judgment, and took his high office very seriously. When he heard that Adonijah was at the tabernacle and was trusting in the king to spare his life, he sent men after Adonijah. The would-be king thought that his end had come when he saw the soldiers swiftly approaching the altar, and heard one of them order him to come with them.

"If I step away from this sacred altar, you'll kill me," Adonijah shouted fearfully.

Strong arms reached up to wrest him down from the altar. He was hustled quickly off and brought before Solomon. He prostrated himself before his halfbrother, expecting the new king to give an order for his execution.

"You know that you have acted foolishly in trying to become king," Solomon stated. "Because of this, whether you live or die will depend on how you conduct yourself from now on. If you go the right way, not a hair of your head will be harmed by any of my men. Now return to your home."

Surprised and relieved, Adonijah muttered his thanks and hastily left the palace. (I Kings 1:51-53.)

A Wise Father's Advice

Not long afterward, David informed Solomon that he was about to die, and that he had some valuable advice to give him. The advice was the kind that any wise father should give his son, but there were reminders from the former king of Israel to the new king.



Because of his trying to seize the rulership of Israel, Adonijah expected to hear a death sentence from Solomon.

"Keep God's commandments and statutes and judgments," David told Solomon. "You will prosper and be successful if you do. God told me that if my children would live according to His laws, men of our family would continue on the throne of Israel. So prove yourself an obedient man, worthy of being a king.

"Consider Joab and the murders he has committed in the name of warfare. Handle him with care and good judgment, remembering that he has great influence with many people, but don't let him live long enough to die of old age. I should have had him punished by death long before now.

"Be kind to those of the family of Barzillai the Gileadite, who was such a help to me at the city of Mahanaim while I stayed there in my forced absence from Jerusalem.

"Consider also the case of Shimei the Benjamite, who cursed me when I was fleeing from Jerusalem. He tried to make amends by meeting me at the Jordan river when I was returning to Jerusalem. I promised him that I would not give orders to have him put to death. But you know he was guilty. You should deal with him as harshly as you should deal with Joab."

Some months after Solomon had become king, David died. He served forty years as king of Israel. (I Kings 2:1-11; I Chronicles 29:26-30.)

During that time Israel became a powerful nation, but not as wealthy and powerful as it would have been if David and especially the people had followed God's laws more closely. Probably David is the most remembered king of Israel because of his eventful life and because he wrote a great portion of that part of the Bible called the Book of Psalms. With much mourning David was buried in a special sepulchre at Jerusalem. A great amount of wealth was buried with him, part of which was taken from his tomb centuries later.

Solomon used unusual wisdom at times during his reign, insomuch that Israel

remained strong and respected by the surrounding nations. But matters didn't always go smoothly for the new, young ruler.

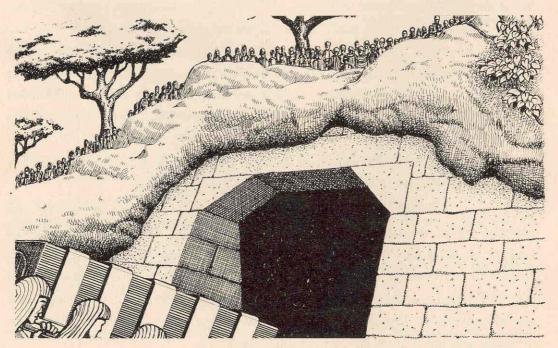
Adonijah Tries Again

Adonijah, who had tried to become king, decided that he would like to marry Abishag, the young woman who had been chosen to physically strengthen David during his last days. Adonijah cleverly went to Bathsheba about the matter, knowing that she would have far more influence with the king than he would have.

Bathsheba promised Adonijah that she would ask her son the favor. When she did, Solomon became very angry. He considered Adonijah's request through his mother very improper. He rightly suspected that this was the beginning of some kind of plot to seize the government.

"Adonijah might as well have asked for the whole kingdom as well," Solomon observed wrathfully to his mother. "I warned him that his conduct would determine his fate. This turn of events proves to me that he isn't worthy to live!" (I Kings 2:12-23.)

Solomon was concerned mostly by the thought that Adonijah was making a move to again gain popularity with the people for the purpose of another effort to become king. He ordered Benaiah, the commander of the royal guard, to see

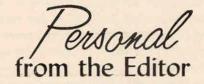


While thousands of admiring subjects mourned, David was buried in a special tomb at Jerusalem.

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that Adonijah should be executed. (I Chronicles 18:17; I Kings 2:24-25.) Afterward he ordered Abiathar the priest to come before him.

"I know how vigorously you worked for Adonijah to become king," Solomon frowningly reminded Abiathar. "You were against David my father, even though you knew God had set him on the throne. It's my opinion that you deserve death as much as Adonijah has deserved it." Abiathar's face turned white. Judging from the king's stern expression, he was about to order another execution.



(Continued from page 1) illegal, we took the program off. We preach and practice submission to authority.

The writer of the Catholic article speaks of "Herbert W. Armstrong's sword and thunder broadcasts." Now I do not consider that an insult at all. In fact that is rather complimentary, when you understand. You see, God Himself speaks of His Word, the Bible, as "the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God" (Eph. 6:17). All Christians are advised, in this passage, to take up this "sword," as part of the whole armour of God, to withstand in the evil day. This Word of God is pictured as a sharp sword coming out of the mouth of the soon-coming Christ-who is the Personal Word of God. The Bible is "sharper than a two-edged sword" - Hebrews 4:12. It corrects - and that cuts!

And what about the voice of THUN-DER?

God Himself speaks with the voice of THUNDER: "After it a voice roareth: He *thundereth* with the voice of His excellency; and He will not stay them when His voice is heard. God *thundereth* marvellously with His voice; great things doeth He, which we cannot comprehend" (Job 37:4-5). God told Jonah (Jonah 1:2 *Moffatt* translation): "Go to Nineveh, that great city, and *thunder* in their ears that their wickedness is known to me..."

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Continuing the article: "... dencuncing evolution, socialism, 'counterfeit Christianity' and modern comfortable living." Well, we do point out some amusing and ridiculous fallacies of the evolutionary theory. Millions enjoy these talks and articles; thousands of students are opening their eyes; and a few dyed-in-the-wool victims and followers of the deception become angry because they cannot answer our proofs and are yet unwilling to give up their beloved fable.

But "socialism"? We do not enter into politics. I was not aware that we attack socialism as a political *ism*, although we have stated a few facts about communism, which is anti-God.

And "modern comfortable living"? Oh No! We're all for "modern comfortable living," as long as it is the *right kind* of living. We like to see people "comfortable." We are not against any *modern* comforts that are GOOD for people. God denies us absolutely NOTHING that is GOOD for us — and for others. He denies us only that which is harmful to the doer or others. God is a God of LOVE — the God we serve and proclaim, that is. Perhaps the writer of the article meant certain modern practices that are harmful and injurious.

Continuing the article: "Perhaps this silence is the 'famine of hearing the word of God' prophesied by American evangelist Mr. Armstrong 10 years ago." No, not at all. As the headline of the article stated, the "silence" over Britain is only TEMPO-RARY. And when the silence foretold in Amos 8:11 comes, it will be worldwide. But again — only *temporary* because it will immediately precede the coming of Christ. And when He comes, "...out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the ETERNAL from Jerusalem" (Isaiah 2:3; Micah 4:2), and "...the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the ETERNAL, as the waters cover the sea" (Isa. 11:9).

Back now to the article: "If that seems too far-fetched, there are other SHOCKING FACTS which Mr. Armstrong has been proven to foretell (to use his own style of emphatic typesetting). In May he told an assembly of his disciples at a college in Hertfordshire that he expected war to break out between the Arabs and Israelis within the month." Comment: One could hardly call that a hostile or defaming statement, when everyone knows that the war did break out in June - precisely five weeks, to the day, after the prediction. I thank the writer for his acknowledgment.

He continues: "His followers are now preparing themselves for the most sensational forecast of all: World War III, culminating in Armageddon and the second coming of Christ by 1975." Where did he get that 1975 date? I do not set any date for the second coming of Christ. I do say emphatically that it is near - but I do not know the date, or even the precise year. All I know is what anybody may know if he can read and believe the Biblical prophecies. And they do not reveal the precise year. Some have tried to figure the year, from the prophecies. Some even had it figured out to occur in 1936, but their applications and figures were in error. There are signs and indications. All world events fulfilling prophecy should warn us that it is now near — possibly by 1975 — probably before 15 or 20 more years — but Jesus said plainly "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only" (Mat. 24:36).

On the other hand, He also said: "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:28). The events he had just foretold have, now, *begun* to come to pass. But continue the article:

"According to the predictions, in the next eight years the Anglo-Saxon nations will be demoralized by automation and welfare, and weakened by droughts and floods." I don't know where he gets the demoralization by automation and welfare. We ourselves make effective use of automation — large printing presses, large refrigerated trucks transporting food grown on our own agricultural-extension farms adjoining our Texas campus - more than 3,000 acres - and our own-grown hard wheat, by which we ourselves produce much of the food for our hundreds of college students - our considerable IBM equipment, including the very latest computer. We may have mentioned abuses in this world's welfare programs, but we are not opposed to the principle of welfare, rightly, honestly and wisely administered. We're all for it, and administer it. Of course, this writer might have misunderstood. I'm sure our readers know well that, as a philosophy and way of life, we proclaim GOD'S WAY - which is the way of LOVE. And love is an outgoing concern. It is the way of helping, serving, co-operating, not of competition, selfish and greedy taking. The droughts and floods are prophesied in the Bible. They most certainly already "have BEGUN to come to pass."

Continue the article: "The 10-headed beast of the Apocalypse — which Mr. Armstrong sees as the European Common Market — will come under the control of a neo-Nazi soldier and a 'false prophet' who heads 'the great apostate paganized Church falsely calling herself Christian.'" Yes, he is pretty close

to right here. Only I do not "see" the 10-headed "beast" as being the 6-headed Common Market - most certainly in its present form. The Common Market is preliminary to it - and the prophesied 10-headed "beast" foretold in this writer's Bible as well as mine may well be the outgrowth of it. But it will embody TEN nations or groups of nations, and it will be POLITICAL and military - not economic only as the Common Market now is. And I do not say it will be under the control of a neo-Nazi soldier. I do not KNOW who the individual political leader will be, or even that he will be a Germanthough frankly the indications are he will be. He will not necessarily be a soldier.

He continues: "Then 200 million Chinese and Russian Communist troops will sweep through Europe, leaving it 'TOTALLY devastated.' "If our readers would like to know what I do say from the Biblical prophecies — on this, write for our free booklet "1975 in Prophecy." And we always point out, by the way, that the mention of the year 1975 in the title of the booklet does not mean we set that as the date of Christ's coming.

The article continues: "The end of pirate radio, however, does not necessarily mean that we shall be cut off from hearing the message - so a cheerful 'World Tomorrow' official at the Hertfordshire college assured me this week. He said: 'If it is God's will that this witness go on in Britain, He will open up other means, other stations. Perhaps something from Europe. We're not pessimistic.' " That does not sound like a direct quote from one of our officials, but it is far more accurate than some "papers" have quoted, and undoubtedly accurate in substance. My answer: It must have been God's will! It has opened up! So again, things seem to work out as we say.

Continue: "Mr. Armstrong made his first 'World Tomorrow' broadcast in Oregon 33 years ago. With a controlled panic style of speech — Mr. Armstrong had been trained in Advertising — he began to barrage western farmers." Well, now! — "controlled panic style of speech"! That's a real lalapalooza! I had to laugh at that one. As to how accurately it describes, I'll leave that to our listeners. I only know that both my son Garner Ted and I are in dead earnest about the Message God is sending into all the world by our voices and there is no deceit, or affectation, in our manner of speech. We simply say what God gives us to say, straight from the shoulder, seeking to please no one but God.

He continues: "He claims that he started on a shoestring, with 'a group of dedicated friends.' Now the broadcasts, most of them taped by his son, Garner Ted, are heard nearly every day on 303 commercial stations round the world. Mr. Armstrong states that the whole operation — including two training colleges in the U. S. and one here — cost $\pounds 21/_2$ million a year." I do not know where he got that $\pounds 21/_2$ million — for that is quite inaccurate — but it is true that this Work of God has become a worldwide Work.

Then he concludes: "Where does the money come from? It is all donated, says Mr. Armstrong, by 35,000 'coworkers' who agree to give 10 percent of their income to the spread of his prophecies."

At last he gets to the point that has always seemed to most disturb critics who write about this Work-"where does the money come from?" Most critics apparently have felt there must be something very wrong in any money being spent to proclaim and publish God's TRUTH. But I'm sure this writer can be neither jealous nor accusing in that regard, since the comparatively small amount of money it takes to operate this Work of God is infinitesimal compared to the TREMENDOUS riches and annual income of his Church - by far the wealthiest in the world. He was quite uninformed on that 35,000 (co-workers), by the way, but I assume he thought it was correct.

I felt that our readers would enjoy reading a Catholic writer's appraisal of us. My comments are not intended to be a refutation, or "answer" to an accusation, but merely a correction of a few points and a further explanation I felt might be profitable for our readers. I do not consider his article derogatory, else I should not have dignified it with comment.

The Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong

We come to the 25th Anniversary of The WORLD TOMORROW and The PLAIN TRUTH.

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Dick's automobile crash and his death, my other son, Garner Ted, was undergoing also a traumatic week in Springfield, Missouri.

He was then in the midst of his evangelistic campaign, with the team he had taken along to assist. Attendance and interest was good. Not only was he speaking to a good audience every night, but he was, by that time, carrying half or more of the broadcasts on *The* WORLD TOMORROW program.

Garner Ted's Traumatic Week

During that week at San Luis Obispo I was not able to keep up the daily broadcasting. But *The* WORLD TOMORROW was then being released over KGBX Radio in Springfield. And that station had opened to Ted the privilege of recording the daily program in their studios — shipping the master tapes by air express daily to Pasadena for dubbing and reshipping to the stations around the world.

Preannouncing Ted's Springfield campaign, we had used large advertising space in local newspapers, billboards in and surrounding Springfield, special radio programs beside spot announcements, and a few television programs.

We still had, of course, the films of our six months' television programs released coast to coast in the United States two and a half years before. Ted had appeared on two or three of them, and had carried one himself. These were broadcast on Springfield television, beside special spot announcements by television. So the campaign had been given publicity by radio, television, newspaper advertising, and billboards beside written announcements sent out from Pasadena to all on our mailing list in that area.

Probably no week in Ted's life had ever been as difficult as this one.

I have recounted before how close to each other my two sons had been. Few brothers have ever been so closely attached to one another. I have mentioned how Dick, after Ted had joined the Navy, virtually mourned as if Ted had died. For weeks he had little appetite.

During this week Ted suffered, sympathetically, the pains Dick was living through. Yet he was compelled to remain right there, appearing cheerful, speaking to his audience night after night. And this beside doing the broadcast day after day, when there was an almost irresistible urge to fly on the next plane to San Luis Obispo to be with his brother.

Ted's Springfield campaign produced rich results. But he paid a price for this precious spiritual harvest.

My Time of Trial, Too

But if it was an agonizing week for Garner Ted, it was, of course, equally or more so for Lois, his mother and me.

No one, of course, *but* a mother, can describe or fully appreciate a mother's love for her son. But fathers love their sons, too. And my affection for Richard David had been greatly deepened by the special circumstances under which he had been born.

It is, of course, natural for every father to want a son. When our first child was a girl I was not disappointed. Few fathers would be. Nor was I disappointed when our second child was another daughter. But when the ranking most famous obstetrical specialist in the world, in a Chicago hospital pulling my wife through a near-fatal mid-pregnancy toxemia eclampsia, with 30% albumin in the urine, warned us gravely that she could never undergo another pregnancy without fatal results to her and the child, I *was* disappointed beyond words to describe. I had to resign myself to a sonless life.

And this medical pronouncement was confirmed by two other doctors.

We didn't know, then. And I'm not sure these doctors knew, the real REASON. Apparently not too much was understood, at that time, by the medical profession about this negative-positive RH blood-factor condition. But my wife and I were opposites in that regard.

I had been forced to resign myself to a future without possibility of ever having a son.

Then, eight years later, in Portland, Oregon, Mrs. Armstrong had been — as recounted earlier—suddenly, completely healed of several serious complications by a positive miracle resulting from believing prayer. We knew then, by faith, that whatever had been the disturbing factor to render another pregnancy fatal, had been removed by this healing.

I knew then that God would give me a son.

And ever since I felt that the day Richard David was born was the happiest day of my life.

I was perfectly satisfied, then. God had blessed me with a son. He had been conceived less than a year after my conversion.

But the great God had plans I did not know. I was perfectly satisfied with the one son. We did not plan to have another. But God knew that He required the services of Garner Ted, and that Dick needed a brother near his age. And so, a year and four months later, Garner Ted was born — and I was now doubly blessed - with TWO sons.

But when God took from me — or allowed to be taken — my firstborn son, on July 30, 1958 — less than three months before his 30th birthday — well, it seemed that I could have some little understanding of how Abraham must have felt when he expected to have to give up his son Isaac — or even God the Father of all, in giving His Son Jesus Christ for ME as well as for the world.

The Ordeal

Dick's death occurred early Wednesday morning, July 30, 1958. The accident had occurred the preceding Wednesday morning. The funeral was set for Friday, August 1. The day in between, Thursday July 31, Mrs. Armstrong and I shared a very sorrowful 41st wedding anniversary.

On Wednesday we conferred with Messrs. Roderick Meredith, Herman Hoeh and Norman Smith regarding funeral arrangements. They felt unanimously that it was my duty to officiate at the funeral, which we planned for a simple graveside service only. Through the day I drove in my car to inspect cemeteries - which I had not had occasion to do before in Pasadena. I do not now remember whether Mrs. Armstrong and Lois went along. Necessary arrangements were completed. Lois accompanied us to the mortuary to select the casket - selecting one in the type of wood Lois said was Dick's favorite.

To say that my comparatively brief graveside sermon was an ordeal would be a gross understatement. I had learned, many years before, in conducting many funerals, to steel my nerves and remain calm, with controlled emotions. But speaking at Dick's funeral was altogether different. I found myself speaking in a louder, more concentrated voice than usual in a supreme effort to prevent emotional loss of control.

I remember quoting a portion of Lincoln's Gettysburg address, regarding the duty of those of us remaining to carry on the great Work to which God had called us.

My first impulse was to remain away from the Saturday afternoon college chapel service. I didn't want to see anybody. Nor did Mrs. Armstrong. But then I realized it was my duty to attend.

I thought of entering at the last moment, and sitting in the front row before any could speak to me or offer condolences. But then I realized that some of the students had erroneously assumed that ministers were under such divine protection that no such tragedy could occur to one of them. Dick's accident and death might shatter this faith. I knew I had to bring a message that would bolster and strengthen, not destroy faith.

These experiences were perhaps the most severe test I had ever been called on to experience. But of course I knew where to go for strength, wisdom, and help.

We Travel to Springfield

Lois' parents had come for the funeral. She and they planned for them to stay on a while with her, in the home she and Dick had purchased new just over a year before. Lois felt that perhaps, with her parents in the house, she might adjust to remaining there without Dick.

I had assisted Dick and Lois with the down payment for the purchase of the property, and it probably was still less than half paid off. But Dick had been thoughtful in providing insurance which paid off the property in full. He also had provided insurance for Lois. And there was an additional \$15,000 due Lois from group insurance carried by the College.

However, the few days of attempts at adjusting to living in the house without Dick had convinced Lois, by that weekend, that she could not live there alone.

Mrs. Armstrong, Lois and I planned a trip to get away from the traumashock we had undergone. I had learned that nothing is so quieting and relaxing to distraught nerves as a long trip on a train. So we planned a trip to Springfield, Missouri, to meet Ted and be with him for the final service of his evangelistic campaign.

We left almost immediately, taking either the "Chief," or the "Super-Chief" of the Santa Fe Railroad as far as Kansas City, changing there for a train to Springfield. Little Dicky — Richard David II — was carried in a sort of crib basket.

It did Ted and his wife a great deal of good to have us with them in Springfield. He, too, had undergone a most severe ordeal. But he was being rewarded by a successful spiritual "harvest."

After a few days there, we journeyed on down to the location in Texas that is now the third campus of Ambassador College. We were then building there, of comparatively inexpensive all-steel construction, what we believed to be the largest "church auditorium" in Texas, as a Tabernacle for an annual 8-day festival or convention — seating 8,000.

After a day or two there, we journeyed on back to Pasadena. Soon we were engrossed in the many responsibilities of carrying on the Work to which the living Christ had called us.

We had, shortly before this, acquired the mansion of Mediterranean architectural design located between Mayfair (girls' student residence), and Ambassador Hall. We had done a certain amount of remodelling to convert this property into another girls' residence on campus — renamed Terrace Villa.

Since Lois felt she could not endure living alone in the home she had shared for a year with Dick, we converted on'e wing of the ground floor of Terrace Villa into an apartment for her and little Dicky.

This proved to be the best solution possible for Lois. She was on campus, where there was much activity. Many other girls were under the same roof, though she had the privacy of her own apartment. Also, she was abundantly supplied with "baby-sitters" whenever needed.

Frequently, from that time, during the next few years, we all dreamed occasionally about Dick. It often seemed, in my dreams, as if he had come back from the dead and was living again — as indeed he shall — and in the not too distant future, now, as I write in 1967.

Surprise Banquet

On Sunday, January 4, 1959, Ted and Shirley called at our home for Mrs. Armstrong and me. They had arranged



Maynard Parker Photo

Photo shows, from left to right, Mrs. Dick Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Armstrong during surprise dinner for twenty-fifth anniversary of World Tomorrow program.

a few days before that we four should go to a restaurant for dinner that evening — since it was the 25th anniversary of *The* WORLD TOMORROW.

It was midwinter and they were wearing coats. We didn't notice that they were in evening dress. After driving a couple blocks Ted suddenly said:

"Oh, by the way, Dad and Mom, I wonder if you'd mind stopping off at Ambassador Hall first. We've plenty of time, and Shirl hasn't seen the big new chandelier we just installed in the Grand Hall. I'd like to show it to her. Would you mind?"

Of course we didn't mind.

Entering fabulous Ambassador Hall, we found it all dark — which was natural on a Sunday evening. I switched on the lights in the Grand Hall. Shirley was thrilled. For a few moments we four stood admiring the ornate chandelier of Czechoslovakian crystal. Then Ted suggested we have a look at the new crystal ceiling light fixtures installed, at the same time, in the Rosewood Room.

When the doors to the Rosewood

Room were opened, a mystified Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong were bewildered. For there seemed to be many obscure and shadowy figures in the very dim, partially candlelit room.

The lights suddenly flashed on, to the shouts of "SURPRISE!" coming from seventy voices.

All — except Mrs. Armstrong and me — were in evening dress, sitting around beautifully decorated banquet tables forming one large "U" shape filling the large room. Huge floral arrangements of red and white carnations decorated the immaculate linencovered tables gleaming with sparkling crystal, china, and silverware.

Accompanied by enthusiastic applause, Ted and Shirley escorted Mrs. Armstrong and me to the head table. There, for all guests to see, a red and silver banner at the base of a large floral arrangement read: "25TH AN-NIVERSARY."

Student waiters appeared in full dress, and began serving a banquet of superb cuisine, probably prepared by Home Ec. girls. Then I glanced over the room to recognize the guests. There were all the ministers so far — at that time — ordained and their wives (except two who were in England); all faculty members of Ambassador College and wives of male members; intimate personal friends of Mrs. Armstrong and myself who had been associated with the Work since the early days; and those business and professional men, who were closely associated in a business or professional way with the Work, and their wives.

Perhaps the keynote of the banquet was the playing of a recorded "Memory Tape," prepared by Mr. Norman Smith, Director of our radio studio. It recounted, through loudspeakers, by means of re-recording old recordings, even back in the "electrical transcription" days, recapturing many memories of the early days of the broadcast back in Eugene, Oregon. There was a running commentary, tracing the history of The WORLD TOMORROW, outlining the beginning and progress of The PLAIN TRUTH magazine. We were vividly reminded of the days - in 1934 and 1935, in the stuffy little windowless office, devoid of ventilation. In this



With profound gratitude the student body dedicates this issue in its entirety to MR. and Mrs. HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG, our beloved College President and his consecrated wife.

Reproduced above is the January 20, 1959 PORTFOLIO — the student newspaper of Ambassador College. The issue was a special commemorating the 25th anniversary of The WORLD TOMORROW broadcast and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Armstrong's unfailing service.

PLAIN TRUTH selections up to January 1959 show progressive growth of magazine. From the first issue of February 1934 through successive stages of an 8-page magazine a 16-page magazine — then a 24page and a 32-page magazine to the 25th anniversary issue of January, 1959 with a circulation of 175,000. Ambassador College Photos

little room many mimeographed editions of *The* PLAIN TRUTH were edited and printed.

Mrs. Helen Starkey, who had been our first employee in that unventilated "office" was present with her husband, and at my request she rose to relate a few personal experiences of those days.

At Ted's request, I rose to give our guests (or was not I — with Mrs. Armstrong — the guest?) a glimpse of the happenings of those days.

Highlight of the Banquet

Perhaps the highlight of the "Memory Tape" was the reproduction of a portion of a WORLD TOMORROW broadcast, in which the listening audience had been taken to Paris, where Dick cut in with our first "on-the-spot" broadcast, along the Champs Elysées, reporting the military display of the Bastille Day parade. In the last two years Garner Ted has done a number of "on-the-spot" broadcasts from different parts of the world.

But the highlight of the entire evening was a presentation to Mrs. Armstrong and me of a most unusual and superb gift, commemorating a quarter century of broadcasting. Garner Ted read the presentation. He said:

"No anniversary would be complete without a gift. But a gift presents a serious problem. Mr.



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Armstrong has repeatedly said Mrs. Armstrong was fully 50% of his ministry. She has been with him through much of the actual programming during the last 25 years. No run-of-the-mill gift would do. And so, in selecting an APPROPRIATE gift for the occasion, I found the article I wanted could not possibly be purchased on such short notice, not even at the finest jewelry stores, silversmiths, or trophy makers on the Pacific coast.

"I found it would have to be MADE, by silversmiths in San Francisco. And so I had to decide whether to have a gift to present to Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong TO-NIGHT, or to sacrifice presenting it tonight in order to have a wonderful memento specially created by master craftsmen as a permanent, lasting memorial of this 1st Sunday of 1959, the 25th Anniversary of The WORLD TOMORROW broadcast.

"I decided in favor of the QUALITY, instead of the time.

"And so, it gives me great pleasure to make this special presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Armstrong.

"As a lasting memorial of this 25th anniversary celebration, we are having made, by silversmiths in San Francisco, a beautiful desk set. The thick, long base is to be one solid piece of specially rolled and carved sterling silver! Beautifully matching pens will be specially made by the Sheaffer Company, and they'll also be of sterling silver! They'll repose in sterling pen holders, on each end of the base. In the center, a specially cast, hand-engraved miniature microphone, also of solid sterling, will stand beside a handfinished miniature solid sterling silver world!

"In the center, immediately in front of the mike and the world, a gold inscription plate will read: 'To Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Armstrong. In deep and lasting gratitude for unselfish service as instruments in the hands of God through twenty-five years of radio broadcasting.' "

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THE UNFINISHED REVOLUTION

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the world to counter this revolutionary faith? Not a more powerful or righteous faith, but guns and money!

The Soviet Union knows that the U.S. cannot supply the world's desperate millions with enough food. She knows that the United States is UN-WILLING to send enough military equipment to the Far East to win in Vietnam. But the only power that the United States could provide the world to defeat Communism — the strength of a more powerful FAITH than Communism - that faith America does NOT have!

U.S. political leaders do not understand the power of faith in world affairs. Faith in an idea, the Communistic idea of the NEW MAN, is slowly winning against the bullets and feeble leadership of the West.

The USSR is not primarily waging a war of bullets, but a war of IDEAS.

Though Communism is thriving on human faith and human works, it nevertheless lives. It lives, as cancer cells live and spread.

Under the lead of the USSR, all Asia and Africa are becoming alive, even as a cancerous growth in the world system. Their peoples have found an active faith in the doctrines of Communism. Amid their poverty, they have something to live for. They are out to change their environment by human sweat and toil apart from God.

Tried, and Found Wanting

For two centuries the Western World dominated the Orient and Africa. But the West failed to deliver the colonial peoples from squalor and misery. The West failed to give them the right kind of education - failed to show them the purpose of life - failed to give them a real goal or a right knowledge of God. Why? Because the West does not itself know the purpose of life - or why man was put on

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SCRIPTION HAS BEEN PAID So many ask: "HOW does it happen that I find my subscription price for The PLAIN TRUTH has already been paid? How can you publish such a high-class magazine without advertising revenue?" The answer is as simple as it is astonishing ! It is a paradox. Christ's Gospel cannot be sold like merchandise. You cannot buy salvation. Yet it does cost money to publish Christ's TRUTH and mail it to all continents on earth. It does have to be paid for? This is Christ's 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 lit-erature. But HOW? Christ forbids us to *sell* it to those who receive it: "Freely whave received." said Jesus to His disciples whom He was sending to proclaim His dospel, "freely GIVE!" "It is more blessed." He said, "to GIVE — and that is "God's WAY is the way of LOVE — and that is ceive

more outsized, He said, to GIVE than to re-ceive." 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 other. 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 him-self, *inkicribe* — and his subscription has thus al-ready been paid. Thus the living, dynamic Christ Himself enables us to broadcast, worldwide, without ever asking for contributions over the air: to enroll many thou-sands in the Ambassador College Bible Correspon-dence Course with full tuition cost already paid; to send your PLAIN TRUTH on an already paid basis. God's way is GOOD !

earth! Hence, the deception of Communism looks alluring to ignorant and even educated minds who have no knowledge of the plan and purpose God is working out here below.

The dead faith of missionaries from America and England has not dented Oriental thought. But the active belief of Communists is moving millions. Belief in Communism means FAITH IN MAN. It transcends national borders. It knows no national boundaries.

All the military expenditures in the world cannot cope with Communism's influence on the mind. The United States might as well face the facts. THERE IS NO HUMAN WAY FOR THE WESTERN WORLD TO RESCUE ASIA FROM THE CLUTCHES OF COMMUNISM, unless the nation can somehow acquire a more powerful faith.

But national leaders have turned their backs on the good news of the Kingdom of God. They have cast the Bible aside. Is it any wonder that Soviet leaders believe they are nearer than ever before to ultimate victory over a decadent, crime-ridden West?

It is time we opened our eyes to the real cause of Western weakness.

The next installments will reveal, in detail, the story of day-to-day life under Communist Party rule.

PROPHECY COMES alive

WORLD NEWS

O NE of the most significant developments in the world today is going unrecognized. It is the near-secret, but steady progress being made toward unity among the nations of Western Europe.

Why is it that most news media have neglected what's developing undercover in Western Europe?

The European Common Market — West Germany, France, Italy, Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembourg — has proceeded far beyond a mere "customs union." And that despite French President de Gaulle.

The Common Market's "supergovernment" in Brussels is suddenly asserting growing power over the six individual nations. The economic strength of this new "third force" in the world is proving to be a powerful magnet attracting many other nations. The list of those who want to associate themselves with the Common Market in any way possible is growing continually.

Now 16 Years Old

The drive for European unity has been going on for 16 long years. Few people outside of Europe have realized it. But readers of *The* PLAIN TRUTH have been continually informed what the unity drive means — from the pages of the Bible.

In 1951, the six nations listed above joined together in the European' Coal and Steel Community (ECSC). Successful in this "pilot" venture, the same six, in 1957, signed the Rome Treaties establishing the European Economic Community (Common Market).

In the ten years since, trade barriers

among "The Six" have fallen steadily — and internal trade has risen accordingly.

By July 1968, the bulk of the economic walls will be removed. At that time "The Six" will form one vast market of 183 million people (over nine tenths the population of the United States).

Jean Monnet, the so-called "Father of the Common Market" wrote in March of this year:

"The Common Market is a process, not a product. Europe is on the way to achieving economic unity, but we must have no doubt that in due course it will move towards unity in foreign policy and defense. What is gradually emerging is a great new entity - The United States of Europe."

"Supergovernment" with Increasing Power

Now look at what has occurred just this summer. On July 1 of this year, another giant step in this "process" was



Towering high above Rotterdam's vast Europort stands "Euromast," symbol of the growing economic strength of the Common Market. taken. That date witnessed the fusion of the executive bodies of the Common Market, the Coal and Steel Community and Euratom (the European Atomic Energy Community).

There now exists, in top authority, a single "Council of Ministers of the European Communities," and, beneath it, a single "Commission of the European Communities."

A "Eurocracy"

The combined commission, headquartered in Brussels, Belgium, and in Luxembourg, presides over a burgeoning bureaucracy of 6,500 "Eurocrats." A recent issue of *Business Week* reports this huge staff wields expanding regulatory power over everything from competition in business to the complex trade in farm products. Many of these Eurocrat officials speak all four official languages of the European Communities — German, French, Dutch and Italian — *plus English.* They "think European."

Slowly, over the past few years, the Brussels "Eurocracy" has been siphoning off former sovereign powers exercised by each of the six nations.

The new commission already performs the combined equivalent responsibilities of the U. S. Interstate Commerce Commission, the Federal Trade Commission, the Food & Drug Administration, the Atomic Energy Commission, the Agriculture Department, and the Justice Department's Antitrust Division.

This new "supergovernment" now has enough strength of its own to proclaim its own virtual independence — to the dismay of some "nationalists" in the member countries.

On July 13 Jean Rey, the new Commission's president — a Belgian — asserted that his group "has a political temperament" and will act independently of the six Common Market governments. Before the community's Court of Justice in Luxembourg, the 14 members of Rey's body pledged their complete independence from national control.

Rey discounts attempts by France's President de Gaulle to forever stymie the European unity drive. "Details are not important," says Rey. "It is the *direction* that counts." That direction, says Rey, leads to *political unity* of Common Market countries.

New Powers Coming

In 1968, the Commission may create a special type of corporate charter for companies that want to operate on a community-wide basis. For the first time, businesses then could be established as Common Market corporations, instead of organizing under the corporate rules of France, Germany, or any other individual nation.

The "Eurocrats" are also going beyond mere economics. Some of them are promoting the idea of *uniform marriage* and divorce laws within the six countries. The reason: because of the increasingly free movement of labor among the Six, the council expects a rise in marriages between people of different nationalities. Marriage and divorce laws at present vary widely in the six countries.

Now Look at Transportation

The enlargement of international authority continues inexorably. The Council of Ministers now requires the six member governments to consult each other before installing new, or expanding existing, road and rail links. For each project, a technical description is required, along with estimates of its cost and completion date. Even its probable effects on domestic as well as export trade within the Community must be included.

The key northern European ports of Hamburg, Rotterdam and Antwerp now benefit from the best highways on the Continent. Most of these are connected with the well-developed superhighway network of West Germany — the transport hub of Europe.

Canal systems also are being enlarged and interconnected. In a few years, 3,000-ton barges will be able to travel across Europe all the way from the North Sea to the Mediterranean. When completed, this 1,000-mile network will be a "key element in European integration" (*Journal of Commerce*, July 28, 1967).

Others Want "In"

The growing might of the European Communities is proving irresistible to countries on the outside who feel their trade picture of the future is bleak unless they get "in."

Iceland is the latest in a growing

list of countries wishing to negotiate.

Great Britain submitted its formal application for membership on May 10, 1967. (British membership is very doubtful. See the October number of *The* PLAIN TRUTH, article "Common Market Breakthrough.")

The Republic of Ireland handed in its bid on the same day.

One day later the *Danish* Government made its application. On July 24, the *Norwegian Government* followed suit.

Four days after that, *Sweden* issued a cautiously worded statement. The government in Stockholm applied "to participate in the enlargement of the European Community in a form ... compatible with a continued Swedish policy of neutrality."

On Sept. 4, the Government of *Malta* applied for an "appropriate relationship."

Requests for association have already been made by *Austria, Spain,* and *Cyprus.* Spain has been offered an opportunity by Brussels to negotiate a limited trade agreement.

Switzerland asked for talks about association in 1961 and Portugal requested negotiations for "closer cooperation" in 1962. These two are expected to do so again.

Greece and Turkey are already associates.

Romania — the rebel nation in Communist Eastern Europe — may also someday want to negotiate entry.

Many want to join. But Bible prophecy says only *ten nations* — or groups of nations — will unite (Rev. 17:12), although it is *possible* that several others may loosely associate themselves with this phophesied end-time resurrection of the Roman Empire for trade purposes.

This new revived Roman Empire will have, as its optimistic boosters predict, *political* — not just economic — power. All ten nations will be linked by a common foreign policy. The main plank of this policy will be virulently anti-U. S. and anti-British. Write for our free booklet 1975 in Prophecy to see the tragedy for our peoples that this policy will ultimately result in. Your future and the safety of your loved ones is at stake.

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★ HURRICANE, TORNADOES, FLOODS WRECK SOUTH TEXAS

First it was vicious Hurricane Beulah. Then scores of tornadoes combined with torrential rains. Finally, the most devastating floods in Texas' history. WHY did it happen — and what does it mean? See page 3.

★ THE UNFINISHED REVOLUTION

After 50 years of Red rule, what is life really like in the USSR? To bring our readers the truth about life under Communism — about "peaceful co-existence" — about Soviet plans for world revolution — we begin, with this issue, a series of spectacular eye-witness reports on the Soviet Union. See page 5.

★ ARE YOU "UNDER" THE LAW?

Biblical IGNORANCE is the hallmark of our Times! Millions of professing Christians know virtually NOTH-ING about the Bible. Here is the TRUTH about YOU and the LAW of God. See page 9.

★ PLANTS THAT TRAP INSECTS --AND EVOLUTIONISTS!

A new kind of dogmatism is sweeping the scientific world. No longer do leading evolutionists speak of evolution as "theory." Today, many assert it to be FACT. Long bitter antagonists of "dogmatism" in religion, evolutionists have gradually become the proprietors of a new, and very dogmatic, religion of their own. It's the religion of NO GOD — the FAITH in evolution! See page 17.

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