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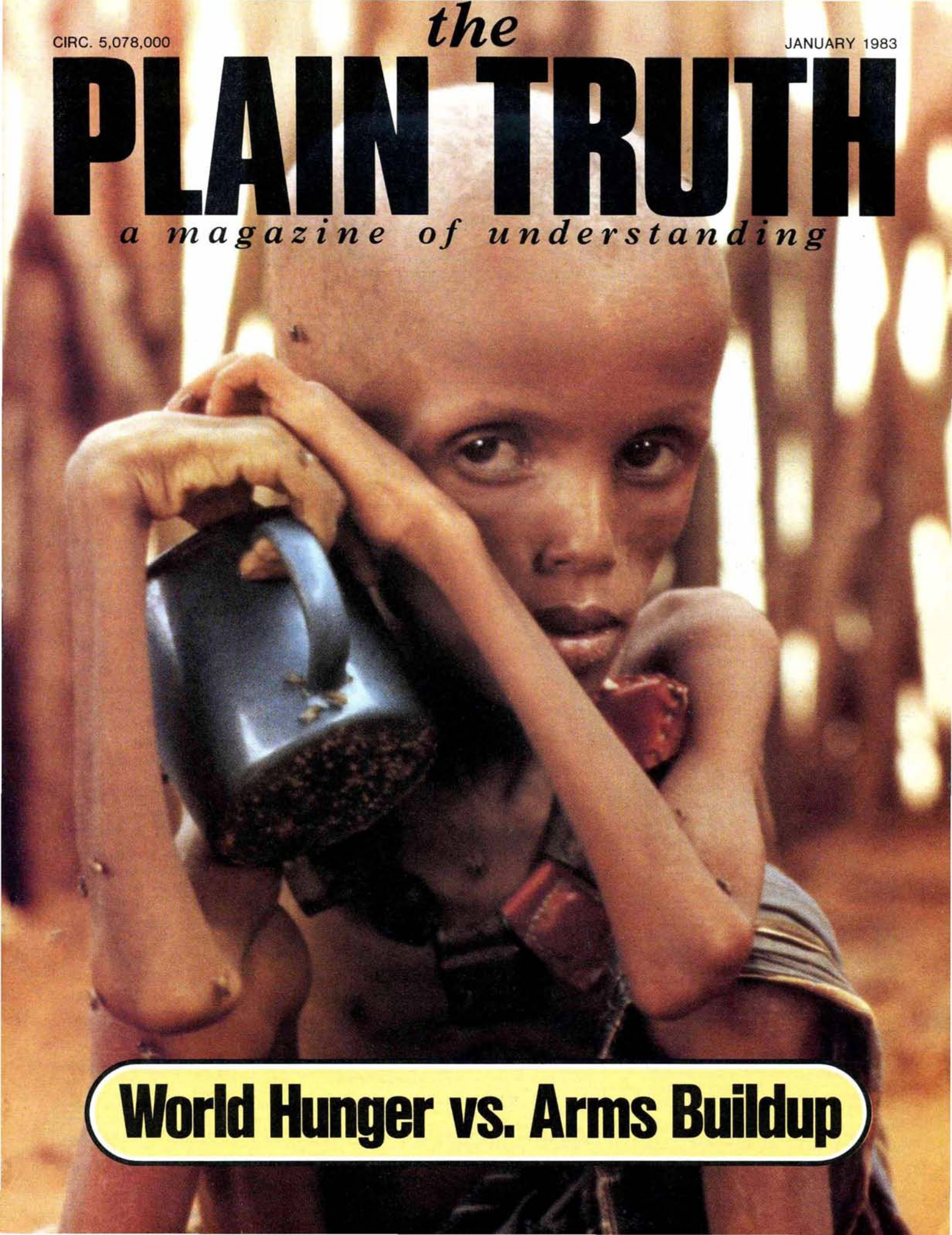

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Gaunt face and emaciated arms symbolize the suffering and hunger of millions in the Third and Fourth Worlds—while the industrial nations and the Middle East accelerate their arms buildup in the name of defense and ideological struggle.

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Personal from...

Herbert W. Armstrong

Education for Life

Is a man truly educated unless he knows WHAT HE *IS*? And unless he knows WHY he is, whether there is any purpose or meaning to life, and what that is? And unless he knows *where* he is going in the end? And unless he knows the *true* values from the false and THE WAY to such desired conditions as peace, happiness, prosperity and the enjoyable, pleasant and *interesting* life?

Right now many high school seniors are facing the problem of whether to go on to college—and if so, *which* college.

If I were a young man or young woman facing that question, I'm very sure—knowing what I know now—that I would want to know *which* college or university teaches these things. I'm sure I'd want to attend the school of higher learning which would teach me not merely how to earn a living—pardon me, I mean an *existence*—but the one which would teach me HOW TO *LIVE!*

Did you ever wonder why it is that nearly everybody wants to live a life that is pleasing, enjoyable, interesting—without boredom, aches, pains, suffering or unpleasant environments or circumstances? And yet, nearly everyone experiences a HUNGER for something that will really SATISFY; and yet, somehow, he never finds it except at brief intervals that never seem to last.

When this Work of God was only about two years under way—or three—in Eugene, Oregon, and I was, most of the time, preaching in evangelistic campaigns about six nights a week, broadcasting every Sunday, editing and mimeographing *The Plain Truth*, and counseling with scores of people, I found the need of something relaxing—something to get my mind for a little while off of these serious problems and this driving activity. My wife Loma D. Armstrong and I found a total change, mentally, in attending occasional basketball games at the University of Oregon basketball pavilion, MacArthur Court. At that time the University of Oregon had a team of sophomores and one senior which looked like a "comer."

And sure enough, in their senior year these boys went on to win the first national championship—late winter of 1939. That was the first year the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) had a national play-off leading to a national championship.

At such games one will see thousands being thrilled by scintillating play. Are these basketball fans enjoying life? If you ask them, at the moment, the answer might be, "*You bet!*" Are they bored? Not during the excitement of the game! Do they feel a sort of mental, emotional or spiritual hunger? Not during the thrill of the game.

But after the game—then what? Why, after the game is over and the fans have gone home, do they experience a letdown—until the next game, or the next experience of some pleasure?

I got to wondering. After the game, *I* don't experience any letdown. *I* don't have to suffer the experience of EMPTINESS, boredom or this sort of soul hunger—whatever it is—until the next exciting entertainment. As a matter of fact, I find my life interesting, invigorating, stimulating, satisfying and abundant *at all times*! It is tremendously exciting at times. But it is *never* boring, *never* dull, *never* discontented!

WHY? What's the difference?

I know what's the difference. I want to tell you what it is.

The answer is bound up in the questions I asked at the beginning of this "Personal."

I have learned WHAT man *IS*!

I have learned that man was put on this earth *for a* PURPOSE, and I have learned what that purpose *IS*! I have learned HOW to fulfill it. I have learned WHAT the *true* values are, and what are the false. And I have learned the secret of a full, abundant, *(Continued on page 41)*

Europe and the Middle East

FOCUS OF ATTENTION FOR 1983

by Gene H. Hogberg

THE world, as the new year dawns, is poised on the brink of momentous change.

Fast-paced events are already unfolding in Western Europe and in the Middle East as the world heads into the politically storm-filled mid 1980s.

The stage has been set by two major events. The first was the stunning collapse in September of the West German government and the fall from power of its widely respected chancellor, Helmut Schmidt.

The second occurred at the same time. Hundreds of Palestinian civilians perished in a massacre in West Beirut, Lebanon. World opinion turned against the state of Israel, which was held responsible for not preventing the pogrom carried out by its troublesome Lebanese allies.

Let's first look at these events in some detail. Then we can see how these two seemingly unconnected events have set in motion a profound change in world affairs.

Schmidt Era Over

On September 17, the 13-year-old national coalition of Social Democrats (SPD) and the Free Democratic Party (FDP) in West Germany came to an abrupt end, with the resignation of four FDP cabinet members.

The development, rumored for some time because of irreconcilable differences between the SPD and FDP, also brought to a close the eight-year rule of Chancellor Schmidt.

After an October 1 "constructive vote of no confidence" the opposition conservative parties, the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) and its Bavarian affiliate, the Christian Socialist Union (CSU), assumed power once again—linked in coalition with the Free Democrats, who, in effect, swapped partners.

Many political analysts, however, appear to have doubts about the new chancellor, Helmut Kohl. Herr Kohl is a successful though not particularly colorful politician. He has steadily marched up through the ranks of party leadership to become CDU chairman. But he may not have, believe his detractors, what it takes to stand up to expected stiff challenges ahead in the nation, plagued by economic slowdown and increasingly polarized politics.

Labor union leaders, for example, have warned they may order rank-and-file members into the streets to protest planned cuts in social spending. Leftist student groups are certain to protest louder than ever, as the day approaches, Bonn's decision to accept the stationing of new NATO nuclear missiles by the end of 1983.

West Germany has nevertheless taken a decisive step away from 13 years of leftward-drifting socialism. Its leadership is back in the center-right position once again. It will continue to progressively move to the right over the years.

The Social Democrats, now in opposition, are expected to move farther to the left, possibly even attempting to incorporate the so-called Green movement (which is composed of younger Germans who focus on single issues such as the environment, antinuclear power and anti-NATO, among others).

Thus the stage is being set for even more political fireworks in the Bundestag in Bonn. If Herr Kohl fails to provide the leadership needed to meet the challenges ahead, especially from the radical left, there is always Franz Josef Strauss, CSU chairman and Herr Kohl's chief conservative rival, ready to offer his more dynamic style of leadership.

After national elections, perhaps in March, the CDU/CSU hopes to win a clear majority. In that case the weakened FDP would no longer be needed and may in fact disappear on the national level.

At that time, predicts *Business Week*, Herr Strauss will "emerge, in a purely Christian Democratic government, as foreign minister and *power broker*." And perhaps also as vice-chancellor, which would be a stepping-stone to the top position denied him in the election of October, 1980.

Europeans Furious at Israel

Meanwhile, in the Middle East, Israel's war in Lebanon against the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) unleashed an unprecedented amount of criticism from all quarters in Europe.

The governments and the news media of France, West Germany, Italy and other countries have soundly condemned the Israeli military campaign that led to the expulsion of the Palestine Liberation Organization from West Beirut.

Nevertheless, the Jerusalem government might have escaped relatively unharmed had the massacre of Palestinian civilians not taken place.

Israel was blamed for permitting the carnage, since the Israeli Defense Force had moved into West Beirut ostensibly to keep warring factions apart.

Without a doubt, the Israeli military blundered by entrusting to its Lebanese Falangist allies the job of rooting out straggling PLO soldiers in two urban Palestinian camps. Instead, the Falangists took revenge, slaughtering hundreds of Palestinian women, children and the elderly for the murder of Presi-

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WORLD HUNGER VS. ARMS BUILDUP

by Dan Taylor

Few realize what the current global arms buildup is costing!

TODAY, many small and poor nations pay vast sums to have access to modern military miracles.

The result? A conventional arms race as dangerous, if not more so, than the nuclear arms race between the United States and the Soviet Union.

Yet there is a paradox in all of this. While nations spend enormous sums on weapons, millions of human beings are malnourished or starving. Agricultural time bombs continue to tick away, periodically exploding in isolated, but devastating droughts and famines.

What's behind this global conventional arms buildup? What is it costing the poor? More important, where is it leading us all?

The Cold War Context

In 1945, an exhausted world finally began sifting through the rubble and ash of the most frightening global conflict humanity had ever witnessed. Hopes for peace, lasting peace, seemed, to the world's diplomats, possible at last.

But while millions were heaving a collective sigh of relief at the cessation of hostilities, the foundation had already been laid for future conflicts and turmoil. *The Plain Truth* was even then warning: "The way of peace they do not know . . ." (Isa. 59:8 NIV).

The United Nations, like its predecessor, the League of Nations, proved to be impotent at preventing local wars between nations. It had no power to change men's hearts.

The Cold War between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. rapidly progressed from the 1940s to the 1960s. The United States saw communism as a force that threatened to undo society—Western civilization itself. As Soviet military power grew and assumed a more determined posture, the U.S. tried to contain it. Under the Truman Doctrine, the United States acted to ring in the Soviet Union by arming nations friendly to the West. Communist insurgency, it was hoped, would be stopped.

The Soviets, meanwhile, saw a different picture. World War II had made a definite impression on the Russian mind. One in 10 Soviet citizens lay dead. Having been invaded four times in 150 years from the West, the historic-minded Soviets determined to make sure that the Russian people never again suffered the horrors of war on their own soil.

ALAIN NOGUES—SYGMA

The Soviets responded to the U.S. encirclement tactic by spon-

soring "wars of liberation" to secure new allies of their own outside the U.S. ring of steel.

Departure With the Past

The real and perceived threats presented by American and Soviet actions and reactions radically altered usual post-war scenarios.

Instead of reducing manpower and spending levels to "normal" peacetime levels, neither the United States nor the U.S.S.R. felt they could afford to do so. Mistrust was too strong.

In his book *Preparing For the Next War* Michael Sherry points out that U.S. peacetime military manpower increased from an average 275,000 men in pre-war years to more than two million men after the war. Peacetime spending soared from pre-war levels of no more than $650 million a year to more than $80 billion (thousand million) by the early '70s. It reached a staggering $120 billion in 1979.

Neither the United States nor the Soviet Union wanted a direct confrontation. Both sides, therefore, began a kind of war by proxy, winning allies, extending influence and keeping up pressure on each other by means of arms sales.

By the late 1960s, arms sales had become an integral part of the foreign policies of both sides.

From 1960 to 1980, worldwide military outlays grew from $100 billion to more than $500 billion a year. That last figure is twice the 1981 gross national products of Mexico, the entirety of Central America and all of the various Caribbean nations combined.

Nations are indeed often motivated by fear of outside aggression. For a number of nations, spending levels reflect the *need* to maintain a high level of military visibility to keep the local population in line. And for many, the *prestige* of having expensive sabers to rattle is enough reason to maintain a military establishment.

Diplomats have expressed concern about the sale of these weapons. But very little has been done to abate the flow of arms to even the most volatile areas.

Arms sales are big business. From 1975 to 1979, the five leading arms exporters—the United States, the Soviet Union, France, the United Kingdom and West Germany—exported $66.7 billion (constant '78) worth of arms to clients around the world.

The Arms Merchants

From 1950 to 1979, the United States transferred $110 billion worth of arms and related services to other nations. That was more than half the world's total.

However, by the late '70s and early '80s, with the U.S. restricting its arms sales, the Soviet Union overtook the United States to become the biggest arms merchant. From 1972 to 1981, the Soviets delivered 74,000 major weapons systems to its clients while the U.S. delivered 44,000 systems.

Soviet deliveries included 23,250 surface-to-air missile systems, 3,705 supersonic aircraft and 13,220 self-propelled guns and tanks.

U.S. deliveries included 8,890 surface-to-air missile systems, 1,540 supersonic aircraft and 7,440 self-propelled guns and tanks.

Even with all of this equipment being sold, there was, nevertheless, room for other producers to sell their wares.

Under the guiding hand of the Délégation Générale pour l'Armement (DGA), which oversees sales and production nationwide, France has become the world's third largest arms salesman. From 1970 to 1980, French arms sales increased fivefold. This surge in French arms sales has been in part because of France's need to maintain a viable, independent arms industry.

Sweden has come to face this problem, but in a different way. The Swedes are considering purchasing from foreign sources rather than increasing exports just to maintain arms industry independence.

An aggressive sales policy has given France a bad reputation. Andrew J. Pierre, author of *The Global Politics of Arms Sales,* puts it this way: "Its [France's] arms sales policy generally has been considered to be the most permissive of the major suppliers, with the assumption often made that the French government is willing to sell almost any weapon to anybody" (page 83).

Britain, on the other hand, has

declined from the number two spot during the 1940s and 1950s, to number four. The United Kingdom now exports only 25 to 30 percent of its production.

West Germany has tended to practice restraint in arms sales. But the government has come under increasing political and economic pressure to expand arms sales to create jobs.

Who Are the Arms Buyers?

Every year, officials from nations around the world go arms shopping. In their quest for weapons, they peruse the arms bazaars, such as the Paris Air Show or the British Army Equipment Exhibition, to pick up the latest fighter aircraft or battle tank.

A quick analysis of arms sales shows that money is becoming a more crucial concern for sellers than ideology. For instance, Libya recently requested postponement of payments on its large arms bill. To which the Soviets, in need of hard currency, replied "Nyet"!

An economically struggling Latin America, Africa, and Oceania are not the big buyers. The bulk of arms spending and arms imports centers in the Middle East.

Editor-in-chief Herbert W. Armstrong has long told readers of *The Plain Truth* to watch events in the Middle East. Bible prophecies point out this volatile region as the focus of the next cataclysmic world war.

Saudi Arabia, with a population of less than 10 million, ranked sixth in annual military expenditures in 1980.

Libya, by 1981, possessed an air force of 210 aircraft. However, Libya has to "import" Syrian, Pakistani, North Korean and Palestinian pilots to fly its aircraft—two thirds of which are sitting in crates, as yet unpacked!

In Israel, whose citizens bear the highest military expenditure burden in the world, the story is similar to other Mideast nations. After the perilous 1973 war, which very nearly involved the United States and the Soviet Union, Israel began a major arms rebuilding program.

The effect of this buildup was demonstrated by the surprising success of Israeli tactics and their largely U.S.-made equipment

THE BURDEN OF ANNUAL MILITARY EXPENDITURES

SELECTED COUNTRIES	APPROXIMATE % INCOME PER CAPITA TOWARD MILITARY EXPENDITURES
ISRAEL	31.6
SYRIA	28.2
EGYPT	15.8
SOVIET UNION	15.5
SAUDI ARABIA	12.4
IRAQ	10.2
ETHIOPIA	10.0
CHINA (PRC)	9.4
CUBA	8.7
GERMANY (EAST)	7.7
POLAND	7.1
CZECHOSLOVAKIA	6.7
KUWAIT	6.5
SINGAPORE	6.1
NIGERIA	6.0
ZIMBABWE	6.0
HUNGARY	5.9
NORWAY	5.6
ROMANIA	5.4
CONGO	5.3
GREECE	5.0
PAKISTAN	4.9
UNITED STATES	4.8
UNITED KINGDOM	4.7
TURKEY	4.7
FRANCE	3.7
SWEDEN	3.4
BELGIUM	3.3
GERMANY (WEST)	3.2
INDIA	3.0
ARGENTINA	2.7
ITALY	2.5
AUSTRALIA	2.4
LIBYA	2.0
SWITZERLAND	2.0
CANADA	1.8
PHILIPPINES	1.8
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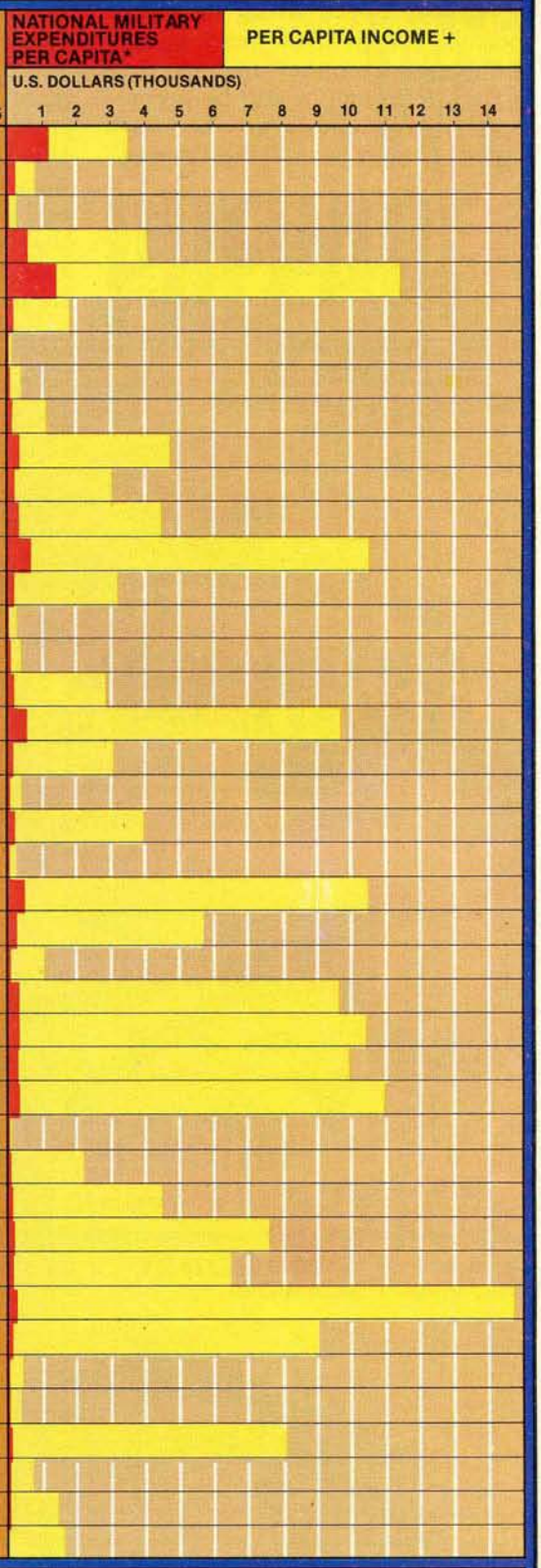

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+ Source: *1980 Reader's Digest Almanac and Yearbook.*

against the Syrian's advanced Soviet-made SAM missiles and top-of-the-line T-72 tanks in the recent conflict in Lebanon.

We are indeed living in a time foretold nearly 2,700 years ago by the Hebrew prophet Joel. A time when the nations would be preparing for war and even the weak nations would say, "I am strong" (Joel 3:9-10).

Where We Are Headed

In their strategy to use nuclear weapons to guard against new Hitlers, both the United States and the Soviet Union failed to understand the consequences. The presumed unthinkability of nuclear war, along with the entry of other, more aggressive, less ideologically inclined arms merchants, made scattered *conventional wars* both more preferable and probable.

Like so many Frankenstein monsters gone out of control, these well-armed Soviet and American clients have on numerous occasions nearly brought the two superpowers to blows. Dangerous precedents in the Middle East and the South Atlantic have been set which the nations must now ponder.

The eminent British historian A.J.P. Taylor puts it this way: "In the old days the deterrent [conventional arms] worked nine times out of ten. Now presumably it [nuclear arms] will work ninety-nine times out of a hundred. But if past experience is any guide . . . the hundredth occasion will come" (Introduction, *How Wars Begin,* Atheneum: New York, 1979, page 16).

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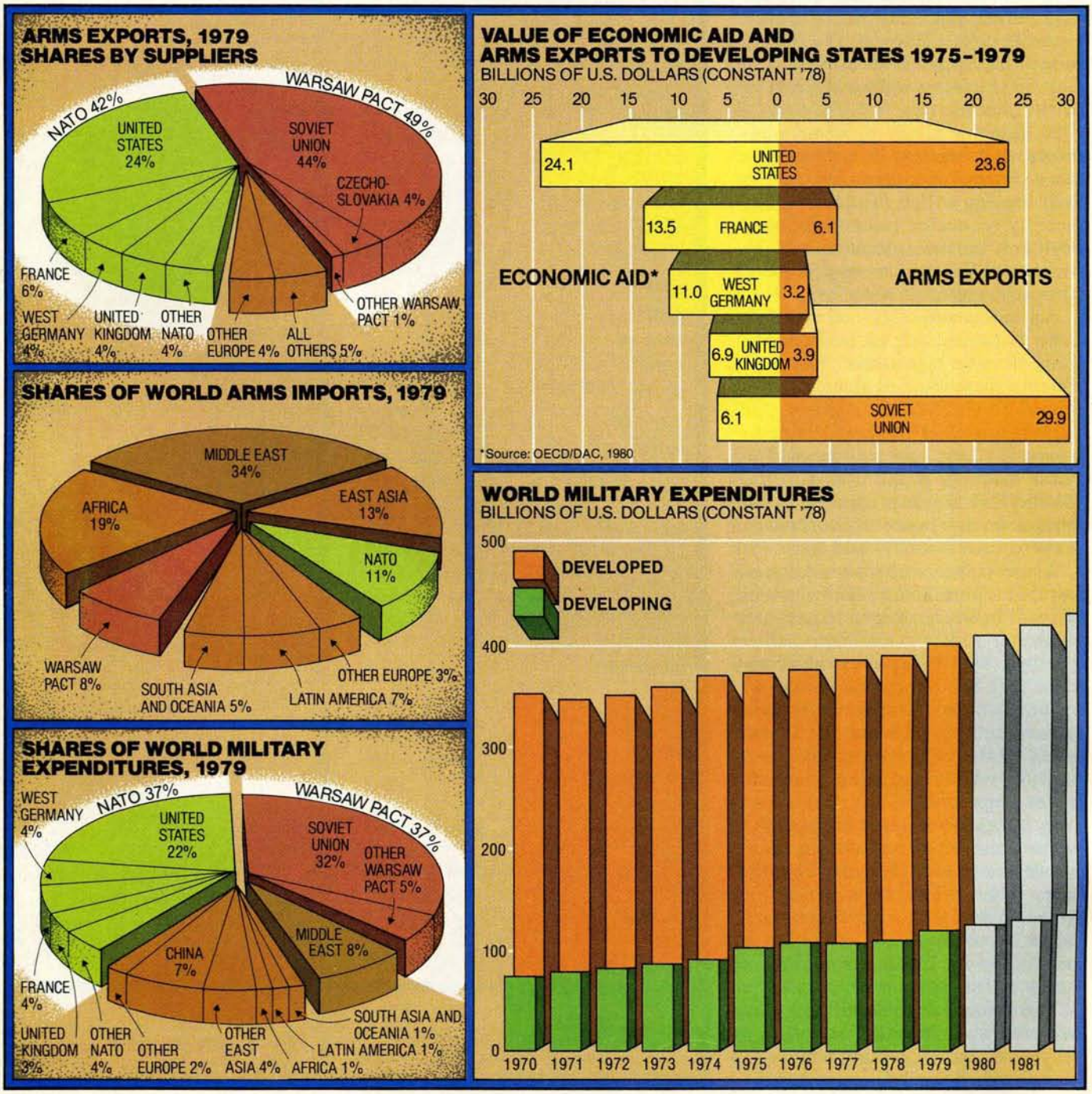

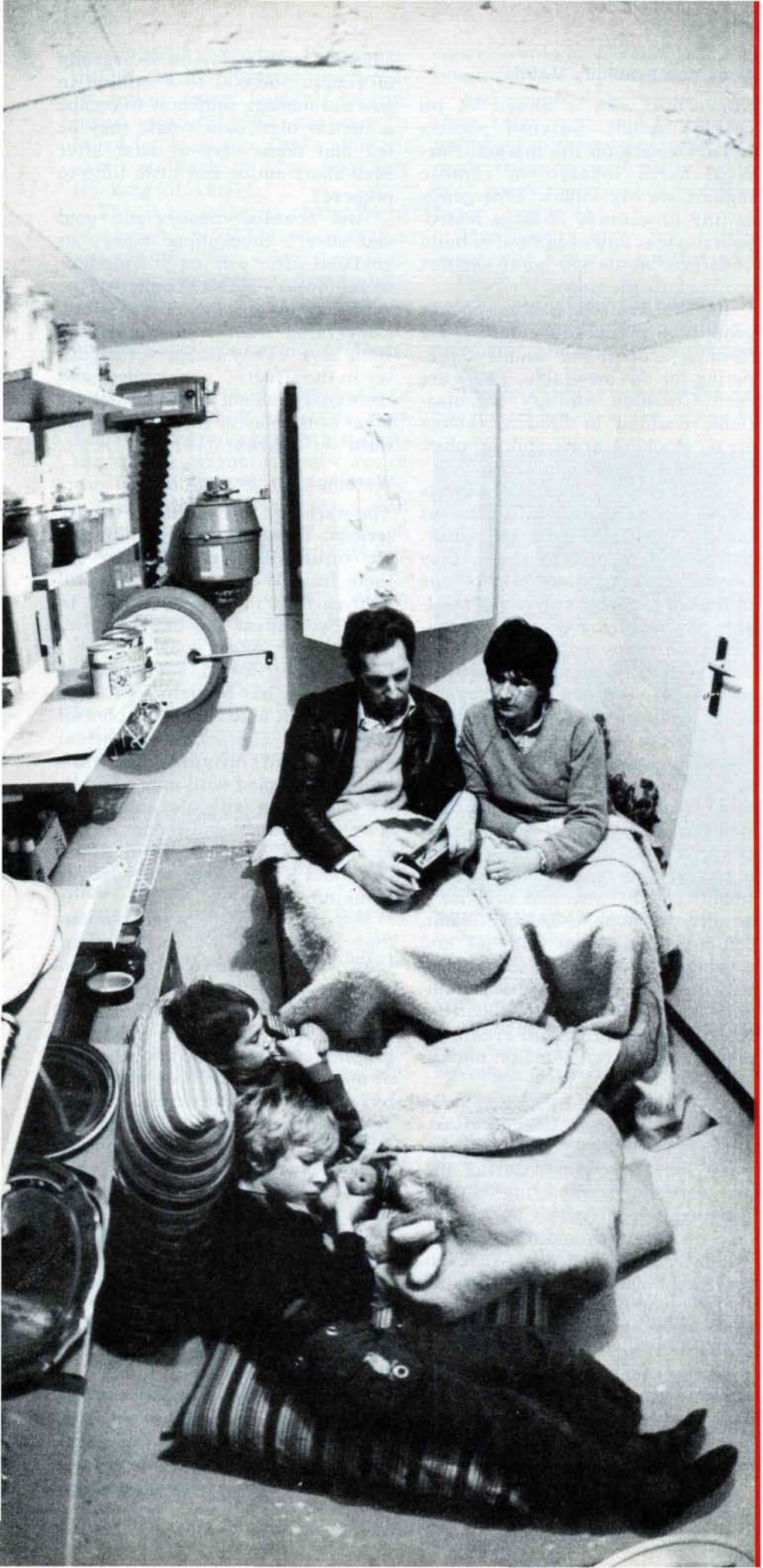

BRUCELLE—SYGMA

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR WHAT'S AHEAD?

We live in a time of economic and political turmoil. World peace is threatened by events in the Mideast. Still, there is a way to be protected!

by Patrick A. Parnell

AS NEVER before, our earth is in a crisis! Yet it need not be so! Alvin Toffler, author of *Future Shock*, warns:

"I am under no Pollyannaish illusions. It is scarcely necessary today to elaborate

RADIATION RESISTANT *atomic bomb shelter in Switzerland. A single family can stay in shelter for about three days.*

on the real dangers facing us—from nuclear annihilation and ecological disaster to racial fanaticism or regional violence.

"I have written about these dangers myself in the past, and will no doubt do so again. War, economic debacle, large-scale technological disaster—any of these could alter future history in catastrophic ways" (*The Third Wave,* page 3).

Experts have been warning that having enough to eat will become a major human struggle. The Presidential Commission on World Hunger predicts: "A major crisis of global food supply of even more serious dimensions than the present energy crisis appears likely within the next 20 years."

World population is steadily rising. It is outstripping world food production. This doesn't even take into consideration the always present possibility of drought in key agricultural areas. Or political turmoil in Third World countries that regularly reduces badly needed food supplies.

Technology, for all its benefits, is bringing us serious side effects. Every known chemical produced has been dumped into our biosphere, changing ecological balances in ways we may only be guessing at now.

Utter Destruction a Real Possibility

Most alarming of all is the massive stockpile and buildup of sophisticated military nuclear weapons now in the hands of man! Six nations clearly have nuclear capability. According to estimates, nine other countries have the immediate ability to make them. By 1985 there will be as many as 35 countries with the technological capabilities to produce nuclear weapons!

The ability to bring chaos and utter destruction to this earth is now an alarming reality! Andrei Sakharev, Soviet scientist and social activist, warns us: "The equivalent of 13 billion tons of TNT concentrated into 40,000-50,000 thermonuclear and nuclear charges threatens the very existence of mankind or at least of civilization" (*Parade,* Aug. 16, 1981, "An Appeal," by Andrei Sakharev, page 4).

Arms and Precious Metals

Surviving what's ahead is on people's minds. Survival packets and books are on the market. Survival acres located in remote regions are big sellers. Emergency exiting procedures of large metropolitan areas and even how to build underground nuclear bomb shelters are back in the news.

In the United States pocket groups of paramilitary forces are forming around the country, preparing for the inevitable. There are even Christian military organizations, training in hidden, remote areas, stocking arms and supplies, readying for what's to come.

A number of financial experts advise clients to buy into precious metals, especially gold and silver. When push comes to shove, they reason, gold and silver may be one of the only reliable currencies available for acquiring needed necessities when times get bad.

Superficially, some of these ideas have merit. But can such preparations really provide you protection in a nuclear holocaust?

Small paramilitary organizations are no real protection against today's sophisticated army, using nuclear weapons and biological warfare in an all-out war. Hiding in remote mountains, banking on a comparatively small cache of arms and supplies is an illusive hope. Nuclear fallout, contaminating water supplies and causing radiation sicknesses, coupled with rapidly spreading disease epidemics and dwindling, difficult-to-replenish foodstuffs, will eventually take its toll after a major nuclear attack.

Escaping cities by autos in an impending nuclear strike is a veritable impossibility. Two or three small "fender benders" during normal workhour traffic bring roads to snarling, jam-up halts. Can you picture what freeway and road systems would be like when panic-stricken, confused, scared masses of people all try escaping out of a large city and its surrounding communities at the same time?

Authorities in one major city estimate that it would take seven days to evacuate its populace. How many would escape with only minutes, possibly just seconds, of advance warning? And if a group of people 500,000 to a million in size did manage somehow to escape a nuclear blast, how would they be fed and taken care of later after such short notice and little time to prepare?

And hoarded moneys and gold and silver? Stockpiling money or gold and silver will not provide protection from what's to come. All the wealth in the world can't buy safety. Concerning what is to come, the Bible says: "They shall cast their silver in the streets . . . their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the Lord . . . " (Ezek. 7:19).

Warnings Are Serious

The warnings by experts are deadly serious. Those fearing the immediate future have good reason for their fear. We should be warned! This earth is in trouble! What's to come will affect the entire world. Will directly affect you!

Our sophisticated, computerized nuclear age has brought us to this point of trouble. Out of control economies, competitive political systems and on-going military buildup, coupled with man's inability to mediate with one another to solve differences, will sooner or later trigger a holocaust from which God and God alone will deliver mankind.

We are facing the most momentous happenings ever recorded or that will ever be recorded! And whether you believe it or not, you will be affected!

We are living in the biblically prophesied time of the end, the end of man's age. It has been predicted by nearly every generation since Jesus Christ walked this earth. Only now, because of our technology and nuclear capacity has that end of this world's civilization been possible. Jesus warns about this time ahead: "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved [alive]" (Matt. 24:21-22).

It's true, today's economy can level out and temporarily turn up. This has happened throughout the centuries. Hot spots around the world can

momentarily cool down. World conditions can from time to time begin to appear calm, hopeful, on the mend, peaceful. But you can be lulled to sleep, too. Don't allow it. Don't sit back in your easychair thinking all is right.

This is by authority of the Word of Almighty God! This warning is in your Bible. "For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape" (I Thess. 5:3).

Jesus said: "And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth" (Luke 21:34-35).

Do you understand? When things seem all right—as they will—when it seems as if there is "peace and safety," then comes "sudden destruction"! It's going to be a "snare" *to most!* But you can have prepared yourself in advance for the only genuine protection there is!

Now Is the Time to Act

It's time now for you to act. It's time now for you to prepare. But how? What should you do? What preparation can you make? Not the preparations discussed earlier. Most of man's preparations will be futile.

Man can't protect you. Man is responsible for the very problems besetting this world. It is man's continual departure from God and his spiritual law that has led us to impending world destruction.

The prophet Isaiah illustrates this point: "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear. For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness. None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity" (Isa. 59:1-4).

And again: "The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace" (verse 8).

Man doesn't know how to have peace with himself or with God.

Only Almighty God is able to protect you. God has provided a way of escape for those willing to obey him. Do not rely on the hand of man.

The first step is to seek God now! No matter who you are, where you are, or what your position in life is, it's time to seek God, before it's too late! "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near" (Isa. 55:6).

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God means it. We had better seek him now, because there is a time coming when it will be too late for many to escape the calamities that will end civilization as we know it.

Time, safety, peace, present conditions, this life—these don't last forever in this world. There are deadlines. There are finalities. The earthshaking events to come will be delayed only so long.

It Can't Be Done for You

It's you who must seek God—not your spouse, not your relatives, not your friends, not someone else in your stead. The Bible is very clear on this point. All are ultimately accountable to God individually: "For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God" (Rom. 14:11-12).

Each of us will reap what we sow! "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting" (Gal. 6:7-8).

All of us, individually, will ultimately be judged: "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad" (II Cor. 5:10).

And concerning physical protection in the here and now, Scripture is plain. "Though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it [today's crisis], they should deliver but their own souls [lives] by their righteousness . . ." (Ezek. 14:14).

The most important thing in your life is to seek God. Nothing else is as vital! Not even the physical necessities of food, water, clothes and shelter are as important as seeking the living God! Notice especially Matthew 6:33: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things [and that includes protection in the day of trouble] shall be added unto you."

Begin seeking God now and his involvement in your life. He can see to your needs and your future protection.

Ask God for His Mercy

Not only must you seek God, you must seek God's forgiveness.

You have sinned! All have sinned. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23), says the Bible. And what is the biblical definition of sin? "Sin is the transgression of the law" (I John 3:4, last part). It can't be any plainer than that!

You are guilty of breaking God's

law. If you've broken even one point of God's law—and you have—you are guilty! "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law" (Jas. 2:10-11).

You must obey all of God's law, all Ten Commandments! The penalty of disobeying them, of sinning, is death! "For the wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23)—not life in hell fire. God means it! You must ask him for forgiveness for what you've done!

God's mercy leads one to repentance. "Repent [change] ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord" (Acts 3:19).

It's time for all to repent—to change—to stop breaking God's law. The apostle Peter wrote: "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that *all should come to repentance*" (II Pet. 3:9).

But how many reading this message are willing to change their way of life, and begin living life as God wants us to, for our own happiness and well-being?

You can. You can admit to God your sins. Be willing to acknowledge that you have been wrong, that you have been guilty of breaking God's righteous commandments, his guidelines on how we should have been living. The first four commandments show us how to respect God, and the last six commandments show us how to express love to our neighbors.

God is merciful and desirous that we come to a willing, repentant attitude of mind. He wants to forgive. Notice Psalm 103:8-14:

"The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever. He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us. Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him."

You must claim God's mercy by being willing to take the steps Peter admonished all to take: "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy [Spirit]" (Acts 2:38).

Establishing Right Living Habits

Not only must you repent—change—stop breaking God's law—you have to establish the habit of obedience to God's way of life.

Jesus was once asked what to do to gain eternal life. "Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" (Mark 10:17, last part). Jesus answered: "Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother" (Mark 10:19). In other words, the basic Christian platform is based on God's Ten Commandments.

Any future protection depends on genuine righteousness—which is keeping God's righteous law (see Psalm 119:172). If we again slip up and sin, we can ask forgiveness, and God will forgive: "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world" (I John 2:1-2). And, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:9).

Our intent and desire must be centered on God's way of life. We must not turn away from that basic attitude.

Heed the words of the prophet Ezekiel: "Therefore, thou son of man, say unto the children of thy people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression; as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedness; neither shall the righteous be able to live for his righteousness in the day that he sinneth" (Ezek. 33:12).

Christians are to be doers, not just hearers: "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves" (Jas. 1:22).

Jesus unequivocally tells us: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matt. 4:4). And God's Word is recorded in the pages of the Bible. We're to live by it!

There Is No Other Way

There is no other sure way to prepare for world events. Your future—physical protection and eternal salvation—depends on seeking God and asking his forgiveness. We must come before our Creator with deep, sincere, heartfelt repentance whenever we sin. And we must strive with all diligence to maintain a right attitude and godly life, obeying what we're commanded in the Bible.

These steps are simple, but you need God's help. Ask for it. Maybe you have never prayed before. Never mind, now is the time to begin.

Seek God. Open the pages of your Bible and get acquainted with the scriptures. Take these steps and God will begin taking special notice of you. Says the Creator of all: "For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the Lord: but to this man [or woman] will I look, even to him [or her] that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word" (Isa. 66:2).

Heed this message and the other warnings in the pages of this magazine. You may be counted among those mentioned in the book of Revelation who are promised protection during the momentous times ahead.

"Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation [trial], which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth" (Rev. 3:10). That is an absolute promise. □

What Do You Mean "REWARDED ACCORDING TO WORKS"?

by Herbert W. Armstrong

Few—even professing "Christians"—understand the difference between being "saved by GRACE," and "rewarded according to WORKS." Here is a surprising, eye-opening article.

SOME RELIGIONISTS, who talk much about "salvation" and "grace" accuse me of proclaiming a salvation by works. The accusation is FALSE!

The ANSWER to these false accusations is something FEW people comprehend—*including the world's religious leaders!*

So LET'S UNDERSTAND! For this is VITAL to YOUR LIFE!

There's a Vast Difference!

There is a great difference between being "saved by GRACE," and "rewarded according to WORKS." To UNDERSTAND, you need to know *what* "salvation" is, and what "reward" means.

The Bible tells us what are the spiritual consequences of sin. It also explains what "salvation" means. One meaning is "preservation"—in this case "preservation" of LIFE. One verse in the Bible explains BOTH: "For the wages of sin is DEATH; but the gift of God is ETERNAL LIFE through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 6:23).

The "wages" you EARN by the "works" of SIN is eternal DEATH. It is ETERNAL PUNISHMENT—and since the punishment is DEATH, and *not life,* it is eternal DEATH. You *now* have only a chemical, temporary, physical existence, sustained by breathing, eating, drinking, and your physical heart continuing to beat and circulate your blood. Stop breathing, stop your heart beating, you die—you cease to live—almost instantly. Stop eating and drinking and you'll die in 45 or 50 days.

So, to PRESERVE LIFE means the GIFT of ETERNAL LIFE—spirit life—self-sustaining, INHERENT life.

Salvation, then, means to PRESERVE you FROM eternal death, the "wages" or consequences of sin, and to GIVE you inherent ETERNAL LIFE.

So, then, ETERNAL LIFE is something YOU DO NOT NOW HAVE. It is something you have no power to supply, or give to yourself. You can't earn it by "WORKS." It comes as God's free GIFT. Neither can you erase the PENALTY of sin—that is, PREVENT eternal DEATH. For "ALL have sinned" (Rom. 3:23). That includes YOU! You have brought on yourself the eternal DEATH SENTENCE, as a penalty!

The Bible teaches NOTHING about an "immortal soul." On the contrary, it teaches, twice, that "the soul that sinneth, it shall DIE" (Ezek. 18:4, 20). Jesus said the "soul" can be DESTROYED in gehenna fire (Matt. 10:28).

What your own "works" have earned for you is the "wages" of ETERNAL DEATH. You see, everyone has "WORKS"—either good, or bad! And your bad works have earned the wages of eternal DEATH. Good works can earn something, too—which I will explain later—but it is NOT "salvation" or eternal life!

GOD ONLY has immortality. He has it INHERENT. He has it TO GIVE. You do NOT have it! You must go to GOD to get it!

But, your sins have CUT YOU OFF from God (Isa. 59:1-2). You are so CUT OFF that you cannot reach him! There is an impassable BARRIER between you and him, brought on by your SINS!

HOW, then, can you gain ACCESS to Almighty God (the Father), to receive from him eternal life and salvation—AS HIS GIFT? Well, Isaiah says, "Let the wicked forsake his way" (Isa. 55:6-8)—the way of SIN. And, further, "God SO LOVED THE WORLD [of sinners], that he GAVE his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should NOT perish, but have everlasting LIFE" (John 3:16).

Yes, but HOW?

The answer is in Romans 5:8-10: "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being NOW justified by his blood. . . ." GET THIS! "Being NOW justified. . . ." HOW?—by "works"? No, by Christ's DEATH—BY HIS BLOOD. HE SHED HIS BLOOD AND DIED.

So—IF you repent of sinning—that is, turn around to go the OTHER WAY—forsake YOUR way—the way contrary to God's law, and turn to GOD'S WAY—the way of his law—if you have thus REPENTED of sinning and have accepted Jesus Christ as

your personal Savior—accepted his DEATH as PAYMENT IN FULL for YOUR sins—accepted him as personal Savior not only from the PENALTY of past sins, but as *living* Savior to save you from SINNING (now and in the future) then you are NOW forgiven past guilt—you are now JUSTIFIED of your guilty past.

But "justified" refers to the guilty past, not to the FUTURE!

So, CONTINUE this scripture: ". . . Much more then, being *now justified* by his blood, we SHALL BE saved . . . through him." Notice, being "SAVED" is yet in the future. We are now "justified," by God's grace—by Jesus' DEATH—and SHALL BE (future) "saved." But, continue, verse 10 of Romans 5: "For if, when we were enemies, we were RECONCILED to God by the death of his Son. . . ." Here, you see, being JUSTIFIED by Christ's death is ALSO being RECONCILED to GOD by his death. In other words, *we have at last,* through Christ's death *established* CONTACT *with God.*

Now continue, same sentence: ". . . much more, being reconciled, we *shall be saved* BY HIS LIFE."

Not already "saved." But *"shall be saved."* And HOW? Saved by the "blood of Christ"?—by his DEATH? *NO!* By his *LIFE!* We are justified of past guilt, which had cut us off from access to God, by Christ's DEATH—but SHALL BE, in the future, SAVED by his *LIFE.* He ROSE from the dead. He is a *living* Christ!

HOW Eternal Life Comes

So, with the sentence of eternal DEATH paid for us—our past sins that put a barrier between us and God JUSTIFIED—we are now RECONCILED to God—given access. And he has ETERNAL LIFE inherent—self-containing life—to GIVE.

HOW, then, do we receive it from him?

Notice a couple of pivotal scriptures: "For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself" (John 5:26). God has imparted INHERENT eternal life to the living Jesus Christ. Now, further: "And this is the record, that GOD hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life [eternal]; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life" (I John 5:11-12).

Yes, we are to be SAVED by the *living* Christ—saved BY HIS *LIFE!* That is, GIVEN eternal life as a GIFT, through his life—not through his death!

But, specifically, HOW? Let the apostle Peter explain: "REPENT, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall RECEIVE the GIFT of the Holy [Spirit]" (Acts 2:38). On real REPENTANCE of sinning—a turning around to go the other way—to QUIT sinning—and on faith in Jesus expressed by water baptism (see Acts 8:35-38) God has promised WE SHALL RECEIVE HIS HOLY SPIRIT AS A GIFT. Not by our "works"—but by GRACE!

But how does THIS give us eternal life—salvation?

"But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall ALSO [by a resurrection] quicken your mortal bodies *by his Spirit that dwelleth in you"* (Rom. 8:11).

Well is, then, the receiving of the Holy Spirit SALVATION? Is one already "saved" when he receives this Spirit?

GOD'S WORD SAYS *NO!* It is the presence of eternal life *conditionally—provisionally.* The scripture above quoted spoke of God's Spirit DWELLING in you. IF this Spirit is dwelling in you until death (the first), or AT THE TIME of the RESURRECTION—at Christ's coming—THEN you shall be either resurrected IMMORTAL, or, if still alive CHANGED from mortal to immortal instantaneously (I Cor. 15:51-52 and I Thess. 4:13-17).

The receiving of the Holy Spirit NOW is the TOKEN PAYMENT—or the EARNEST payment from God on the gift of eternal life. Notice: ". . . Christ . . . in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, which is the *earnest of* our INHERITANCE *until* the redemption of the purchased possession . . ." (Eph. 1:12-14). The Moffatt translation renders it in more understandable English, ". . . the long-promised holy Spirit, which is the pledge and installment of our common heritage, that we *may* [in future] *obtain* our divine possession. . . ."

Those who have received God's Holy Spirit are NOW *not yet* inheritors or possessors of this eternal life—of this salvation. They are NOW *HEIRS* of God—co-heirs with Christ (Gal. 3:29). They are now still mortal, not immortal. They are now BEGOTTEN sons of God—not yet BORN of God. They are now in the CHURCH of God—not yet in the KINGDOM of God.

May We Go on Sinning?

But now what of that scripture that says: ". . . ye are not under the law, but under grace" (Rom. 6:14).

Now that you are UNDER GRACE—does this mean you are given license to *disobey* God's law?

Listen to GOD's answer: "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? GOD FORBID. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?" (Rom. 6:1-2). Later, verse 12: "Let not sin [transgressing God's law] therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof."

Once again, verse 14: "For sin [transgressing the law] shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace." The very next words show PLAINLY this does not mean you are free to BREAK God's law—to DISOBEY God. "What then? shall we SIN [break the law], because we are not under the law, but under grace? GOD FORBID. Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?"

GRACE does not mean license to SIN. And the BIBLE definition of SIN is "Sin is the transgression of the LAW" (I John 3:4).

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

It is the FALSE PROPHETS of our day who try to deceive you into believing "GRACE" means permission to BREAK GOD'S LAW! We are being saved FROM SINNING (now and

in the future) as well as from PAST sins. Christ came to save us FROM sinning—not to save us IN sin.

WHY the Holy Spirit?

I have been showing you, step by step, the way of salvation. Where are you, now? You have been reconciled to God—your past forgiven—and you have received God's Holy Spirit. But WHY?

God's Spirit, first of all, is his very own LIFE injected into you—the begettal of ETERNAL life. You are now an HEIR of God—a joint-heir—a co-heir with CHRIST. Not yet an inheritor. The Holy Spirit injects into you also the characteristics of God. First of these is LOVE—not carnal or human love, but DIVINE love—God's love.

And WHY? In order to KEEP GOD'S LAW—*that's why!* How is God's law fulfilled? "LOVE is the fulfilling of the law" (Rom. 13:10). But carnal human love cannot fulfill it. WHY? Because the law of God is a SPIRITUAL law (Rom. 7:14). It can be fulfilled only by a SPIRITUAL love, which is the GIFT of God. It is "the love of GOD . . . shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy [Spirit]" (Rom. 5:5). And again, God gives his Holy Spirit only to "them that OBEY him" (Acts 5:32).

Also, it requires FAITH to keep God's commandments. And *your* faith is not strong enough. It requires CHRIST'S faith—the same faith he exercised and lived by during his human lifetime. God also GIVES you this very same FAITH, *by the Holy Spirit*. God's Spirit also imparts to you spiritual comprehension—power to UNDERSTAND spiritual truth; and wisdom, and patience, and spiritual POWER! All these are imparted to you from God, by the Holy Spirit—as his GIFT! But these are given to you to LIVE BY—to USE, in order to GROW spiritually in knowledge and grace, and to overcome.

MUST There Be "WORKS"?

I have tried to make it PLAIN that we cannot EARN salvation by "works."

Yet EVERYONE does produce "works"—either good or bad. Your evil works—disobedience of the commandments—will EARN you the penalty of DEATH. But what about GOOD works. Do *they* earn you anything?

INDEED THEY DO!

Are good WORKS required?

INDEED THEY ARE!

But WHAT, then, do they EARN?

They do NOT earn salvation. They do NOT earn eternal life. They will NOT get you into the kingdom of God!

Well, then! What DO they earn?

Ah—that is the point of this article!

You are not JUSTIFIED by works, nor "saved" by works, but you are to be JUDGED by your works, and rewarded according to your works.

This thing called "WORKS"—meaning deeds, good or bad—cannot put you INTO God's kingdom of IMMORTALS. You get IN by GRACE! But, once *in,* your works during this present life—during your Christian life after being converted and receiving God's Holy Spirit—DO determine WHAT OFFICE, or POSITION, or RANK, or degree of GLORY, you shall have!

This is what ALMOST NO ONE seems to have understood!

First notice what Jesus said—AFTER his resurrection—inspired after the year A.D. 90: "To him that OVERCOMETH will I grant to sit with me in my THRONE . . ." (Rev. 3:21). Further: "And he that OVERCOMETH, *and keepeth my works unto the end,* to him will I give POWER OVER THE NATIONS: AND HE SHALL RULE THEM . . ." (Rev. 2:26-27).

Notice again, ". . . hast made us unto our God KINGS AND PRIESTS: and WE SHALL REIGN ON THE EARTH" (Rev. 5:10).

Notice what is said of those in the first RESURRECTION at Christ's coming: ". . . and they lived AND REIGNED with Christ a thousand years. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, AND SHALL REIGN with him a thousand years" (Rev. 20:4, 6).

Notice, in these scriptures, the "saved" are to REIGN with Christ in the coming WORLD GOVERNMENT, the kingdom of God. And notice the requirement of OVERCOMING, and keeping Christ's WORKS and also of ENDURING TO THE END! NOTICE! Jesus said "he that . . . keepeth my works *unto the end.*"

Now notice further: "For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall REWARD every man ACCORDING TO HIS *WORKS"* (Matt. 16:27). Nowhere does the Bible teach being SAVED by our works, but it does teach the degree of *reward* according to works.

Alexander the coppersmith did great evil to the apostle Paul, and Paul says: ". . . the Lord reward him according to his works" (II Tim. 4:14). Notice this distinction! This man did EVIL works. He won't get salvation at Christ's coming. He will be REWARDED—that is, PAID WAGES according to his WORKS—and the WAGES of SIN is DEATH—eternal PUNISHMENT. "WORKS" means the wages you earn—or the REWARD to be given—*either* good or bad. Evil works (sin) can EARN eternal punishment, but GOOD WORKS can EARN a better position or office in God's kingdom *IF* you get there—but it *cannot* earn salvation!

Now notice Romans 4:4: "Now to him that WORKETH is the *reward* NOT reckoned of GRACE, but of DEBT." Salvation is not paid as a DEBT, but is GIVEN by GRACE—undeserved GIFT. But WORKS earn wages, paid as a debt. So what we WANT is not GRACE *or* WORKS, but GRACE *and* WORKS. The GRACE will get us into God's kingdom—give us IMMORTALITY as God's GIFT. The WORKS will EARN us—that is, QUALIFY us for a better office—an opportunity for bigger SERVICE—for doing MORE GOOD, once we are born into God's kingdom.

Degree of Reward

Notice, now, Jesus' parable of the pounds.

Jesus' disciples wrongly supposed the kingdom of God was to appear *in their lifetime.* To CORRECT this error, Jesus spoke this parable.

". . . *because* they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear. He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a

kingdom, and to return" (Luke 19:11-12). That is, Jesus himself was going to heaven to receive for himself the kingdom of God, and to return to earth. Now continue:

"And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come. But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us" (verses 13-14). Jesus had come "to his own," the Jews—the remnant of the kingdom of JUDAH—and they "received him not" (John 1:11), so Jesus turned to "the lost sheep of the house of Israel," (Matt. 15:24), and sent his twelve apostles to them (Matt. 10:6). That is, to the so-called lost 10 tribes of Israel. They were then, most of them, in northwestern Europe and the British Isles (see free booklet, *The United States and Britain in Prophecy).*

But continue Jesus' parable:

"And it came to pass, that when he was returned,"—now speaking of what SHALL happen at Christ's return—"having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading" (Luke 19:15).

This is speaking of every converted true Christian, to whom God has GIVEN of his Holy Spirit, and spiritual gifts. Every one, now entering God's kingdom as an INHERITOR—as a POSSESSOR, no longer just an HEIR—actually NOW SAVED—will be called to an accounting—JUDGED, to determine WHAT POSITION in God's kingdom he has qualified for. And NOTICE that this REWARD will be according to his WORKS in this present mortal life. Continue, verses 16-19:

"Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds. And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, *have thou authority over ten cities.* And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds. And he said likewise to him, *Be thou also over five cities."*

NOTICE CAREFULLY! They got into God's kingdom by GRACE (as numerous other scriptures make plain). But they are *rewarded*—that is, given authority, or rule, or position, according to their WORKS—according to how well they did with what they had to do with WHILE CHRIST WAS IN HEAVEN—that is, during their Christian lives.

Continue now:

Beginning verse 20—read it in your Bible—the one who GAINED NOTHING in this present mortal life—the one who had no good works—not only was not given ANY position—but even had TAKEN AWAY FROM HIM even the spiritual gift he had been given! In this parable the English pound, the basic English unit of money, is used in translation as a symbol of spiritual value.

This parable teaches what has been shown by other scriptures in this article—that the Christian must OVERCOME; he must GROW spiritually—grow in grace and in the knowledge of Christ (II Pet. 3:18). We are being SAVED to *SERVE*—and if we do not qualify to serve, we may have taken away even the salvation we thought we had!

The parable of the talents (Matt. 25:14-30) shows the same thing, showing that each is judged by what he has to do with. But the one who makes no SPIRITUAL PROGRESS after his initial "conversion" is cast as an "unprofitable servant into outer darkness" (Matt. 25:30).

Life Is a Race

Finally, SEE WHERE ALL THIS LEADS US. Man is MORTAL, without inherent life, possessing in himself only a transitory physical, chemical EXISTENCE. ETERNAL life comes as GOD'S GIFT. It comes through the gift of God's Holy Spirit, GIVEN after the prior *conditions* of real REPENTANCE and FAITH in Christ.

But, once receiving the GIFT of the Holy Spirit, entering upon the Christian life, *this Christian life* is pictured as A RACE in a stadium, or in a contest. We must TURN FROM SIN (and the Bible definition of sin is: transgression of God's law—I John 3:4). Notice: "Wherefore . . . let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us *run with patience the race* that is set before us" (Heb. 12:1).

FURTHER: Paul wrote: "And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you. Know ye not that *they which run in a race* run all, but ONE receiveth the prize? So RUN, that ye may obtain. And every man *that striveth* for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now *they* [those unconverted] do it to obtain a corruptible *crown;* but we [Christians] an incorruptible. I therefore *so run,* not as uncertainly; SO FIGHT I . . . lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be [REJECTED]" (I Cor. 9:23-27).

We must STRIVE to overcome. We must *fight* temptation and sin. The Christian life was pictured by Jesus as the hard, rutty, difficult way—NOT the easy way that leads to destruction.

So, SALVATION—being BORN INTO God's kingdom—depends not only on once *receiving* the Holy Spirit, but BEING LED BY God's Spirit *through life* (Rom. 8:14), and God's Spirit DWELLING IN US, *at the end of life's race!* That is, at the time of death, or of Christ's coming, whichever comes first.

God's impregnating Holy Spirit is received by GRACE, as God's GIFT, not as a debt or compensation earned; not by works. But, once we receive the Holy Spirit, it does not remain bottled up; it does not stagnate; it is not static—it FLOWS in outgoing concern (LOVE) to fellowman, and in worship, reverence, obedience to GOD. It flows into us from God. We can love God only because he first loved us—our love toward God is only a return of his love, which he gives to us.

This spiritual LOVE—the HOLY SPIRIT—must be kept on that RETURN CIRCUIT—fulfilling God's LAW—flowing back to GOD by fulfilling the first four commandments, and out to neighbor fulfilling the last six.

The parable of the sower and the seed illustrates this. There were four classes. The first heard the Gospel message, but it never conceived—they never were converted. They may STILL have a chance—later. A second class was converted,

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The Most Asked Question

"WHAT IS A REAL CHRISTIAN?"

Thousands have asked us. According to Jesus, there *is* a simple way to identify a real Christian. Do you know what it is?

by Clayton Steep

WHAT is a Christian?

What is true Christianity?

It is time to clear away the uncertainty.

Why Such Confusion?

Jesus clearly explained what a real Christian is like. He left no doubt. As we consider what he said, we need to ask ourselves why the qualities he described seem to be so difficult to find even in the Christian-professing nations of the world.

Take, for instance, one of Jesus' teachings in what is often referred to as the Sermon on the Mount, recorded in Luke 6. Surely nothing is more central to Christianity than this portion of the Scriptures. But how often do you see Jesus' statement in verse 27 put into practice? It says: "Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you."

Some of the most bloody battles in history have been waged by "Christian" nations. "No nations are more warlike than those which profess Christianity," observed Pierre Bayle, a 17th-century French philosopher.

Professing Christians have even risen up in war against each other. They have impaled each other, burnt each other, blown each other to pieces on the battlefield, all the while praying to the same God for victory.

The English poet Shelley commented: "The same means that have supported every other popular belief have supported Christianity. War, imprisonment, assassination and falsehood; deeds of unexampled and incomparable atrocity have made it what it is."

How can this be? The one who is supposed to be the Founder of the "Christian" religion—the One whom professing Christians call "Lord"—taught his followers, "Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you" (Luke 6:27-28).

This instruction of Jesus certainly is not followed in times of war. But then it is hardly followed in times of peace either. Where is it put into practice in neighborhoods, in social circles, among the people you know on a day-to-day basis?

Jesus also said: "And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise" (verse 31). That has been called the Golden Rule. It is thought of as a good slogan to hang on the wall, or to dangle from a charm bracelet, or to teach little children.

But live by it? That is something else!

Jesus, however, did not mean it as a suggestion. He didn't give it as a thought for the day. For Jesus it was a living law that he commanded his followers—Christians—to apply in their daily lives.

But Will It Work?

"Be ye therefore merciful," continued Jesus, "as your Father [God] also is merciful. Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven" (verses 36-37).

Look around you. How often does merciful kindness govern what is said and done? Think of the competition and greed in business—the cheating, the gouging. A primary emphasis in today's world is to get the advantage over others, even if it is necessary to hurt them a little to do it.

The political sphere resounds with name calling, propaganda and condemnation.

Gossip, judging and backbiting are ever popular themes in private conversation. Movies, novels and television programs—including children's shows—dwell on the idea

of getting even or seeking revenge.

Where is forgiveness stressed? Instances of genuine mercy from one human being toward another are remarkable and memorable because they are so uncommon.

Jesus' teaching even applies to simple lacks of consideration such as a blaring radio, a loud motorcycle, littering the landscape with rubbish, damaging public facilities, spraying graffiti on walls—factors that make life unpleasant for others. Yet so commonplace are infringements of the principles Jesus gave, it makes one wonder: Where are the Christians?

Is This a Christian World?

The Bible describes what a society is like when its religion is a mere form, not having the power to change people's lives. It reads like the front page of a newspaper.

"For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, inhuman, implacable, slanderers, profligates, fierce, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, *holding the form of religion but denying the power of it"* (II Tim. 3:2-5, RSV).

It all sounds so familiar!

As Jesus was speaking, he knew there were some listening to him who would call him their "Lord," who would profess to belong to him, but who would not put his teachings into practice.

These are the words of Jesus to them: "Why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46.) A "lord" is a ruler, a master, one who is to be obeyed. In plain words, Jesus said: "If you don't obey me, don't call me 'Lord'!"

Too often people talk about "the Lord," or "the Lord Jesus," when they don't have the faintest idea what Jesus said his followers are to do. Jesus exclaimed: "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that *doeth* the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 7:21).

That, in simple terms, is what makes a person a Christian. He or she *does* what Jesus said to do. He or she follows Christ. The ones who are allowed to become members of his spiritual family are "these which hear the word of God, *and do it"* (Luke 8:21).

"Ye are my friends," Jesus stated, "*if ye do* whatsoever I command you" (John 15:14).

Again, "If ye love me, *keep* my commandments" (John 14:15).

Clearly, only a person who does what Jesus said to do has the right to call him "Lord." That is the biblical definition of a *real* Christian.

> "'Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you.' This instruction of Jesus certainly is not followed in times of war. But then it is hardly followed in times of peace either."

A Way of Life

True Christianity is not merely a set of beliefs. It is not joining a church. It is not something to be practiced one day a week or at odd intervals.

It is a way of life. Early Christians referred to original Christianity as "the *way* of the Lord" (Acts 18:25) and "the *way* of God" (verse 26). "I am the way, the truth, and the life," Christ declared (John 14:6).

True Christianity is the Christian way of life. No one can follow what Jesus taught without experiencing a marked change in life and life-style.

Notice how this fact is illustrated in the following example: A rich young man once came to Jesus and asked: "Good Master, what good thing shall *I do,* that I may have eternal life?" (Matt. 19:16.)

This man knew following Christ involves *doing* something. He asked: "What good thing shall I *do*?"

Many today would have answered: "Why, there is nothing to do. Just accept Christ and it's all done for you. There are no works involved in salvation."

How different was Jesus' answer! "And he [Jesus] said unto him . . . if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments" (verse 17).

There was no doubt that Jesus was talking about the Ten Commandments. When the young man asked, "Which ones?" Jesus named specifically the commandments having to do with showing love toward one's neighbor. To this, the rich man responded that he had been keeping those commandments since childhood (verse 20). The young man, of course, had been reared a Jew. But he wanted to become a follower of Christ.

Which church today would not welcome with open arms such a wealthy and moral individual into its ranks?

But Jesus did not do so. He required in his followers true depth of conversion. He knew the young man had a problem—keeping in their true intent those commandments regarding love toward, giving to, one's neighbor. So Jesus bluntly told him that his wealth was an obstacle to him, that he needed to get rid of it. Only after that could he become a follower of Jesus—a Christian.

Sadly, the young man departed, unwilling to change his attitude toward life.

Most people, it is true, do not have excess wealth as their major problem. The fact remains, though, that literally keeping the Ten Commandments is essential if you are to inherit God's free gift of eternal life. So said Jesus!

Maybe you think you have been keeping the Ten Commandments fairly well—like the rich young man. Have you really? Try something. Read them off one by one

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How the SEXUAL REVOLUTION Has AFFECTED YOU

by Roderick C. Meredith

Where are we headed in the current revolution in sexual standards?

Revolution has taken place in today's approach to sex.

The swiftness of this sexual revolution makes it vital that every thinking person give it serious thought and consideration. For it does affect you.

And it directly affects—like it or not—nearly all of the people around you.

Power of Advertising

What does "sex" mean to you?

Let's play, for the moment, the game that psychoanalysts employ: "What in modern society is associated with sex?"

Answer: magazines, billboards, movies, television, theater, Hollywood, nightclubs, jet-set, college campuses, hippies, automobiles, boats, clothing, cigars, beer, cold pills, stomach pills, shaving cream, deodorants, mouthwash and toothpaste.

Is this list everything?

Of course not! It has hardly begun! Our original question might have better been phrased: "What in modern society is not associated with sex?" This is much easier to answer: "Almost nothing."

Try a little experiment. Turn on the television—most of you have one—and observe how long you can watch without being assaulted by sex. Or pick up almost any magazine. How many pages can you read without being accosted?

You will be amazed and aghast at the constant references and allusions to sex. But be watchful! Most of these references are cleverly subtle. Yes, "sex" can be subtle. But, whether you are aware of it or not, it influences many decisions in your life, occupies much of your time, and shapes your innermost thoughts and emotions.

Sex Is Big Business

Sexual pitches in advertisements and television commercials become more suggestive. Its shock value is used to peddle almost anything. "Though sex has always moved merchandise, it has never before been so explicit. Advertisers were once content merely to whisper, hint or suggest. Now the veil on the innuendo is being lifted, and sales pitches are downright steamy. Jeans designers, by turning prime time into a sea of undulating posteriors, led the way. But other advertisers quickly fell in step, using sex

to push everything from traveler's checks to tea" (*Wall Street Journal,* November 28, 1980). Yet many people still assume that sex is rampant only in the major urban areas. This was not true. Television has changed all that.

Television executives, aware of the ready accessibility of television to every member of society, young and old, at one time tightly controlled all programs. But the pressure of society has been too great. The money of sponsors talks loudly. The public wants sex, the sponsors want the public, and television wants the sponsors.

Sex and the Universities

The future leaders of this world reside at the colleges and universities. Is there any hope for higher moral leadership from this new generation?

The cry for sexual permissiveness and sexual freedoms has emanated from and echoes around those "bastions of knowledge." But perhaps you have rationalized the situation. Perhaps you have half convinced yourself that this sexual looseness, lewdness and lasciviousness have been caused by a vocal minority, while the great majority of students are still decent, moral and chaste.

Stop deluding yourself.

Parade magazine, December 20, 1981, reported on how heavily many U.S. universities are involved in promiscuous sex: "This past summer, the University of Illinois became one of the first state universities in this country to issue free condoms to its students on request.

"For 10 years, women students at the university's Champaign-Urbana campus have been given birth-control pills and fitted with diaphragms and intrauterine devices (IUDs). But this is the first year that condoms have been provided to male students who want them. Women students also are permitted to take packages of 24 each for their non-student partners."

If all of this seems somewhat hard to believe, there is a simple way that you can prove it. Go down to any large university. Look at the bulletin boards. You will be shocked. Here you will find advertisements of males and females looking for temporary sex partners! These are our "future leaders," the "hope for tomorrow."

Consider the Result

"Just a minute," cries a modern philosopher, "isn't this sexual freedom and sexual openness a change for the better? It's stimulating, enjoyable and interesting. Life has become scintillating and zestful. No longer are people inhibited and repressed—they are more open and honest.

"Why retain prudish, outmoded, irrational moral standards? Why shouldn't we do just exactly what we feel like doing, *when* we want, and *how* we want?"

The human family was endowed with a particular ability: to visualize the future consequences of present actions. Only man, of all created physical beings, has the potential to picture the future as the clear and direct result of the present. Only man can appreciate the end results.

Just what are the results of our modern, sexually permissive, sexually arousing, sexually promiscuous society? Observe these absolute results, and then you "consider the end results"!

Society is clamoring to be sexually free—depending, of course, on what you *mean* by "free."

But are people becoming happier?

A recent Gallup Poll, taken throughout Europe, found the following conclusions: 1) Religious beliefs are declining; 2) Morals have also slumped; 3) Honesty is on the wane; 4) Happiness is becoming increasingly hard to find; 5) Peace of mind is rare.

Yes, happiness *is*—as the survey discovered—becoming harder to find in this age of free sex than ever before. More marriages are breaking up. More children are being torn from their parents. More young people—young and old—are turning to liquor and other drugs as a way out, an *escape.*

And "peace of mind is rare." It is not only rare but practically *nonexistent* among those who practice free sex. For their promiscuity is *not really free at all.* They pay a *terrible* price for violating unseen, yet inexorable, laws that have been set in motion.

The more one reads about and talks to those involved in free sex, the more deeply it becomes apparent that these people are *wretched.* They are playing with something they don't understand. Toying childishly with something that ought to be handled with deep respect and reserved for a special, unique union based on lasting loyalty, love and commitment.

Reginald Ramsey, while in charge of Toronto's Distress Center to take suicidal calls, came to feel that the chief cause of suicide is *sexual infidelity.* He said: "There's

The home and family is the basis of all decent society! The lessons of character learned in the home—patience, understanding, kindness—all these are qualities that God wants in man for all eternity.

a lot of domestic unfaithfulness these days, and the more we learn about it, the more horrible it gets."

Happiness? Excitement? Instead, many who toy with free sex are led to MURDER themselves through self-hate, frustration and sheer emptiness.

We can conclude by saying that it is absolutely demonstrated that the reckless and promiscuous use of sex leads to venereal disease, cancer of the cervix, illegitimacy, disturbed and rebellious children, broken homes, wretched happiness and SUICIDE. It is *just not worth the price.* There must be a better way.

But *what* way? How? Where?

Is there any way we can learn how to handle sex without going through the agonies of human reasoning, experimentation, lusts? And the resultant heartaches, headaches and death?

A Purpose in Life?

Let's get at the basic question. We want to know about sex—*and about happiness.* But we must go further. We cannot fragment human life into distinct and isolated questions. To properly understand sex, we must delve into the *ultimate purpose* of human life.

If there is not purpose, if mankind is a chance occurrence in the vast infinities of space and time, if man will live his short specks and wisps of time and then disappear forever, then *nothing matters.*

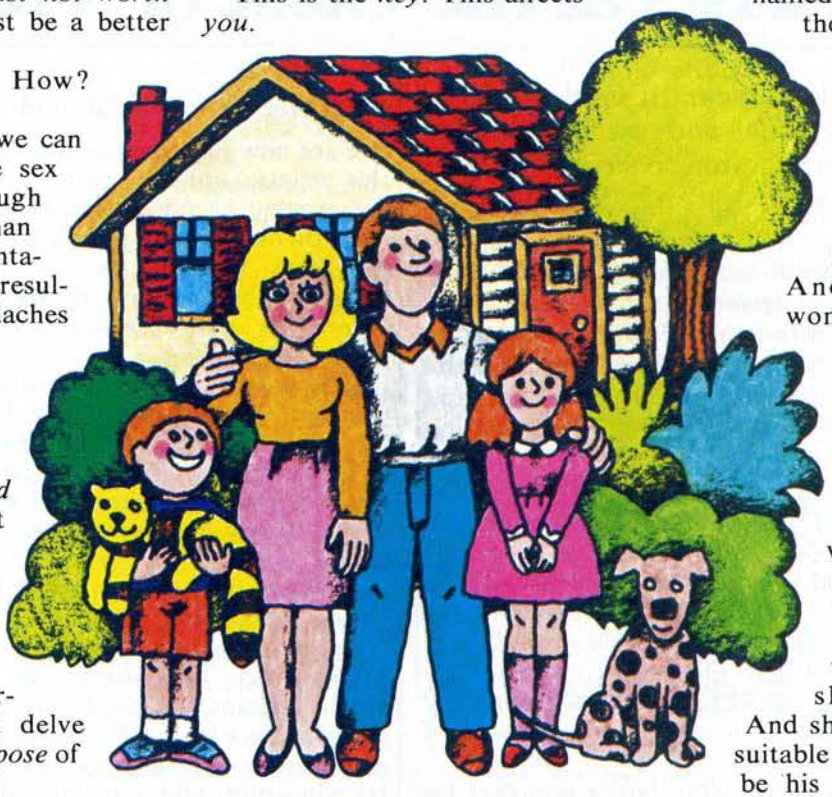
Then we should all do what we want, when we want and how we want. Old morality or new morality, much morality, little morality or no morality. *Nothing matters,* then!

Are the preciously few decades of life just a fleeting, evanescent twinkling in the great rush of eternity? Is it *logical* that the fantastically built human being—the human brain, the human mind—will be banished forever from existence? Should this being, who can conceive of and comprehend eternity, be denied it? What is life all about?

Are you willing to face facts and find the true answer?

The answer to these fundamental questions hinges upon the existence of an all-wise, all-powerful Creator GOD. If such a God does indeed exist, and if this God designed and fashioned mankind, then it naturally follows that every individual has an ultimate *purpose*—extending far beyond the few years of this physical life.

This is the *key.* This affects *you.*



Does this God exist? And is the Bible his *divine revelation to mankind?*

You *need to* and you CAN absolutely and conclusively PROVE the answers to these fundamental questions! If you are not afraid of real answers, if you have true intellectual honesty, then write for our absolutely free booklet entitled *Does God Exist?*

The Creator's Purpose in Sex

It is impossible to understand the true meaning of sex without first understanding that sex and marriage are God-given and God-ordained. To leave God out of the picture—as this modern age is doing—is to degrade the marriage union to mere animalism.

Notice God's PURPOSE in creating man and woman! "And the Lord God said [after he had made only the man], It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make an help meet for him" (Gen. 2:18). God saw that man was INCOMPLETE by himself, and so he decided to make a help "meet" or suitable for the man—one with whom man could really share his life.

Then God brought all the other living creatures to Adam—and he named them. "But for Adam there was not found an help meet for him" (verse 20). There was no other creature really LIKE Adam—one who could share his sorrows and joys, his hopes and dreams.

And so God created woman out of Adam's very flesh and bone. "And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man" (verse 23).

Here now was another person with whom Adam could share EVERYTHING. And she was created to be a suitable "help" to him, and to be his wife and companion. For God said: "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh" (verse 24).

God made us male and female. God created SEX as a beautiful and holy thing to be used to his glory. And, as we have just seen, GOD instituted marriage—not man, or the rules or courts of man.

So the first and primary purpose of marriage is to make man and woman complete. Each is incomplete without the other. Man alone was not able to fulfill the purpose for which God created him—was not able to learn the lessons of CHARAC-

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The Crisis at the Close of This Age

How would you react if God suddenly spoke to you—and warned you to take drastic action to save your life? Would you listen? Would you *heed*?

Few realize that God has already spoken to us today: "God, who . . . spake in times past . . . by the prophets, hath in these *last days* spoken unto us by his Son" (Heb. 1:1-2). When you read the Bible, God is speaking *directly to you!* In fact, for nearly 6,000 years God has been expressing his love toward mankind.

In *love* God revealed his WAY of life that leads to everything good and desirable—including eternal life—to our first parents, Adam and Eve. But they rejected that way. God later sent his prophets with his law—his message of *love,* revealing to mankind the way to peace, happiness, joy and eternal rewards.

Through them God has pleaded with this stiff-necked and self-willed world for nearly *60 centuries!* But men have rejected the words of that message of love and killed the prophets.

And so, as any wise and loving father *punishes* his children for their own good when they refuse to respond to kind and loving verbal admonition, an all-loving, all-wise God will finally plead with rebellious humanity in the only language humans will understand!

The book of Revelation is full of warnings of awesome, catastrophic events soon to occur. In the last chapter of this most misunderstood book of the Bible, the Revelator—Jesus Christ—concludes: "Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth [*acts* on] the sayings of the prophecy of this book" (Rev. 22:7).

Bible prophecies are not to be taken lightly. The events they foretell will have a tremendous effect on your future and the future of this whole world. As the old saying goes, "Forewarned is forearmed." To those who will heed the warnings of God recorded in his Word, he promises a *way of escape* from the coming time of worldwide peril!

Great World Trouble Foretold

We are now fast approaching the crisis at the close of this chaotic, unhappy world that Jesus foretold. Let's notice what he said would be happening.

1. In his "Olivet prophecy" recorded in Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21, Jesus explained to his disciples that certain events would have to occur *before* his return to earth. What did he first warn about? Matt. 24:4-5, 11.

COMMENT: Here we are told of those who would proclaim Jesus as the Christ but who would deceive the world about Christ's message!

2. What are we told elsewhere about these so-called representatives of Christ? II Cor. 11:13-15. Who do they actually represent? Verse 15. Are they themselves deceived? Rev. 12:9.

3. What further events did Jesus predict would be taking place at the close of this age? Matt. 24:6-7. We are now in the recess between stages of *world war.*

COMMENT: Two world wars have already occurred. In this interim, brushfire wars have raged and "rumors of wars" continue. Famines, disease epidemics and earthquakes will grow in severity. Then World War III will erupt. Hundreds of millions of earth's inhabitants will be affected by these conditions!

4. But are these events only the "beginning of sorrows"—or, more properly translated, of travail or tribulation? Verse 8.

COMMENT: This four-part "beginning of sorrows" is elsewhere pictured by the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse. They are described in Revelation 6:1-8 under the symbols of the first four seals that cover the scroll of the Apocalypse or book of Revelation (Rev. 5:1). For a more detailed explanation of these "sorrows"—false religion, wars, famines, disease—write for our free booklet *The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse.*

5. How is the *fifth seal* described? Rev. 6:9-11. What did Jesus say about this time of religious persecution? Matt. 24:9; Luke 21:12-17.

COMMENT: At this point we need to understand that the principle of *duality* applies to many prophecies.

There is a former, typical fulfillment and then a final, antitypical fulfillment.

The national persecution spoken of in Matthew and Luke did actually occur in the *typical* or preliminary sense, in the nation of Judah when the Roman armies crucified tens of thousands of Jews about A.D. 70. Millions more from various nationalities were also tortured and killed in religious persecution during the Middle Ages (Rev. 17:6; 18:24). Yet another time of great religious persecution is prophesied to occur at the close of this age.

6. How does Luke 21:20-24 describe what will happen to Judah and Jerusalem?

COMMENT: Verse 23 is made plainer in the modern English of the Moffatt translation: ". . . for *sore anguish* will come upon the land and Wrath on this people."

7. Notice the parallel account in Matthew 24:15-20. Do these verses foretell a time of great oppression and persecution affecting the *entire world?* Verse 21. What would happen to all mankind if God did not intervene in the affairs of men? Verse 22.

COMMENT: As we learned in a previous study, humanity would perish in an all-out nuclear war if Jesus Christ did not return to STOP it!

8. Who will be responsible for inspiring persecution, warfare and man's inhumanity to man during this soon-coming time of world trouble? Rev. 12:12. Why will the devil be angry? Notice last part of verse 12.

COMMENT: This period of great tribulation is SATAN'S WRATH. It will be unleashed not only upon the one true Church of God, but upon the descendants of the Hebrew patriarch Jacob (the modern descendants of ancient Israel—write for *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* to learn who these peoples are today) and on the *whole world.*

9. Does God promise to *protect* from the wrath of the devil those who faithfully keep his Word and do his Work? Rev. 3:7-8, 10. Notice especially verse 10.

COMMENT: These promises of protection are for the Church of God, which is carrying on the Work of God today. Even though God's Church is relatively small, Jesus has opened the powerful "doors" of radio, television, the printing press and personal appearance campaigns to his Church that it may preach and publish his gospel of the kingdom of God as a *warning witness* to the world (Matt. 24:14; Mark 13:10). And for faithfully obeying his Word and doing his works, Christ promises to spare his servants from the "hour of temptation [trial]"—the terrible wrath of Satan!

10. Revelation 12 also speaks of God's end-time Church, personifying it as a woman. Does God specifically state he will provide his Church with *shelter* away from the wrath of the devil? Rev. 12:13-16.

COMMENT: This end-time prophecy tells of an escape from the terrible tribulation caused by Satan the devil. God's Church will be in a place untouchable by Satan or by his human agents or by the devastation of a world at war around them. Regardless of *where* that place of protection will be, God promises to take his faithful, obedient people there!

However, we have seen that some of God's people will not receive this protection and will have to go through this coming time of Satan's wrath to *wake them up* spiritually (Rev. 3:14-19; 12:17).

Signs of God's Intervention

1. How is the *sixth seal*, which covered the scroll of the Apocalypse or book of Revelation, described? Rev. 6:12-13. Is a very great earthquake to occur? Verse 12. Where else are these spectacular events described? Matt. 24:29. How soon after the fifth seal is fulfilled does all this occur? Same verse, first word.

COMMENT: The sixth seal consists of awesome heavenly signs—sun and moon becoming dark and the "stars" falling. Spectacular meteor showers will make the starry heavens appear to be crashing earthward!

2. What other great heavenly sign occurs at this crisis period? Matt. 24:30; Rev. 6:14. Are these events intended to warn the world that *God's direct intervention* to halt the destructive ways of man is about to begin—that the "Day of the Lord" with its punishments for sin is about to commence? Rev. 6:15-17; Joel 2:30-31; Zeph. 1:14-18; Isa. 2:19-21.

3. What is the reason for the punishment God is soon going to bring upon this world? Isa. 24:4-6. Notice especially verse 5.

4. Will this punishment in reality be a manifestation of God's GREAT LOVE for humanity? Notice the principle in Hebrews 12:5-8. To what purpose will God's punishments be directed? I Tim. 2:3-4; II Pet. 3:9.

COMMENT: This period of divine chastisement, described in more than 30 different prophecies scattered throughout both Old and New Testaments as the "Day of the Lord," shall lead directly to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ and world peace at last!

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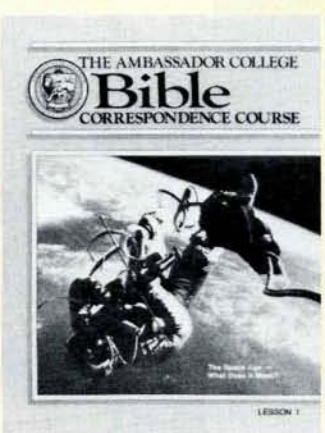


Ambassador College
BUILDING LEADERS FOR TOMORROW

by Roderick C. Meredith

Many are asking: Where are the real LEADERS of the future going to come from?

WHY IS today's world lurching from one crisis to another?

Don't this world's educators know the causes of today's burgeoning problems? Isn't it time our future leaders were taught the answers?

Causes Are Spiritual

Many world leaders and educators recognize that the solutions to man's problems do not lie in the scientific or technological sphere, but are spiritual in nature. Yet they seem powerless to implement this understanding.

As far back as the end of World War II in the Pacific, U.S. General Douglas McArthur forcefully outlined the utter futility of a technological or military solution to our problems. Notice his insight even in 1945:

"The utter destructiveness of war now blots out this alternative. We have had our last chance. If we will not devise some greater and more equitable system, Armageddon will be at the door.

"The problem is basically theological and involves a spiritual recrudescence and improvement of human character that will synchronize with our almost matchless advances in science, art, literature, and all material and cultural developments of the past 2,000 years. It must be of the spirit if we are to save the flesh."

But are the leaders of tomorrow being given by today's educational systems the fundamental spiritual insights needed to avert cosmocide? Do they even know the meaning of "spiritual insight"?

Education for What?

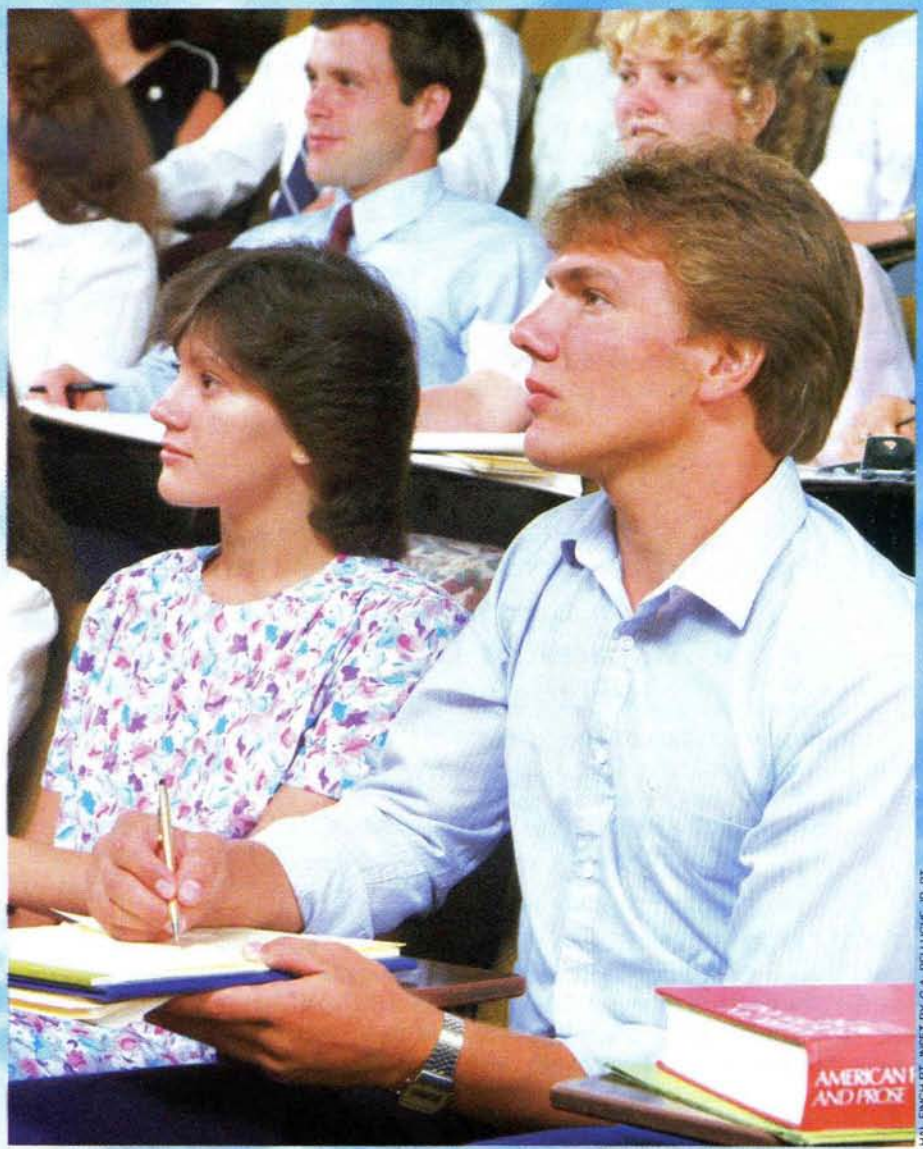
Tomorrow's leaders ought to be taught how to handle the truly BIG problems of life: What is the *purpose* of life? What is the genuine WAY to happiness and personal fulfillment? How may we have joyous

and stable marriages? And what is the SOLUTION to the rapidly growing threat of human annihilation?

These are the really major spiritual questions of life. But they go largely unanswered in this world's educational institutions.

In an historic 1976 commencement address, J. Martin Klotsche, Chancellor Emeritus of the University of Wisconsin, warned this generation:

"In short, the virtual elimination of illiteracy has not resulted in our discovering a more intelligent way of living. For if correlation has existed between literacy and intelligence, we should have witnessed in our lifetime a decline in war, national strife, crime, delinquency and general social maladjustments. Yet quite the reverse is the case. For this literate 20th century of ours has also been the bloodiest and most turbulent. Thus while we are the most highly educated people in the world, yet we appear incompetent to deal with many of the major problems that are immediately at hand. Technologically we have moved forward at the terrifying speed of a supersonic plane but in our social behavior we are still moving at the slow pace of the oxcart. Our technical competence is superb but we have neglected other competencies of greater importance. For many of



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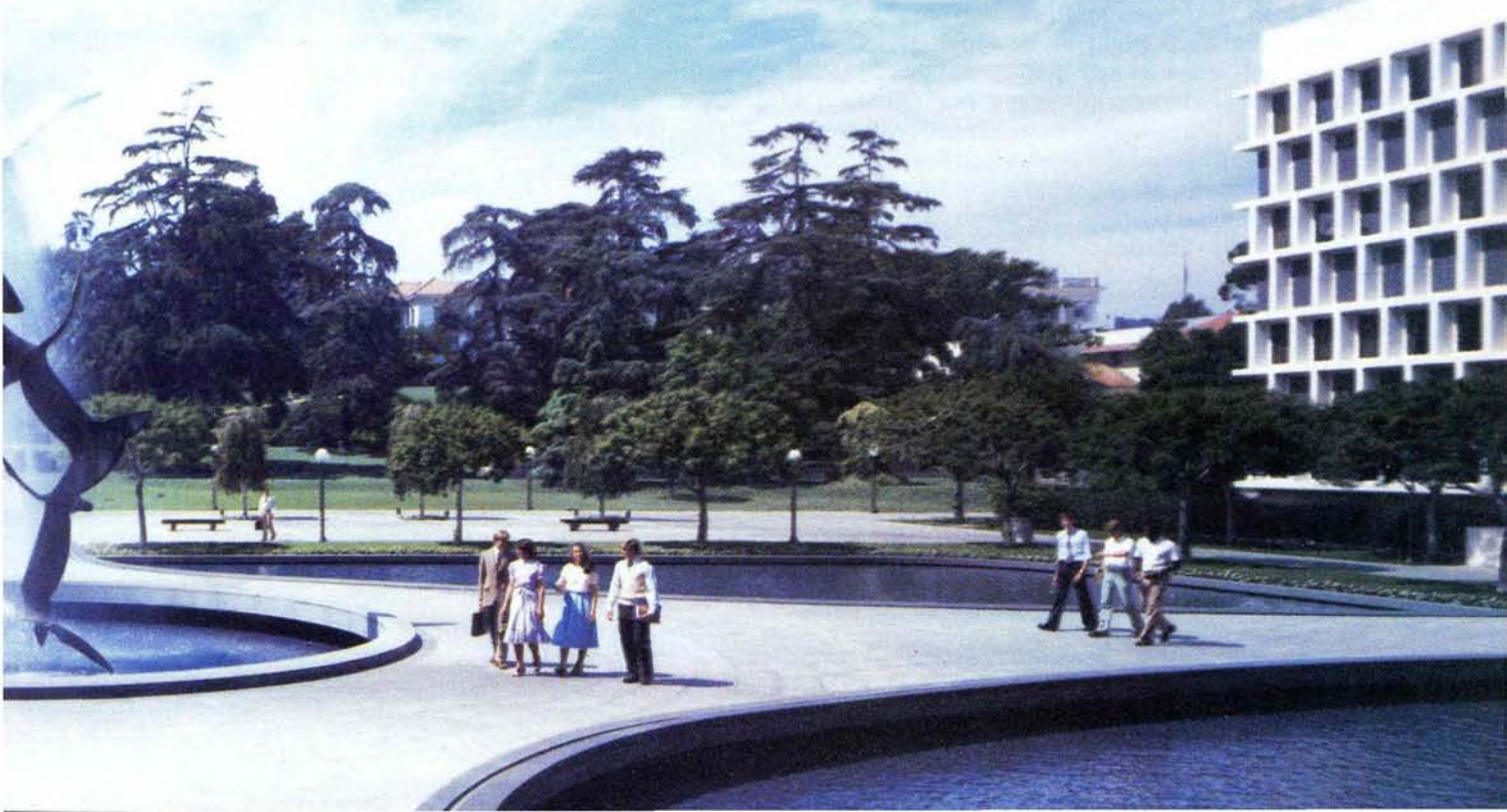

us the times are like 'a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing.'

"In this context we can properly ask: For What Do We Educate? To answer this question we need to reexamine our goals and redefine our objective. The two great casualties of our times have been *truth* and *conscience* and unless we can restore these two values to a position of primary importance our educational efforts will have been in vain."

Because of this perspective, many of the real leaders of the world tomorrow are being trained *now* on the two campuses of Ambassador College. They are being taught that there is a *cause* for every effect—and to look for the *root causes* of war, crime, juvenile delinquency, divorce and other major problems. They are being pointed toward spiritual solutions that will work—universal solutions that can apply around the world. Forward-looking solutions that will apply to generations in the future.

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Quite an insightful admission!

But where are the answers found? There is *one college*—on two campuses—that answers the above objective. This college is unique in that it gives tomorrow's education today. Ambassador College, located on campuses at Pasadena, California, and Big Sandy, Texas, is the only educational institution on earth where the real *answers* to life's biggest problems are clearly disseminated.

Ambassador is a place where we have the courage to face life's problems squarely. Students here must be willing to break out of the "rut" of this world's educational system. To think deeply, to genuinely test and prove educational and spiritual ideas, and to find genuine ANSWERS to the real problems of life. Students at Ambassador College are encouraged to see the "big picture"—to view the *whole world* in coming to right answers to problems. Answers that will be valid not only now but 100 years from now.

Ambassador's motto is: "Recapture True Values."

At Ambassador, students prove—beyond a shadow of a doubt—that there is a great design and PURPOSE being worked out here below. And that there is a great, transcendent Designer—a living God who is working out that purpose. In a sound-minded and realistic way, we study and come to really understand the revelation given by the great Designer of mankind.

We find answers to life's problems.

Special College Atmosphere

Because of the purpose of Ambassador and the vibrant way of life taught here, Ambassador College students are *happy*. There is more exuberance, there are more smiling faces and zest at Ambassador College than almost anyplace else on the earth.

That is quite a statement. But people visiting here from all over the world tell us that they have seen and experienced this. Many have said that their visit here was "the happiest day of our lives."

We encourage physical and mental strength in our students and emphasize the development of courage and leadership, among our men especially. We have Ambassador Clubs for both men and women—after-dinner speech clubs that stimulate leadership, discussion of world news and prophetic developments, and the right kind of self-expression.

A vigorous intramural sports program is carried—with emphasis on basketball, swimming and soccer. Ambassador College at Pasadena offers some of the world's best weight training and body-building facilities. And our sparkling gymnasium, natatorium and racquetball courts are also outstanding.

As for off-campus recreation and educational opportunities, Ambassador's location is unsurpassed. We are only 30 to 45 minutes from some of the finest beaches in the area, 45 minutes from beautiful 6,000-foot mountains—often snow-capped in the winter and ideal for skiing. We are only 30 minutes from Hollywood by freeway. And we are surrounded by many of the finest art museums, concert halls and other cultural attractions in the Los Angeles area.

At Big Sandy, there are outstanding opportunities for swimming, waterskiing and golfing on our own nine-hole course.

Ambassador Auditorium on the Pasadena campus is recognized by many of the top performing artists as the ideal concert hall. And, throughout each year, artists such as Vladimir Horowitz, Luciano Pavoratti, Isaac Stern and Leontyne Price grace the stage of Ambassador College's own magnificent auditorium.

The Ambassador Understanding

Most important of all is the profound *understanding* of life and its problems imparted at Ambassador. Scores of our students come from other colleges throughout the United States and around the world. Some already have degrees from other colleges or universities. Yet, because Ambassador imparts an understanding that is not obtainable in any other institution of

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What Is the MAJOR PURPOSE OF SPORTS?

by James M. Petty

How many parents, school administrators, coaches, participants or spectators understand the major purpose of sports?

DID YOU KNOW that more nations enter the World Cup soccer competition than belong to the United Nations? That a staggering one third of all humanity watch the Olympics and World Cup soccer finals—largely via television?

In the United States more than 100,000 people routinely show up every January 1 in one city—Pasadena, California, where I am writing—to watch a single event, the American version of football, while one third of the nation watches the same game on television. Children by the millions, worldwide, participate in various organized programs for different sports. Sports are big.

With all the watching and playing, though, how many ever ask the question, "What is the major purpose of sports?"

Ask that question and you'll receive different responses. Who hasn't heard these answers—usually given as *the* purpose of sports: fun and enjoyment, entertainment, exercise and physical fitness, challenge and the thrill of winning, the camaraderie from belonging and contributing to a team.

These are all valid reasons, yet there remains one purpose even more important. Because this purpose has been forgotten in too many cases, we see a rising current of bitter opposition to sports as they are played today.

Battered Child Athlete

Today's undue emphasis on win-or-else competition understandably draws fire from many quarters. Dr. Richard M. Ball is on the faculty at Rutgers University College of Medicine and Dentistry in New Jersey. He sums up the problem: "A fierce competitive spirit among grade school and high school athletes may be getting out of hand." The pressure of being overly competitive affects, among others, "peewee" swimmers on community and school teams, high school football players, and Little League baseball players. In an

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enlivening editorial accompanying Dr. Ball's report, *Medical World News* told its doctor readers: "Doctors should not stand by silently in the face of the relentless pressure parents and coaches place on young athletes. Driving youngsters to become sports superstars can result in psychological damage and serious physical injury. Overdoing any sport can produce painful musculoskeletal problems that will plague youngsters for the rest of their lives."

Dr. Thomas Tutko, professor of psychology at California State University, San Jose, warns that the philosophy of professional sports (win-or-you're nothing) has filtered down to permeate all sports. He says: "Kids' athletic programs are doing a tragic disservice to America when they emulate the win-or-else creed of big league sports. . . . The emphasis should be on doing one's best. . . . The champion is glorified. He can do no wrong. The losers can't be tolerated. But this isn't the way life is. This is a grotesque distortion and it adversely affects youngsters who are continually exposed to such a philosophy. If they try their best in a sports event and lose they feel they're no good. They're made to feel rejected. They are, in fact, rejected by a lot of coaches and parents who sometimes try to hide their disappointment, but you don't fool too many kids."

These are not the only contemporary criticisms of sports. There remain other concerns: the growing violence among both players and spectators, the obsession with sports, the scandals of recruiting and the resulting distortion in the minds of athletes who no longer see themselves in true perspective.

We can safely say that sports can be very beautiful or very ugly and anything in between.

Teaching True Values in Sports

For sports to be beautiful there must be a recognition by all concerned of *the* major purpose of sports. That major purpose is *to teach and instill true values and proper attitudes* in those who participate. It is a vital part of the educational process. If we lose sight of that fact, we open ourselves up for much trouble.

Courage: Sports provide a ready-made environment for teaching real-life experiences. The first major value of sports that should be stressed is courage. Courage is a quality of mind that enables one to meet difficulties with firmness and resolution.

A few months ago, the city of Indianapolis was host to the National Sports Festival. Another of the touching and memorable moments that happen quite often in sports occurred. Randy Harvey, staff writer for the Los Angeles, California, *Times* tells the story: "As the National Sports Festival's platform diving champion, Greg Louganis did not have to share his moment with anyone. But during the awards ceremony Sunday, he put his arm around runner-up Bruce Kimball's waist and lifted him from the second level to the top of the victory level. While a standing-room-only crowd of more than 5,000, the largest ever to see a diving event in the United States, gave them a standing ovation, they stood side by side, their hands linked and raised triumphantly over their heads and cried."

Why did Greg Louganis perform such a touching act? Because he knew that a little more than nine months ago doctors were not sure that Bruce Kimball would live, much less compete again.

On October 18, 1981, a woman driving a van crossed the dividing line on an Ann Arbor (Michigan) highway and slammed head on into Kimball's automobile. Kimball was rushed to the emergency room, where he underwent 24 hours of surgery. To continue Randy Harvey's account: "Every bone in his face was broken. His skull was fractured. His leg was broken. Ligaments in his knee were torn. His liver was lacerated. His spleen had to be removed. He went into the hospital with 140 pounds on his 5-9 frame and came out weighing 105. His leg was in a cast for 12 weeks. His jaw was wired shut for 10. He ate his food through a straw."

Greg Louganis wanted everyone present that day in Indianapolis to know that he considered Bruce Kimball to be a champion too. To dare, to risk, to accept the challenge, to display the courage of a Bruce Kimball is one of the great benefits to be derived from sports.

Endurance: Sports, with its real-life environment, provides for the development of endurance, of perseverance, of never giving up. It's easy to give up, especially when behind or when the odds are great against you. We all admire and respect the person who tenaciously hangs in there despite the odds till the race is over or the game has ended. The individual trained to play the game this way is very likely to approach life in the same fashion. Endurance is, in fact, one of the seven laws for success in any field of endeavor.

The Creator God values the attribute of enduring—so much so that he once came to this earth, appeared in the form of a man, and engaged in a wrestling match with the Hebrew patriarch Jacob. As a result of Jacob's endurance and tenacity in this match, the Creator God blessed him and changed his name to Israel—meaning one who prevails with God. Let's read the account of this inspiring experience in Genesis 32:24-28: "And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man [he is identified as God in verse 30] with him until the breaking of the day. And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched [with force] the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him. And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he [Jacob] said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me. And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob. And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed."

In this moving experience Jacob endured in the enervating and grueling sport of wrestling from sometime during the night till the break of day. By comparison, modern day wrestling matches consist of three rounds of three minutes each for nine minutes of exhaustive wrestling. On this

special occasion, where the blessing of God was involved, Jacob didn't give up even though his leg was out of joint.

God was impressed with Jacob's perseverance—in contrast to Jacob's previous skill at taking advantage of another. God, in fact, expects all mankind sooner or later to endure and prevail, especially in the area where it really counts, in the battle to conquer sin. Sin is the breaking of God's commandments (I John 3:4). "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne," says God in Revelation 3:21. God expects us to put down any thoughts of sin, to persevere and not give in to those thoughts, but to prevail as Jacob did. Or if already caught up in a sinful habit, not to continually give in to it but to conquer it through God's help.

Patience: Another true value to teach in sports is patience. Sports will always have its obstacles, failures, delays, trials and pains. Participants must be taught to meet these difficulties with calmness, equanimity and without complaint.

Youngsters, especially, should recognize that they won't blossom into quality players overnight. It takes time, effort and practice to hone one's skills. An error or a lack of initial skill at a particular athletic endeavor should be no cause for discouragement. By diligent practice skill levels will improve.

How patient are players toward their teammates? Players berating other players for shortcomings build a wrong approach in relationships. Usually the more skillful pick on the younger or less skillful. Players need to realize patience helps to develop confidence, but lack of it hinders development.

How about patience toward officials, referees and umpires? Berating officials in sports is traditional and customary in most societies. But booing, shouting or cursing at the official represents disrespect for authority. We can attempt to excuse ourselves with "It's harmless," but it still teaches disrespect for authority. Parents often aggravate this problem by protesting decisions in games in which their children participate. "Little Johnny" sees this example, further undermining his respect for authority—including that of his parents doing the protesting.

Teamwork: Team sports provide an ideal environment for learning the true value of teamwork, learning to get along with others. The individual must interact with other players, sacrificing personal glory for the welfare of the team. Players should be taught that selfishness, egotism, envy and criticism of each other quickly evaporates team spirit and harms the level of effectiveness of a team just as it does in everyday life.

These are a few of the many true values too often left untaught. There are many others such as playing by the rules, winning and losing graciously, and playing to the best of your ability.

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Many people have had negative experiences in sports because a sometimes ruthless selection process has been allowed to occur at all levels of sports. Excluding anyone, and most especially children, from the opportunity to derive the benefits of sports is devastating to those so treated. Since vital lessons in how to live can be absorbed through sports no one should be restrained from these opportunities. Belonging to and contributing to a team effort builds a healthy attitude toward life.

Structuring sports programs so all are included is a worthwhile goal for those charged with the responsibility of such programs. All levels of competency from novice to highly skilled need opportunities to develop. Thoughtful planning to develop challenging lead-up games for the novice player is especially rewarding. Such planning enables beginners to grow more quickly in skill level. It's also very satisfying to observe the attitude change from "I'm not any good" to "Hey, I can play this game a little."

The Key to Playing Sports the Right Way

Sports can be beautiful or ugly or anything in between. It all depends on the attitude of the players, coaches and spectators. To know what the right attitude is we need to look to our Maker, the great God. His basic law is love, an outflowing concern toward others. To harm the other fellow and to gain by so doing for self is a wrong attitude. To conjure up in one's mind the selfish desire to "beat" the opponent, to be hostile toward him or her is not God's way—but to strive to do your best or to help your team do its best is right. Winning or losing is only a by-product of two teams or individuals striving to do their best. We should not be so selfish that if the big "I" doesn't win, it's a disaster.

There is a competitive spirit being alive today who is the god of this world (II Cor. 4:4) and its sports. His way is the "me-first" philosophy by any means. He broadcasts an attitude of harm, hostility, selfishness and rivalry to human minds. Soon, he is going to be put in a place where he is restrained (Rev. 20:1-3) from influencing human activities, including the field of sports. And God will then make it possible for us all to have a different attitude. The Creator has determined ". . . I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh: that they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them . . ." (Ezek. 11:19-20). Humanity will be able to think differently, to have a right and understanding attitude. And in the day that Jesus Christ rules the world—a message we announce in *The Plain Truth*—all nations will come to him to learn the right way of living. And when they ask concerning the subject of sports, they will be advised along the lines you've just read. All sports are going to be beautiful. You can count on it. □

CHRISTIAN

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(they are found in Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5) and see if there is not room for improvement in your life. In this materialistic, industrial age, you may be especially surprised at what the fourth and tenth commandments have to say.

Our free booklet *The Ten Commandments* explains the commandments in detail, gathering together the various scriptures to show how each one is applicable in today's world. You may have a copy simply by sending your request to one of our addresses. See inside the front cover of this magazine.

True Conversion

Being a real Christian involves every moment of every day.

Every activity, every social situation, every endeavor, every goal and plan—Christ has revealed laws that bear on every facet of life. We are even to let our thoughts be ruled by the *Lord* Jesus, "bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ," as the apostle Paul expressed it (II Cor. 10:5).

To some that sounds extreme. But it's in the Christian Bible. The apostle Paul was only repeating what the Bible says time and again: To do God's will is to follow his way of life totally. There is a price to pay, however, and for some that price may be too high. That price is surrender of the SELF.

"Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts . . . ," God says through the prophet Isaiah. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts" (Isa. 55:7-9).

A real Christian is one who seeks God's way of life, his thoughts, his will. What Isaiah was describing was genuine repentance—the kind of repentance necessary to begin the Christian way of life. When multitudes asked the apostle Peter how to become Christians, Peter responded with the same thoughts (Acts 2:38).

But these inspired instructions are seldom followed today. Why? Why in the mass evangelistic campaigns of the world are people encouraged to make a spur-of-the-moment "decision for Christ" and to come forward in an "altar call," and to be pronounced "saved" or "born again"?—when that is not how Peter said to receive the Holy Spirit, which is God's free gift that leads to eternal life. No wonder such "conversions" often last only a matter of days or weeks!

Why Do So Few Know?

Here is where many people stumble. They begin to grasp what real Christianity is all about, then they look around them at the people they know. Or they think of individuals they have known in the past—friends, relatives, perhaps. And they use them as standards of comparison.

They say to themselves: "Uncle Henry and Aunt Ruth and my friend John did not literally obey Jesus' instructions. But they weren't 'bad' people either. They lived the way they thought was right. I'll take my chances along with them and with the millions and millions of other professing Christians who are just average people. Surely God won't deny eternal life or salvation to them! God is merciful."

God is merciful. That's true. But then what did Jesus mean when he said keeping the commandments and other lesser requirements are necessary to inherit God's free gift of eternal life? He meant exactly what he said. Uncle Henry and Aunt Ruth and friend John and all the millions who have professed Christianity

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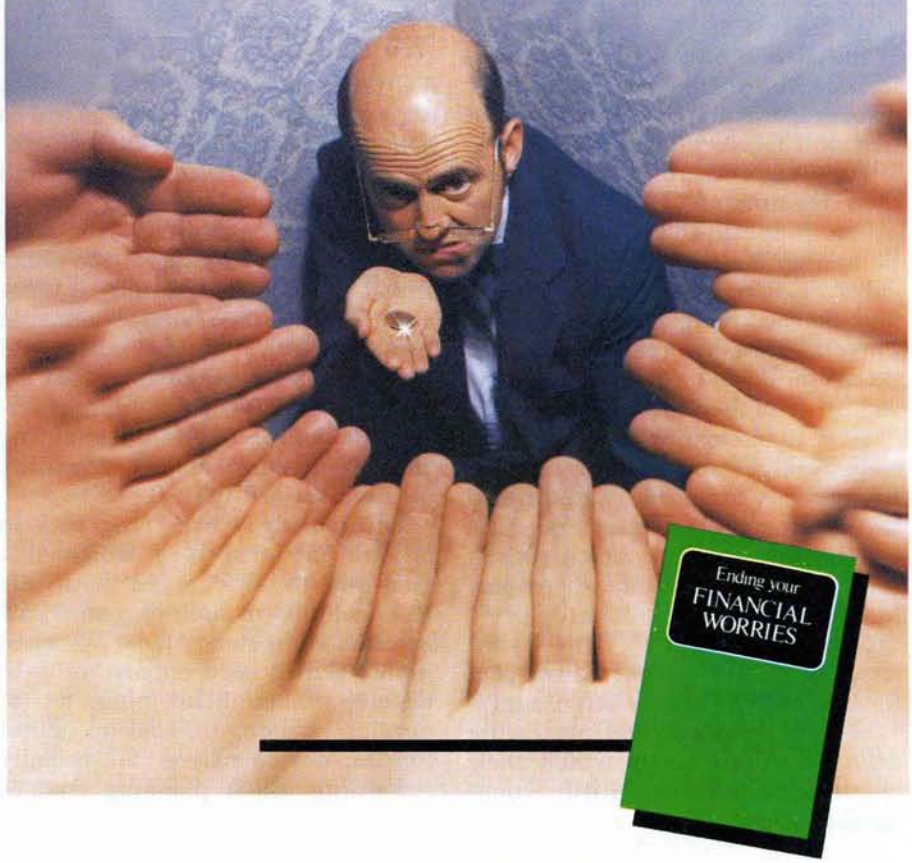

without ever understanding what it really is to become a Christian—a follower of Jesus Christ—will eventually have their opportunity to understand. They too will learn that it is necessary to keep the commandments. If it doesn't happen during this life, then it will happen in a future period of judgment when God's government rules the earth and all the dead who have not had an opportunity for salvation will be resurrected and given the opportunity to choose the way of life that is based on obedience to God's laws—the only way to true happiness. That period of time is described in Revelation 20:11-13.

Every human who ever lived will have an opportunity to receive salvation. For most people that time comes after they have lived their entire lives and died. God is just not trying to save the entire world now. That's why the Scripture says that in general, "it is appointed unto men once to die, but *after this* [in a future resurrection!] the judgment [not a sentencing, but a period of testing and judging—their first and only genuine opportunity for salvation]" (Heb. 9:27).

Jesus told his disciples: "Enter ye in at the strait [restricted] gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many [the millions, the hundreds and thousands of millions] there be which go in thereat: because strait [restricted] is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and FEW [during this present age] there be that find it" (Matt. 7:13-14). You probably have not understood this before. So why not write for our free article "Is This the Only Day of Salvation?"

Don't make the mistake of judging what the Bible describes as true Christianity by the lives of people you have known who may not even have understood what real Christianity is.

To be a real Christian is simply to do what Jesus said to do. He showed the way to truly abundant living. His words are recorded in the Scriptures. But they will only profit someone who reads them there and follows them. "If ye know these things," Jesus exclaimed, "happy are ye *if ye do them*" (John 13:17). □

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higher learning, these very transfer students are often the most enthusiastic about the educational advantages here.

One is not merely a number at Ambassador College. The number of students on each campus is purposely kept small so that a genuine bond develops between students, faculty and staff. Each campus truly has a "family spirit."

Each student is challenged to fulfill his or her human potential. Our students are given the vision of what this world needs in the future—*an entire new civilization.* And Ambassador students are given the basic keys of knowledge and understanding to become the genuine leaders of tomorrow!

A Challenge to Young People

Here is a challenge to all young people who understand what *The Plain Truth* stands for—who want the training for a meaningful and successful life *today,* and who wish to acquire an understanding of and develop the leadership capabilities for the world tomorrow.

If you have successfully completed high school or secondary school or plan to do so in the near future; if you are not afraid to blaze new trails and gain true understanding of the real solutions to life's problems—then by all means *write* immediately for the Ambassador College catalog. You will receive full particulars.

Those inquiring about our Pasadena campus with its four-year liberal arts program should write to: Admissions Office, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, California, 91129. Young people interested in our two-year, junior college program at our Texas facility should write to: Admissions Office, Ambassador College, Big Sandy, Texas, 75755.

This world and its educational systems are at an impasse. An entire new civilization must be built or humanity will self-destruct. At Ambassador College, the leaders of tomorrow's vibrant world are being trained today. □

REVOLUTION

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TER that God intended—and so God created the woman as a "help" to the man. And, in this very creation, God showed that they were to dwell together as man and wife in one fleshly union—to share EVERYTHING in this life, and so make their lives meaningful and complete in a physical sense at least.

The second purpose of sex and marriage is the begettal and training of children. For God had told the man and woman: "Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it . . . " (Gen. 1:28).

In begetting children comes the responsibility of protecting and training them. A stable, happy home and marriage are indispensable to the correct nurture and training of a child. And God commands: "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6).

Both parents are responsible for the supervision and training of their children. But the minute-by-minute, hour-by-hour responsibility of care and training of the children falls the lot of the wife as the God-given "helper" of her husband.

The Eternal God commands that the young women are to be taught "to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, HOMEMAKERS, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed" (Titus 2:4-5, NKJV).

The Home a School for Character Development

The home and family is the BASIS of all decent society! The lessons of character learned in the home—patience, understanding, kindness—all these are qualities that God wants in man for all eternity, and the family relationship is one of the best places in which they can be learned!

Better than any other place, the lessons of decency, loyalty and a sense of responsibility are learned in a happy and well-balanced home. And so, in addition to mak-

ing man and woman complete, and the begettal and training of children possible, a third great purpose in sex and marriage is the building of character in the home and family relationship. The kingdom and law of God is based on LOVE. Jesus said: "It is more blessed to GIVE than to receive" (Acts 20:35). To obey GOD'S law of marriage, man and wife must literally GIVE themselves to each other in every phase and facet of their lives.

Showing that this principle must be practiced in the sexual relationship as well as in others, the apostle Paul commanded: "Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband. The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife. Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency" (I Cor. 7:3-5).

The material act of bodily union is a debt each marriage partner owes the other. But it is a debt of LOVE and is so intimate and holy that God blesses it with a NEW LIFE.

The divine purpose in sex attraction is to kindle love and intensify it until there is complete and mutual surrender of two lives. Love in its highest sense is union. The marriage union is of mind, heart and body. It is made sacred by God's command, for he instituted marriage to be the perfect expression of this love of man and woman.

Our free booklet *Why Marriage! Soon Obsolete?* takes an in-depth new look at the institutions of marriage, the home and family life—and reveals startling truths which have been altogether overlooked by science, by religion, by education, and by society. You need to read it to understand how and when the institution of marriage originated and the necessary purpose it serves.

The Attitude of True Love

Love can be simply defined as a sense of closeness, warmth, affection and OUTGOING CONCERN for the one or ones loved. There are three basic types of love: love toward GOD, love toward fellowman and love toward mate. In all three types of love, the individual is motivated by his concern for the OTHER more than he is concerned about himself.

This directly applies to love in marriage. You should always be diligently trying to serve your mate, to care for him or her, to honor, to give to and respect. Sex is a tool in helping learn to express this type of TRUE LOVE—as nothing else can be.

It exemplifies and epitomizes the attitude of serving and love toward the other. If this attitude is not present, there will, of course, be terrible troubles, frustrations, bitterness and misunderstanding.

But here is a rich opportunity in marriage! GROWING in true love. GROWING together as a team. Growth will not always be smooth. Growing pains will occur.

> "More marriages are breaking up. More children are being torn from their parents. More young people . . . are turning to liquor and other drugs as a way out . . ."

But these pains are signs of GROWTH—provided that both husband and wife are working together. The more a couple grows together—the more they LOVE each other, the more mutual concern and consideration they will have for each other and the more they share their mutual plans, hopes, dreams and joys in an ever-increasing and delightful marriage bond.

God ordained sex and marriage as a means to help us develop the true love—the outgoing concern—that we desperately need to qualify us for the ultimate positions that God has in store for all humanity who will heed!

Men and women were created with a NEED to experience and learn these lessons of the marriage union. Neither is complete without the other. But together, a godly married couple is indeed a powerful and balanced team.

The Development of Character

Character development is the supreme GOAL in life. It is the very purpose of our physical lives. Everything else should revolve around this basic and indispensable goal. And true LOVE is the most important single characteristic of godly character!

The wise and proper use of sex is an integral part, then, of BOTH godly character and true love. Its proper understanding and meaningful use has a fantastic purpose extending not only through this life—but into the time beyond.

You now see the alternatives placed before you. You can plainly see the end RESULTS of the philosophies and practices of this modern world and its wretched abuse of the gift of sex. You see the broken homes, the juvenile delinquency, the blindness and allied ailments caused by venereal disease, the gnawing UNHAPPINESS and the ruined lives. The wretched results of sexual lawlessness are incontrovertibly obvious.

But you need not take that way. There is a BETTER WAY!

May the true God give you the wisdom and strength to PRACTICE the understanding and principles you should have gained from this article! Reread it carefully and use it! □

NEW VATICAN DRIVE FOR WORLD PEACE

by Keith W. Stump

Will the Pope succeed where others have failed?

What a paradox! Nations everywhere fervently claim to *desire* peace. Yet peace remains as elusive as ever. Why?

Why should the sword of nuclear holocaust hang menacingly over us, ready to fall, and fall *swiftly?* Why shouldn't we have *peace?*

Regrettably—as the Bible accurately prophesied of our time—"We looked for peace, but no good came . . . " (Jer. 8:15). World leaders continue to speak about " 'Peace, peace,' when there is no peace" (Jer. 8:11, RSV).

Did it ever occur to you that there is a *cause* for every effect? That there is a cause for wars and a cause for peace? Why have leaders failed to tell us of these causes?

Vatican Mobilizing for Peace

Certainly no diplomat or public figure is more popularly identified with the continuing search for global peace than is the Pope.

Papal pronouncements about world peace are heard with great regularity, especially during the Christmas season.

Many dismiss such papal appeals with the famous question posed mockingly by Stalin: "How many divisions [of troops] has the Pope?" Many wonder just what tangible effect a Pope can really hope to have in an age of hard political realities.

Are papal appeals for peace mere "words"?

Few people today really comprehend the role of the Catholic Church in world affairs. Few understand how the Vatican views its relationship to the governments of this world, and the nature of its contribution to world peace.

Unrealized by most, the Vatican—as in centuries past—is again becoming a power in the international arena! It is again exercising influence in ways unrecognized by the average person.

Vatican sources now reveal a *dramatic mobilization* of effort underway in Rome to promote world peace. Pope John Paul II has declared that given the destructive

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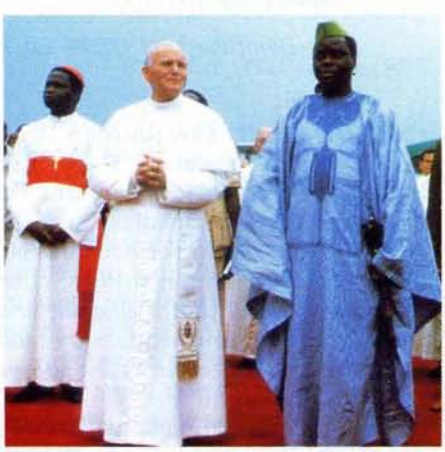
***POLISH WOMEN** in traditional garb greeted Pope John Paul II during his June, 1979, visit to Warsaw.*



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***AFRICAN TOUR** in February, 1982, took the Pope to Benin (above), Gabon, Nigeria and Equatorial Guinea.*

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***BRAZILIAN VISIT** in July, 1980, attracted the greatest mass outpouring ever witnessed in that country.*

power of modern weapons and the deteriorating world situation, *the survival of the human race is at stake!*

The search for peace is being viewed as a matter of the *greatest urgency!*

Many high churchmen—and politicians alike—are beginning to feel that the *very future of the world* may hang on the success or failure of the Vatican's peace efforts!

This is an undertaking of great significance—an effort that may radically alter the *entire course of world history!*

How can the Vatican make its influence felt on the world scene? And what are its chances for achieving lasting peace?

Historical Perspective

No real understanding of the Vatican's modern role in world affairs and the search for peace is possible without a grasp of the sweep of European history. History is a great teacher. It can help us to comprehend much about today's critical situation—and about *what lies ahead.*

Consider briefly the role of the Roman Catholic Church in the Middle Ages:

The Church was the most powerful institution in medieval Europe. Through a hierarchy of cardinals, archbishops, bishops and priests, papal authority was diffused throughout all Europe. Political borders posed no obstacle to the all-embracing authority of the Church.

The crowning of the Frankish King Charlemagne as Emperor by Pope Leo III in A.D. 800 is a special example of the role of Church and State in maintaining peace. A glittering event staged in Rome, it restored the Roman Empire in the West and initiated a close alliance between Pope and Empire. This "marriage" formally linked the spiritual power of the Pope with the temporal power of the Emperor.

The Church at Rome was considered to be "God's chosen instrument in spiritual matters." The Empire—which claimed (though not always commanded) universal temporal authority throughout Western Europe—was regarded as God's chosen *political* organization over Western Christendom.

The Church's purpose was seen as leading men to "eternal happiness with God." The State's purpose was to promote man's temporal welfare. Both were believed to derive their powers from God. Pope and Emperor were regarded as God's vice-regents on earth.

"The Almighty has appointed

"...both swords, the spiritual and the material, are in the power of the Church. One sword, moreover, ought to be under the other."

Boniface VIII (1294-1303)

the charge of the human race between two powers," Pope Leo XIII (1878-1903) was later to observe, "the ecclesiastical and the civil, the one being set over divine, the other over human things." Leo also pointed out that "Church and State are like soul and body and both must be united in order to live and function rightly. . . . "

This intimate alliance of Church and State served the needs of both institutions. The Empire exercised its political and military powers to defend religion and enforce religious uniformity. The Church, in turn, acted as a "glue" for Europe, holding together the differing nationalities and cultures within the Empire by the tie of common religion.

As Leo XIII noted in retrospect: "The Roman Pontiffs, by the institution of the Holy Empire, consecrated the political power in a wonderful manner." To this day, the Roman Catholic Church considers its greatest accomplishment to have been the Christianization of Europe.

Master of Emperors

Though Pope and Emperor were both held to be God's vice-regents, the Vatican never took this to imply coequality.

The powerful Pope Gregory VII (1073-1085) stated it plainly: "The Pope is the *master* of Emperors"! Another strong Pope, Innocent III, asserted in 1198 that kings derive their powers from the Pope, just as the moon derives its light from the sun.

The Vatican declared that the Pope was above all nations and independent of every temporal sovereign, responsible only to *God.*

This supremacy of Church over Empire was symbolized by the traditional crowning of the Holy Roman Emperors as *Imperator Augustus* by the Popes in a magnificent display of pageantry at Rome. This was designed to publicly show that all political power comes from God.

This harmonious ideal in Church-State relations, however, was not completely realized. The respective powers and privileges of Church and Empire were not clearly defined. The result was frequent conflict between Emperor and Pope for the leadership of Christian Europe. This conflict raged intermittently throughout the Middle Ages.

Possibly the best illustration of this is the incident at Canossa in 1077.

Holy Roman Emperor Henry IV had been embroiled in a bitter dispute with Pope Gregory VII. The controversy was over whether temporal princes could invest persons with ecclesiastical offices (the Vatican said *no*). The unyielding Henry

was finally excommunicated by the Pope and was now about to be deposed.

To save his throne, Henry journeyed to a castle at Canossa in northern Italy where Pope Gregory was temporarily staying. For three days, Henry humiliated himself by standing barefoot in the snow outside the castle, imploring Gregory for forgiveness. Absolution was finally granted.

The imperial capitulation at Canossa came to symbolize the submission of the State to the Church, though conflicts still flared periodically.

At times of their greatest power, Popes could literally topple kingdoms by excommunicating delinquent monarchs. In another incident, Pope Innocent III brought proud King John of England to his knees by imposing an interdict on his entire country. (An interdict involves the withholding of certain sacraments of the Church.) Faced with a potential revolt of his subjects, John submitted to the Pope, giving Innocent his entire kingdom, though getting it back as a fief.

In his papal bull *Unam Sanctam* (1302), Boniface VIII clearly spelled out the papal prerogative. He wrote that "both swords, the spiritual and the material, are in the power of the Church; the one to be wielded for the Church, the other by the Church; the one by the hand of the priest, the other by the hand of kings and knights, but at the will and sufferance of the priest. One sword, moreover, ought to be under the other, and the temporal authority to be subjected to the spiritual."

Papal Peacemaking

Despite their not infrequent quarrels, Empire and Papacy remained closely associated throughout the Middle Ages. Though restricted in theory to spiritual concerns, the Vatican—by the very nature of its asserted supremacy over the temporal power—was a powerful force in the political realm.

Popes had entered the temporal arena at an early date. As the power of the Roman emperors had declined in the fourth and fifth centuries A.D., the authority and prestige of the Roman pontiffs had increased. Pope Leo the Great (440-461), whose pontificate saw the disintegration of the Roman Empire in the West, had greatly enhanced the prestige of the papacy by dealing effectively with invading barbarian tribes. Through negotiation, Leo had saved Rome from Attila the Hun in 452. Later, he persuaded the Vandals under Genseric not to sack Rome when they occupied it in 455.

ARTWORK FROM CULVER PICTURES

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Pope Leo XIII (1878-1903)

Similarly, as invading Lombards entered Italy and threatened Rome in 754, Pope Stephen II had crossed the Alps to appeal directly to the Frankish ruler Pepin. Pepin agreed to protect Italy and delivered a crushing defeat to the Lombards.

Medieval examples of the secular side of papal power are legion. Perhaps one of the best illustrations of the use of this power for peacemaking purposes is found at the close of the 15th century.

A seething verbal conflict had erupted between the two major seagoing powers—Spain and Portugal—over newly explored lands in Africa and the New World. Some sort of arrangement over their respective geographical spheres would have to be worked out if war was to be averted.

With war imminent, Pope Alexander VI issued a papal bull in 1493 drawing a line of demarcation in the Atlantic from one pole to the other. Spain was to have exclusive rights to lands discovered west of the meridian. New discoveries made to the east were to become the rightful property of Portugal. War was thus averted.

A year later the line was adjusted by Spanish and Portuguese ambassadors in the Treaty of Tordesillas. Again papal influence aided the settlement.

Peace Sometimes Through War

Not always, however, could disputes be settled so peacefully. At times, the Vatican found it necessary to wield a *literal* sword in an attempt to reestablish disrupted peace. When circumstances required it, Popes were not averse to assuming the role of power-broker among men, playing the game of power politics to the full, even to the extent of engaging in war.

One of the best-known examples of such involvement is the Crusades. The Crusades were a series of European military expeditions, under papal sponsorship, against Moslem powers that had conquered the Holy Land. Pope Urban II initiated the First Crusade in 1095 by urging Christians to take up arms to free Jerusalem "from the wicked race" and reestablish peace in the "land of our Savior." Such a war, Urban declared, was a work pleasing to God, a holy cause.

The use of war as a means of achieving ultimate peace presented no theological contradictions to the Church. Its position is, and has always been, that a nation has the right, in a just war, to protect itself and repel by force those seeking to destroy it. Nations may also assist other nations unjustly attacked or whose rights are encroached on.

In this century, the question of securing peace by means of war

was clearly addressed by Pope John XXIII in April, 1963: "The soldier's mission is a great one because it is his task to *safeguard peace* for the greater glory of Christ and for the spiritual well-being of the family and of society."

As recently as last New Year's Day, Pope John Paul II, in an address marking World Peace Day, declared that "peoples have a right and even a duty to protect their existence and freedom by proportionate means against an unjust aggressor."

Declining Prestige

The Roman Church reached the zenith of its power during the reign of Pope Innocent III (1198-1216). His authority was felt in every country in Europe.

From this pinnacle, the prestige and authority of the papacy began to plummet. With the rise of nationalism and the advent of the Protestant Reformation, the political as well as the spiritual muscle of the papacy was eroded. Nations began to go their separate ways, and unity in the Christian world fell to pieces.

"The wars of religion and the collapse of church unity marked the end of theology as the decisive force in Western civilization," notes West German political figure Franz Josef Strauss in *Challenge and Response* (1968).

The Vatican had to learn to live with decreased influence in an increasingly divided world. The outward form of the Holy Roman Empire continued for many centuries, but it was not the same again.

In view of the historic role of nationalism and the rise of denominationalism in the decline of papal influence, it should come as no surprise that a *reversal* of those trends is today seen as a key element in the Vatican's bid for renewed clout in the political arena.

Catholic churchmen believe that renewed church unity is necessary if the papacy is to be effective in its push for peace (see "Religious Unity—Key to World Peace?" in the September-October *Plain Truth*, U.S. edition). Pope John Paul II has thus taken on the role of peacemaker within divided Christendom as well as within a divided world.

The reversal of nationalism—particularly in Europe—has also become a major theme in Vatican policy. As *The Plain Truth* has reported, a powerful new papal drive to *unite Europe* politically as well as religiously is well under way ("Ahead—Religious Unity of Europe," April, 1982, U.S. edition).

Bold Course

The time has come, say a growing number of cardinals and other top Catholic churchmen, to get back to a strong and influential papacy. It is time, they believe, for a *bolder course* in the face of perilous world conditions. They want to see the diplomatic muscle of the Holy See *reinvigorated*—and *quickly!*

Though long reluctant to reassume a strong political role, the Vatican now feels that with the fate of mankind in question, it has a *responsibility* to make its voice heard more forcefully on the international political platform as a promoter of world peace. Accordingly, Pope John Paul II has begun taking the initiative in world trouble spots.

It was in Latin America that the present Pope made his debut in political affairs. A century-old territorial dispute between Argentina and Chile over the Beagle Islands at the extreme southern tip of South America threatened to erupt into war late in 1978. As the two nations stood at the brink of armed conflict, the Vatican stepped in and persuaded them to submit the border controversy to papal mediation.

This was the first time a Pope had attempted to settle an international dispute since Leo XIII adjudicated a Spanish-Portuguese quarrel over the Caroline Islands in the Pacific in 1885. Though parts of the papal decision on the Beagle Islands are still under discussion, John Paul's efforts cooled the dispute.

In a similar dispute early in 1981 between Ecuador and Peru over unmarked sections of their common border, John Paul appealed directly to the leaders of those nations for an equitable solution through peaceful means. Again, war was averted.

Looking elsewhere in the world, the Vatican has also hinted at a possible role for the Pope in resolving the Middle East dispute. In Eastern Europe, the Church's political role in the Polish crisis has received much attention in the news media.

Without question, the Vatican is actively raising its profile in the political arena, establishing the beginnings of a pattern that will strongly affect the course of future world affairs.

The Pope's Ambassadors

The Vatican's reemergence into the political arena has not been without its critics. Considerable criticism within the Catholic world has been directed in recent years toward the Vatican's diplomatic service.

Some want the Vatican to deemphasize its political and worldly entanglements and to stick exclusively to spiritual concerns.

Many non-Catholics probably do not even realize that the Vatican *has* a diplomatic service, much less a controversy over it.

The Vatican is a unique institution. It is both Church and State. It is an international power in its own right.

In addition to being spiritual head of the world's 750 million Roman Catholics, the Pope is also the sovereign of a small principality, a legally constituted country known as Vatican City. As such, the Pope can—and *does*—send and receive ambassadors just like the leader of any other country.

Today, the Vatican exchanges ambassadors, called apostolic nuncios, with nearly 100 countries. Vatican diplomats are also assigned to the United Nations and other international organizations such as the European Economic Community (EEC).

Few realize that the Vatican is one of the best informed centers on international affairs in the world today. Located in the papal palace overlooking St. Peter's Square is the Vatican's Secretariat of State. The job of this office is to monitor world events, convey instructions to Vatican diplomats abroad and to advise the Pope on international issues.

With the trend in the Vatican

now clearly toward flexing the Church's political muscles as a means of promoting peace, the work of the Secretariat of State is sure to increase dramatically. Whether critics like it or not, the Vatican seems well on the way to again being recognized as a *major power* in international politics.

Will It Bring Peace?

As often explained in the pages of *The Plain Truth,* Bible prophecy reveals that initial efforts toward Church unity and European political integration WILL succeed! The result will be a religious-political union in Europe—a revival of the tradition of the medieval Holy Roman Empire!

Prophecy further reveals that this Church-State combine—to emerge in the days *just ahead*—will then attempt to establish peace throughout much of the world!

But can this or *any* attempt of man ever hope to bring lasting peace?

Throughout history, peace—what little there has been—has been largely a condition of *power inequality*. A real or perceived *predominance* of power on one side has prevented others from embarking on a course of war or revolution against it.

In this world, it is only superior power that keeps men from war.

But power relationships change. Balances of power inevitably break down. The result is war. This has been the unalterable pattern of history. Why?

Because war is rooted in the very *nature* of man!

"What causes wars, and what causes fightings among you?" asked the apostle James. "Is it not your passions that are at war in your members? You desire and do not have; so you kill. And you covet and cannot obtain; so you fight and wage war . . . " (Jas. 4:1-2, RSV).

The heart of man is motivated by vanity, jealousy, lust and greed. It is motivated by the impulse to GET. And as man seeks to get more and more, he comes into direct conflict with others who are also pursuing the way of GET.

Homo homini lupus—"Man is a wolf to man"—declares an ancient adage. And history has shown it to be so!

This competitive and contentious nature, the Bible reveals, comes largely from Satan, the "prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience" (Eph. 2:2).

It was Satan who launched the *very first war* in all history—an unsuccessful war in heaven to *unseat God* (Isa. 14:12-14).

The nations and peoples of this world today lie under his influence, imbibing of his rebellious attitude.

The crowning of . . . Charlemagne as Emperor by Pope Leo III in A.D. 800. . . . formally linked the spiritual power of the Pope with the temporal power.

He deceives the *entire world* (Rev. 12:9). In fact, he is literally the "god of this world" (II Cor. 4:4).

Little wonder that war has been the rule rather than the exception in virtually every generation throughout history!

Mankind from the days of Adam has *rejected* the only way that would bring lasting world peace. Man has failed to bring his Satan-imbued drives and lusts into rein. As a result, "The way of peace have they not known" (Rom. 3:17).

Only by the power of the *Spirit of God* can man successfully resist Satan's influence. But few today are yielding themselves to that Spirit! Nations today are not imbued with the gift of God's Holy Spirit which would open their minds to comprehend the WAY to peace and give them the power to restrain human nature.

Unseating Satan

It's only logical. Until Satan is deposed as "god of this world," *wars will continue!* But the nations of this world cannot unseat Satan. Human efforts—even with the best intentions—will never bring lasting world peace!

Why?

Because each nation has its *own idea* about what peace should be like! No one knows the WAY to TRUE peace. As a result, ". . . when they say, 'Peace and safety!" then *sudden destruction* comes upon them . . ." (I Thess. 5:3, NKJV).

Yet peace WILL come!

Jesus Christ—who has already qualified to replace Satan as ruler of this world (Matt. 4)—is soon to return as a *conquering king* (Rev. 19). He will imprison Satan (Rev. 20:1-3) and will *forcefully* impose peace on the nations.

That is the CLEAR MESSAGE of the Bible! Peace will come only with the restoration of the kingdom or government of God to the whole earth. (Request our free booklets *What Is the True Gospel?* and *World Peace—How It Will Come* for full details.)

The kingdom of God will *not* be established *gradually,* by successive political stages. It will be established SUDDENLY, *divinely,* and *not* with the assistance of man (Dan. 2:44-45).

The foundation of God's government is God's *law*—the Ten Commandments. God's law produces peace as the result of obedience to the way of LOVE and GIVE and CONCERN for others. God's law will at last be written on men's *hearts* (Jer. 31:33, Ezek. 11:19).

After 6,000 years of human history, Satan's way of GET will at last be replaced by God's way of GIVE!

Yes, peace IS coming—by the direct intervention of GOD, the *author* of peace (I Cor. 14:33). □

REWARDED

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with great joy, but simply had no spiritual depth of character, and endured only for a while, but yielded to temptations UNTIL they fell away—that is, CONTINUALLY, till they QUIT TRYING. A third was converted, received God's Spirit, but let the cares of this material life—earning a living—or former unconverted associates—keeping one foot in the world—seeking the PLEASURES of this world's materialism—and they brought forth "NO FRUIT to perfection." So THEY lost out! You MUST BRING FORTH FRUIT—make spiritual PROGRESS—develop spiritual CHARACTER! Too many, today, are preaching a FALSE salvation of "NO WORKS."

Your WORKS won't get you converted—won't earn you God's Spirit—as I have made PLAIN in this article. BUT THE LACK OF GOOD WORKS CAN GET YOU *LOST*, if persisted in!

The fourth class of the parable are they "which in an HONEST and GOOD HEART, having heard the word, KEEP it, and *bring forth fruit* with patience" (Luke 8:15). In Matthew's account of this same parable, those finally SAVED, enduring to the END of life's race, brought forth fruit—some 30-fold, some 60, some a hundred. ALL of these were SAVED! ALL of these go into God's kingdom.

BUT those who bring forth a hundredfold, during their Christian lives, will receive a higher REWARD, or position in the kingdom, than those who produce only 30-fold!

SALVATION comes as God's free GIFT, by GRACE.

But the DEGREE of office, once *in* the kingdom—once made IMMORTAL—the rank, the position, the degree of glory—this is NOT by grace—this is NOT God's gift—this is what you must QUALIFY FOR, by the fruits you bear in THIS LIFE.

THAT is the teaching of GOD!

We Must Produce "Fruit"

SALVATION, I repeat again and again, is GOD'S FREE GIFT—not something you can earn. BUT, once you have received God's Holy Spirit—BY GRACE—that Spirit, in you, *must produce FRUIT!*

The Bible explains this *this* way: Jesus says he is the Vine—we are the branches (John 15:1, 5). Here we are likened to a grapevine and its branches. The BRANCHES did not get themselves joined on to the main Vine by their own efforts. We did not become joined to Christ—receiving his Holy Spirit by our "works." It was HIS doing—his GIFT—it came by GRACE.

BUT—once joined on, with the SAP flowing from the Vine into the branch (a picture of God's Holy Spirit flowing from him into us), we *must produce fruit*. If we don't—*then what?*

Notice this whole picture, in John 15. God the Father is the Husbandman—the Vine-dresser—the chief Gardener, who PRUNES the branches. Now notice verse 2: "Every branch in me that beareth NOT fruit *he taketh away.*" If, once having received the Holy Spirit, we do not produce spiritual fruit, we shall be cut off from Christ—and, (verse 6) shall be cast into the fire and BURNED UP—referring to the final Gehenna or hell fire!

The Holy Spirit is GIVEN to us—we didn't deserve it or earn it—but given to PRODUCE FRUIT. *HOW?* Jesus pictured the Holy Spirit (John 7:37-39) as *rivers* of "living water"—FLOWING from him into us, and on out of us. HOW will it flow on out of us? A "river" flows down a riverbed. The spiritual riverbed down which God's Spirit FLOWS is GOD'S LAW. This "living water" of God's Spirit is the LOVE that fulfills the law. The FRUITS, then, are simply *the WAY of righteousness*—keeping God's law.

Oh, one will vehemently object, THAT'S "WORKS." No—it's *righteousness*. But IT IS NOT *OUR* RIGHTEOUSNESS! God's Spirit GIVES us the FAITH that makes obedience possible. This is the FAITH that SAVES! It is God's GIFT. And the LOVE that fulfills God's law is HIS love, flowing into and out of us—NOT OUR LOVE! It is not SELF-righteousness—it is GOD'S righteousness, GIVEN to us.

What KIND of Works?

One further passage of scripture should COMPLETE the picture.

It is in the third chapter of I Corinthians, RSV. Notice carefully:

Some of these gentile converts at Corinth wanted to be followers of Paul, others of Peter, others of Apollos. Paul was pointing them to CHRIST, and showing what human "nothingness" was he and Apollos.

"What then is Apollos?" he asked (verse 5). "What is Paul?" And he answered, "Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, *but GOD gave the* GROWTH" (RSV). Paul was showing them that he and Apollos, mere humans, were as NOTHING compared to GOD. The spiritual GROWTH—the FRUIT BORNE—came through God's Holy Spirit. The apostle continued:

"So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth." Notice—God GIVES the spiritual growth—the fruits borne. It is GOD'S righteousness. "He who plants and he who waters are equal, and each shall *receive his wages* according to his labor" (verse 8). Once again, our WORKS do EARN wages—either good or bad. Evil works earn eternal DEATH. Good works earn a better position or reward in God's kingdom—IF you get there by GRACE. Now continue:

Paul says further, "According to the [commission] of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it" (verse 10). He now pictures THE CHURCH as a BUILDING being built. Continue: "Let each man take care how he builds upon it." Now referring to each individual member as well as the Body of Christ—the Church, as a whole.

"For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is JESUS CHRIST" (verse 11).

Continue: "Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—each man's WORK will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the WORK which any man

has built on the foundation survives, he will *receive a reward*" (verses 12-14).

Christ Does the Works "in Us"

The FOUNDATION did not come by OUR WORKS! That was GOD'S doing. He GAVE us the FOUNDATION to build upon. That foundation is CHRIST—and it is "Christ IN us" (II Cor. 13:5; Gal. 2:20; 4:19; Eph. 3:17; Col. 1:27), *by the Holy Spirit!* God's Spirit—Christ IN you—was GIVEN by GRACE, not produced by your WORKS. *BUT* you must continue to BUILD upon that "Foundation." We must OVERCOME. We must GROW spiritually (II Pet. 3:18).

Now notice the MATERIALS mentioned in building the superstructure of the building. The most valuable is mentioned first—GOLD. Second in value and QUALITY of building materials is mentioned next, SILVER. Next, precious stones; next, wood—far less valuable. But now we come down to CHEAPNESS and INFERIOR QUALITY—HAY! Hay might be used in covering a tropical-zone hut—but it is very inferior building material. Yet, a horse could eat it—it has *some* little value. But, lastly, we come to straw or STUBBLE! You couldn't even build a hut with stubble. A horse wouldn't eat it. Its value is about NIL.

Must Build Character

In this scriptural passage, we are primarily concerned with BUILDING CHARACTER.

But now Paul speaks of TESTING the quality of a man's building by FIRE. Let's *understand* it! Continue: "If any man's *work* is BURNED UP, *he* will suffer loss, though *he himself will be saved,* but only as through fire" (verse 15). WHAT is that "fire"?

To understand this, we need to turn to the third chapter of Malachi. It speaks of Christ as the Messenger of the (new) covenant, suddenly coming to his temple. This, like so many prophecies, is dual in application. It refers only typically to Christ's first coming—primarily to his Second Coming!

". . . and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, . . . But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's FIRE, and like fullers' soap: and he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of *silver:* and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and *purge* them as *gold* and *silver,* that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in RIGHTEOUSNESS" (Mal. 3:1-3).

Plainly, this is speaking of Christ's Second Coming as KING of kings, to set up WORLD GOVERNMENT over ALL NATIONS. Then we who have received God's GRACE—in whom is the Holy Spirit, then made immortal—shall stand before him for judgment as to what reward, or position, we have qualified for. Christ himself is that refiner's FIRE, that will burn up the dross. But the pure gold, silver, or precious stones we have BUILT on the foundation of CHRIST will then be MANIFEST—it will come through the test. But the wood, hay and straw will be burned up.

Again, of those who, BY GRACE, do receive SALVATION, and are born IMMORTAL into God's kingdom at Christ's appearing, Christ says he will bring them "through the FIRE, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is MY PEOPLE: and they shall say, The Lord is my God" (Zech. 13:9).

Now back to I Corinthians 3:13-15. It ought to be plain, now!

This is speaking of begotten children of God, who have received God's Holy Spirit—that is, CHRIST *in* them, in Spirit—as

¹uto·pi·an /-pē-ən/ *adj, often cap* **1:** of, relating to, or having the characteristics of a utopia; *specif* : having impossibly ideal conditions esp. of social organization **2:** proposing or advocating impractically ideal social and political schemes <~ idealists > **3:** impossibly ideal : VISIONARY

...OR IS IT?

Man has dreamed of living in the model society—one with lasting peace, with abundance and exciting opportunities for all. But man's governments, cultures and social experiments have failed to produce this utopian result. Is utopia impossible? No! Such a society is coming, but man is not going to bring it about—it's going to be done *to* him! Our free booklet *What Do You Mean . . . Kingdom of God?* explains what this world will be like and how it will come about. To request your copy, use the card in this issue or write to our office nearest you.

the FOUNDATION. Some people, once converted and receiving God's Spirit, do begin to *live by* every word of the Bible, as Jesus said we must (Luke 4:4). They have had their hearts in GOD'S WORK for our time. They have sought, and found, the TRUE VALUES of life. They have striven to overcome. They have studied to know God's WAY—to show themselves approved unto GOD. They have kept close to God, by daily Bible study and prayer. They have BUILT RIGHTEOUS, SPIRITUAL, STERLING CHARACTER! In other words, they have built on the FOUNDATION with gold, silver and precious stones. These have survived the TEST. They came through the fire. These are the ones who "brought forth fruit"—whose "pound" gained "ten pounds"—who will be given authority over MUCH.

But there are MANY—and I personally know of many such—who with JOY have received God's Holy Spirit—their conversion as Christians—and have remained in a GOOD ATTITUDE, but whose WORKS have been of inferior quality, pictured by the wood, hay and stubble. Most of their WORKS of their Christian lives will be burned up, when the final examination comes. Their reward—status in the kingdom—position qualified for—is very small, yet THEY, themselves, will be SAVED by God's grace! They suffer the LOSS of higher position—greater authority for service and doing good—but they themselves will be SAVED.

We are SAVED by GRACE, through Christ's FAITH—given as God's GIFT. But whatever REWARD—status, rank, position, degree of GLORY—is conferred, once we are changed to immortality IN God's kingdom, will be *according to our works* in this present mortal life—and according to *the character* and *quality* of those works.

WHY the Christian Life?

WHY do most of those who claim to be the very CLERGY of Jesus Christ say there are no works whatever in the Christian life?

Because of their unscriptural doctrine about "going to heaven" when you die.

Their conception of "heaven" seems to be an eternity of idleness and ease—with nothing to do. The development of the very CHARACTER of the living GOD—preparing for RULERSHIP—qualifying for SERVICE—have no place in their false theology.

Many times I have asked, "WHY if 'heaven' is the reward of the saved, and if there are 'no works' to the Christian life, is not one taken *immediately,* upon first accepting Christ, to his 'reward'? WHY must the converted Christian—if he is *'already saved'*—if he has been already 'born again'—go on suffering IN THIS LIFE? WHY does the Bible say, *'Many* are the afflictions of the righteous,' and *'All* who will live godly in Christ Jesus *shall suffer persecution?'* WHY not avoid all this suffering? WHY doesn't God take new converts *immediately* to 'glory' in 'heaven'?"

The answer is that God put humans on this earth *for a PURPOSE!* That PURPOSE is stated in Genesis 1:26—God is actually *reproducing himself!* God is the supreme spiritual CHARACTER—holy, righteous, perfect. We, to be actually BORN of him—BORN into his FAMILY as his divine children—must be *changed,* not only from mortal to IMMORTAL—not only from human to divine—but from our human nature and sinning character, into HIS DIVINE NATURE (II Pet. 1:4) and into his HOLINESS AND PERFECTION of character (I Pet. 1:16; Matt. 5:48). And that *must be developed,* through the Christian life! It means *overcoming, growing* in knowledge and character!

We are to become a NEW CREATION (Gal. 6:15, margin). God's SPIRITUAL CREATION is still going on, *in us!* We are now mere CLAY—made of the dust of the ground. God is the Potter—we are the clay (Isa. 64:8). We must, *on our own decision,* with our own complete *submission,* and even with *our own effort* accompanying, yield so that the Master Potter may completely remake, refashion, reshape our vile characters into the holy, righteous, spiritual and perfect character of GOD.

Your Part in GOD'S WORK

In my fifty years' intensive, rich, active experience, since God changed MY direction into HIS WAY, I have observed that the *very first* need of every Christian, who is to GROW and develop this spiritual character, is to have his heart completely in THE WORK OF GOD, which the *living* Christ has called his servants to do, as his instruments!

Those who are self-centered, caring nothing for the WORK OF GOD, having not enough *outgoing concern* to want to help GET CHRIST'S MESSAGE out to this blinded, deceived, dying world, fall away. Those who center their whole "Christian" life and activity on developing *their own selves* spiritually, whose hearts are not in or concerned about this great OUTGOING worldwide WORK OF GOD, actually directed by the *living* CHRIST, develop only INWARDLY, until they shrivel up spiritually and fall by the wayside! Those whose hearts, their active, constant, earnest, fervent PRAYERS, and their tithes and offerings are in GOD'S WORK continue to EXPAND spiritually—they become HAPPIER; they become greatly BLESSED—their lives become richer and fuller—and their faces beam in smiles. They RADIATE! They PROSPER!

The New Testament is literally *filled* with instruction on *Christian living*—leading a new, different, sparkling, joyous life—or, perhaps more correctly, allowing Jesus Christ to live such a life—GOD'S WAY—in them!

HOW WONDERFUL is *God's way!*

SALVATION comes—if we are willing—as God's FREE GIFT—by GRACE!

But we *must be changed.* There is DOING, not hearing only (Rom. 2:13). There is development of a new righteous CHARACTER. Yet, even that is CHRIST *IN* YOU actually DOING it! Actually, even the "works" are primarily done by HIM! But how WONDERFUL that there *are* righteous WORKS in the true Christian life—opportunity for *more* than salvation, priceless though that be—opportunity for higher position, rank, opportunity to SERVE, higher GLORY! □

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KXLY-FM, Spokane — 99.9, 7:30 a.m., Sun.

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CKO-FM, Toronto — 99.1, 9:00 p.m., Sun.-Fri.
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CKO, Montreal — 1470, 9:00 p.m., Sun.-Fri.
CFMB, Montreal (French) — 1410, 5:00 p.m., Sun.
CJMS, Montreal (French) — 1280, 7:15 a.m., Sun.
CFMB, Montreal — 1410, 6:30 a.m., Mon.-Fri.
CJRP, Quebec City (French) — 1060, 7:15 a.m., Sun.
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CJSA, Ste. Agathe Des Monts (French) — 1230, 8:45 a.m., Sun.
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CKSJ, St. Jouite (French) — 1400, 8:45 a.m., Sun.
CKLD, Thetford Mines (French) — 1330, 8:15 a.m., Sun.
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CJYQ, St. John's, Nfld. — 930, 6:05 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
CFSX, Stephenville, Nfld. — 910, 6:15 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
CHER, Sydney, N.S. — 950, 10:30 p.m., Sun.-Thurs.
CHYQ, Trinity Bay-Bonavista Bay, Nfld. — 670, 10:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
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CJCJ, Woodstock — 920, 7:00 p.m., Mon.-Sat., 5:00 p.m., Sun.
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2RE, Taree — 1557, 9:30 p.m., Mon.-Thurs.
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A3Z, Tonga Radio, (Eng) Nuku'alofa — 1020, 6:30 p.m., Sun.
Radio Luxembourg, (Fr) Luxembourg — 5:15 a.m., Mon., 5:00 a.m. Tues., Thurs.
ZFB-1, (Eng) Hamilton, Bermuda — 960, 1:40 p.m., Mon.-Sun.
Rediffusion, (Eng) Bridgetown, Barbados — 10:30 a.m., Mon.-Fri., 9:30 a.m., Sun.
WOSO, (Eng) San Juan, Puerto Rico — 1030, 7:30 a.m., Sun.
Radio Turks & Caicos, (Eng) Turks & Caicos — 7:00 p.m., Mon., Tues., Wed.; 7:30 p.m., Fri.; 10:30 a.m., Sun.
ZNS-3, (Eng) Freeport, Bahamas — 6:00 a.m. Mon.-Fri.; 9:00 a.m., Sun.
Radio Antilles, (Eng) Montserrat, Eastern Caribbean — 930, 7:30 p.m., Mon.-Sat.; 7:00 a.m., Sun.
Radio Antilles, (French) Montserrat, Antilles — 1450, 740, 6:00 a.m., Mon, Thurs., Sat.
4VCM-4VGM-4VBM, (Fr) Haiti — 7:45 p.m., Wed.
Radio Caraibes, (Fr) Guadeloupe & Martinique — 5:30 a.m., Mon.-Fri.
Radio Ceylon — 7190, 9720, 15425, 9:00 p.m., Sun., Tues., Thurs., Sat.
GBS, (Eng) Georgetown, Guyana — 1:00 p.m., Mon., Wed., Fri.
ZDK, Grenville Radio, (Eng) St. John's, Antigua — 10:00 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
Radio Caribbean, (Eng.), St. Lucia — 3:00 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
RJR-FM, Jamaica — 92.5, 8:00 p.m., Tues Thurs; 9:30 p.m., Sun.
RJR-AM, Jamaica — 4:30 a.m., Thurs., Sat.
NBS, Trinidad — 610, 10:30 p.m., Sun.-Fri.

See next issue for TV log.

ARMS BUILDUP

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Lebanon, the Falklands, Chad, the Horn of Africa, Western Sahara, Namibia, El Salvador, Cambodia and Iran-Iraq all bear recent grim witness to man's failure in making peace. It is time we read the Bible's prophecy for our day: "While people are saying, 'Peace and safety,' destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape" (I Thess. 5:3, NIV).

No, humans do not know how to bring peace. What is needed is "an unseen strong hand from some place." The *good news* is that that *unseen strong hand* is coming to intervene in the affairs of men to save mankind from utter destruction.

Jesus Christ is coming again to usher in an age without hunger— a new age of prosperity and peace. Men will be forced to put away the weapons of war and war strategies altogether (Isa. 2:4).

Instead of appropriating money for missiles and aircraft, nations will begin to use their new-found resources to build homes, schools, new means of transportation, bridges; a whole new future. It will be an abundantly peaceful future. And the wars of the past will become a distant memory. For a preview of this new age of peace that is sure, write for our free booklet *The Wonderful World Tomorrow—What It Will Be Like.* □

ALAIN NOGUES—SYGMA

***AT EXHIBITS** such as the Le Bourget arms show in Paris weapons of awesome destructive power are neatly displayed for eager international buyers to peruse.*

Personal from...

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interesting, enjoyable life! Not merely during a basketball game or some occasional entertainment! *ALL* THE TIME!

I have learned THE WAY to peace of mind, to invigorating, satisfying, always interesting living. I have learned WHY I am here, WHERE I am going and THE WAY to get there. I'm *on my way* there now, and the journey is more interesting than I can tell you! There's never a letdown. There used to be—years ago, before I learned these answers. But not anymore!

Yes, if I were a young man graduating from high school, I'd look for the college or university that would teach me WHAT I am, WHY and what are the TRUE VALUES. I'd want to learn something more than merely a profession for earning an income. Money can't buy happiness or contentment, or the things that *really* satisfy—CONTINUALLY, without ever a letdown.

And I not only know these answers, but I know also that there is only ONE PLACE ON EARTH where a student may learn these answers that are worth more than all the money in the world. But, for that matter, when you learn these answers and *apply* them, you don't have to worry about money—for the very application of these principles *brings* economic security.

The only academic institutions on earth that teach these MOST IMPORTANT areas of knowledge are the two Ambassador College campuses of Pasadena, California, and Big Sandy, Texas.

People remark that they never have seen such a *happy* atmosphere as the Ambassador College campus.

"Why, all your students seem to really *enjoy* life," they say. "They seem *alive, alert,* full of spark and *interest*—and HAPPY!"

"You're right," I reply. "They DO—and they *ARE*!"

But don't think you already know the full reason why. *You don't!*

I thought I did; yet I did not know the full answer until recently. When we *STOP GROWING* in knowledge, we're *through.* I don't propose to be through yet—if keeping my mind open to *new* truth, when it is PROVED to be truth, will keep me going. I think I can guarantee the answer will surprise you.

By the way, if you *are* facing this question about *whether* to attend college—or *which* college—I suggest you read the eye-opening article on education in this issue and write for the Ambassador College catalog. □

LIFE'S AWESOME PURPOSE EXPLAINED!

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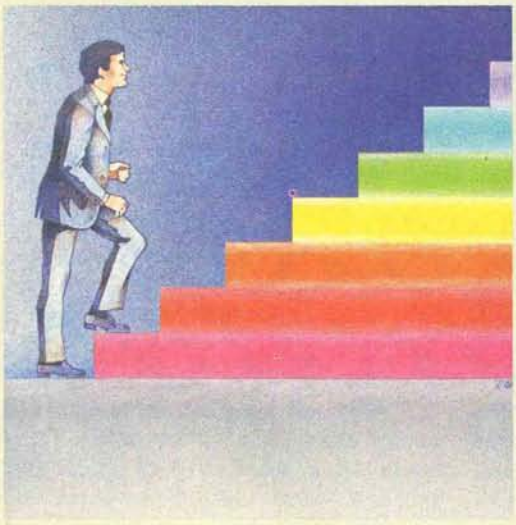
Skeptics doubt it. Many scientists say it cannot be proven. Yet no question is more fundamental to man's own existence. How can you know for sure? Can the existence of God be demonstrated to the rational mind? Is there tangible evidence that a Supreme Being sits at the controls of the universe? Our free booklet provides, with reasoned proof, a solid answer. You can have this booklet by using the reply card or by writing to our office nearest you (see inside front cover for addresses).



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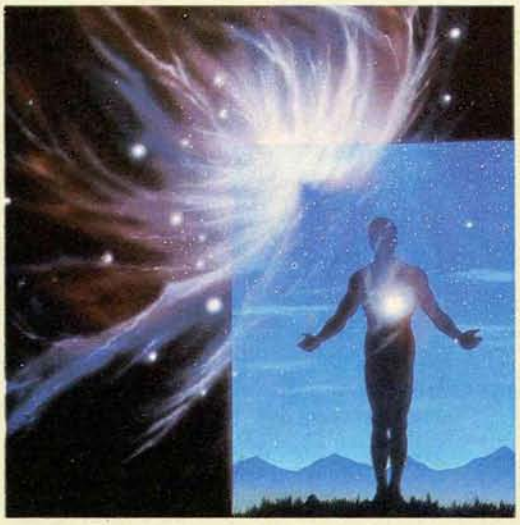

WHY WERE YOU BORN?

Is there any purpose for human life? You must have wondered—we all have. Is human existence a freak accident in a meaningless universe—a puzzle without solution—or does your life have a solid, identifiable purpose? The answer is incredibly positive: Mankind was created to rule the universe on the very God-plane! Impossible? Here, in booklet form, is a complete explanation of this much-misunderstood subject. For your copy, use the card or write to our office nearest you. Addresses are listed on the inside front cover.

FOCUS OF ATTENTION

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dent-elect Bashir Gemayel, their fallen chief.

The Israelis are no longer seen as underdogs in the Middle East as they were in the 1967 war, or even in 1973. They are now Goliath instead of David.

Worse yet, they have been compared with a most ignominious event in Jewish history. President Francois Mitterrand of France, for example, an earlier supporter of Israel, described Israel's actions in Lebanon as similar to those committed by the Nazis in Occupied Europe. And he said this before the dreadful events of West Beirut were known.

West German news sources have been exceptionally strong in their opposition to Israel's campaign against the PLO, employing heavily emotive words and phrases such as "war of extermination" and "final solution."

One West German official said that because of the Beirut siege, "Israel has done a lot to remove itself from its pedestal of high moral standing. It has lost—call it—its virginity."

For Israelis, the entire Lebanon campaign has turned out to be a very agonizing experience. With the ouster of the PLO gunmen from West Beirut, Prime Minister Menachem Begin proclaimed that "there is reason to say 'and the land was tranquil' for some years—perhaps 40 years, perhaps 80, perhaps a generation."

Then the "roof caved in" for Israel, and with it her moral standing even among her supporters.

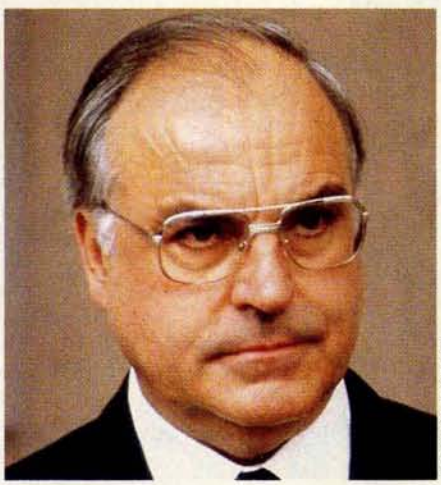
PLO Gains Acceptance

More than ever, the "underdog" PLO is receiving favor in Europe. Even the Vatican has extended a cautious welcome.

On September 15, PLO chairman Yasser Arafat was granted a 20-minute private audience with Pope John Paul II in Rome. The reception understandably unleashed a storm of protest in Jerusalem.

After the meeting the Vatican released a communique saying that by granting the audience the Pope "demonstrated his benevolence towards the Palestinian people . . . expressing the wish that an equitable and lasting solution be reached as soon as possible to the Middle East conflict, which would, excluding recourse to armed violence in any form and above all to terrorism and vengeance, lead to the recognition of the rights of all people, in particular to those of the Palestinians, to a homeland of their own—and of Israel to her security."

Thus the Pope carefully distanced himself from the PLO's terrorist methodology. But he once again came down squarely on the side of a homeland—he has used the Latin word *patria* in the past—for the Palestinians, not some sort of vague, nonsovereign self-rule.



REGIS BOSSU—SYGMA

***WEST GERMAN** Chancellor Helmut Kohl, in one of his first official statements, declared: "We want to open up new paths toward the unification of Europe."*

The Vatican and Israel hold entirely different views on the future course of Middle Eastern affairs. The Holy See stands firm against Israeli claims, based on biblical references, to the West Bank (what most Israelis call Judea and Samaria).

The Vatican is openly opposed to Israeli claims that Jerusalem is the "eternal and undivided" capital of Israel. John Paul supports the idea of Jerusalem as a free city under international rule.

For the PLO chairman the papal visit represented yet another diplomatic triumph following the PLO's military setback in Lebanon. After being ousted from his besieged headquarters in Beirut, the PLO chairman met with Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou, receiving full military honors. In Italy, Yasser Arafat was guest of honor at a luncheon given by Italian President Sandro Pertini in the official presidential Quirinale palace. His reception by President Pertini was viewed as another wedge in opening the doors of other Western European leaders to the PLO leader's personal diplomacy.

European Forces for Middle East

The two trends detailed above—the change of power in West Germany and the change in Israel's fortunes in the Middle East—are even now leading to a new orientation for Europe in world affairs.

In the wake of the Beirut massacre, the 10 nations of the Common Market unitedly expressed "profound shock and revulsion" and offered to increase participation in a new peacekeeping force, called for by U.S. President Ronald Reagan. Such a strengthened force, they said, would show "a will of peace" in the region.

One detects, for the first time, a genuine unified European desire to act in the Middle East. Troops sent to Beirut are being dispatched in the name of the individual European nations comprising a multinational force, not on behalf of the United Nations, which is being totally bypassed in this case. U.N. forces have proven to be totally ineffective in Lebanon for the past four years.

The United States is also involved. But American politicians are showing hesitance at the U.S. commitment. The U.S. Senate may someday force the President to remove U.S. troops if the situation heats up further—leaving the field to Europe.

Further down the road the Europeans might also insist on the right to move into the West Bank area to enforce a homeland for the Palestinians. Such a military presence will eventually be sent to the vicinity of Jerusalem itself (Luke 21:20).

Europe Must Be More Unified

To be in command of events affect-

ing them most directly, such as in the energy-rich Middle East, Europeans will have to act more in union in the future than they are doing now.

The German nation, squarely in the heart of Europe, remains, as always, the key to Europe's destiny. The way West Germany was headed, however, led in the very opposite direction of European unity. The ultimate goal of the left in West Germany was to achieve a reunited, but neutralized, inward looking nation free of all military attachment to its former allies—a Germany essentially having dropped out of the world.

This drift into a political nether world has now been countered. The new conservative leadership will be more pro-American than the outgoing government, but it will not be as subservient to U.S. policy as its post-war counterparts, such as the Adenauer and Erhard regimes.

Frictions with the United States, such as over the Siberia-Western European natural gas pipeline, are not likely to abate. The Americans are attempting to regain "lost leadership" over their European allies, but this is unlikely to happen.

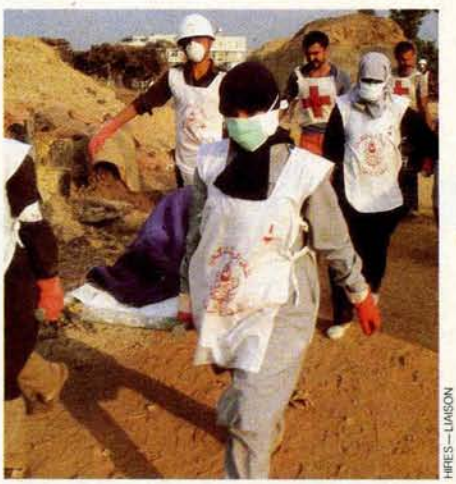
The die has been cast. Influential and powerful personalities are emerging on the scene who realize that Europe must be in charge of its own destiny, whether that involves vigilance against communist encroachment or the protection of Europe's own vital interests in the Middle East.

In 1965, before West Germany's 13-year-long center-left interlude began, Franz Josef Strauss wrote a book entitled *The Grand Design.* In it Bonn's former defense minister called for "a Europe growing in stages determined to assert its role in the world, exercising increasing influence and attraction on the Communist satellites, growing in confidence and world importance.

"This Europe," continued Herr Strauss, "could make peace terms with Russia. . . . We must therefore face the new historical conceptions of Communism . . . with a new and rival historical conception—that of *the reconstruction of the classic role of Europe.* This would at one and the same time change the political balance of power in the world and stabilize the military balance of power." (Emphasis ours.)

Other voices, too, are calling for Europe to resume its "classic role" in the scheme of world events. Recently, a prominent Greek politician and delegate to the European parliament, George Voyadzis, said this: "Europe, which has a Greek name, has founded its culture on a combination of the Greek, Roman and Christian spirit. In this synthesis, the Greek spirit has contributed the idea of freedom, truth and beauty. The Roman spirit gave the idea of the state of justice. Christianity offered faith and love.

"*The full integration of Europe will be one of the most important political events in world history* and will have considerable bearing on the future course of humanity. It is thus that the balance of power will come to an equilibrium in the world while safeguarding the independence of Europe and contributing to the consolidation of world order and peace."



HIRES—LIAISON

***SURVIVORS** of last September's massacre of Palestinian civilians are evacuated from West Beirut refugee camp. Israel's image was tarnished by the deed of its Lebanese Christian Falangist allies.*

A Royal Appeal

An event in Europe escaped the attention of most of the world's news media. Last May 20, King Juan Carlos of Spain was awarded the Charlemagne Prize in a ceremony in Aachen, West Germany (Charlemagne's old capital). This award is given annually to the public figure most advancing the cause of European unity. The King was the first royal recipient of the prize. Earlier winners have included Winston Churchill, Jean Monnet, Robert Schumann and Konrad Adenauer.

In accepting the prize King Juan Carlos traced, in the present tense, the development of Europe and its need for unity. He placed great stress on the role of Europe's monarchies.

"Over the centuries," said the King, "the resurrection of the Roman Empire under clearly Germanic, and of course Christian, signs is the political dream: the Holy Roman Empire of [the] Germanic Nation. But what is really being created is something else: Europe. . . .

"In the course of European history," continued King Juan Carlos, "the monarchies have been a factor of unification. . . . And through marriages among the members of ruling families, bonds have been woven between countries which were separated from each other by language, race and customs; they strengthened the recognition to be a unit and to belong to a common reality. . . .

"The unifying of Europe," this ruling monarch said, "had been proposed as the only solution for Europe's problems as early as 1930—a super nation which had to be raised up—*a United States of Europe.* And this impulse has not been lost in my country."

Watch Europe's Direction

During this new year and throughout the 1980s the process of European unity will accelerate. European leaders, moreover, will turn their attention more than ever to areas of the world, such as the Middle East, where Europe's interests are most affected.

Because of the Middle East connection, watch for the nations bordering on the Mediterranean, such as Greece, Italy and Spain, to play an increasingly important role. Europe's "power center" will gradually shift farther south, with relatively energy-sufficient nations in northwestern Europe playing a less important role.

As the pages of *The Plain Truth* have warned so often over the decades—watch Europe! □

L E T T E R S

What Our Readers Say

Getting Out of Debt

One article in particular caught my attention—the one entitled "Will You Ever Get Out of Debt?" I've often asked myself this very question, as I'm sure millions of other people do. Finally our problem was brought to light! We have not been giving God His tithe! That explains everything!

Missie Thompson
Tipton, Michigan

I've read the article: "Will You Ever Get Out of Debt?" For the very first time in my life, do I now understand and know why I should pay "God's ten percent." Because of this article, things have already changed so much for me, that I become more and more fascinated with life each day. I would really like to read the booklet *Ending your Financial Worries.*

Karen Vorster
Wirpoortjie, Roodepoort
R.S.A.

Family Education

The article "When Marriages Go Sour . . . Attitudes That Sweeten," by Donald D. Schroeder, is worthy of high commendation due to the fact that it strikes the central core of husband-wife relationship. This relationship portrayed is of paramount importance and a necessity not only for husband and wife, but also to all human relationships.

Nicasio P. Batas Sr.
San Jose, Batangas
Philippines

Thank you very much for your article "The Neglected Key to Personal Prosperity." I could identify very well with what was stated, especially with the consequences I have paid for being divorced. God has been using this period in my life as a means for "self-examination" or correction. I now know, in reading your article, what the problem has been.

Tobaki Z. Taide
Mafeteng, Lesotho

I would like to commend you for the article entitled "Teaching Your Children True Moral Standards." I found this article very, very interesting, and therefore took it to school and read it to the students in my class. Thanks for your wonderful magazine. I learn a lot from it.

Sunil Manilal
Port Shepstone, R.S.A.

My husband happened to pick up *The Plain Truth* at 30th Street Station, Philadelphia, and ever since I am most eager for its arrival in the post! I receive much mail on "family" issues—your articles are right up to date and I might add include some very important original material!

Thank you for your efforts in behalf of God, Family and Freedom.

Gail Johnson
Villanova, Pennsylvania

Drug Abuse

I note with great interest your interview and subsequent article on drugs by Mr. Martin Evans, Director of TACADE. As a research library we would like to obtain further information on this education program from Mr. Evans. However, as there is no address to write to, may I ask if you would be kind enough to forward the enclosed letter for us. Your magazine has many interesting and informative articles of use in our local schools, particularly in the field of Youth Preparedness.

J.B. von der Decken
Librarian, Kaffrarian Museum
King William's Town,
R.S.A.

I was really impressed with the recent article published in the *Plain Truth* magazine entitled "The Worldwide Epidemic of Drug and Alcohol Abuse." To be frank, I have read and read that report with increasing interest. It is really shocking to learn how people, when harassed by everyday worries, forget the presence of Almighty God and seek refuge in drugs and alcohol. I will never allow myself to seek "shortcuts" through drugs and alcohol.

Beejaye Jodha
Bambous, Mauritius

Seven Laws of Success

I just finished reading your booklet *The Seven Laws of Success,* which I received a copy of a few days ago. I am grateful for receiving such a valuable and inspiring booklet absolutely free of charge. It is the most understandable I have read in a long time and it also shows in such a clear and simple way the pertinent and practical aspects of leading a happy and successful life.

Miss B. Lakey
Avanti
Elsies River, R.S.A.

New Subscribers

Hi! I am Julie, one of your new subscribers to your magazine, *The Plain Truth.* It is an answer to my searching! You see, I was in a shopping mall and while standing around waiting for some hamburgers, I wandered around and noticed the "Free Sample Copy" of *The Plain Truth.* I read it and it's great.

Oh . . . one more thing if I may. How did Santa Claus come in the picture of the day of the birth of Christ?

Julie Coucelles
Jarvie, Alberta

I have enjoyed reading my sample copy of your magazine. Even though the specific form of my religious persuasion differs from yours, I find much truth in what you say.

Daniel Wilkins
Pontiac, Michigan

Kindly take me off your mailing list. My brother-in-law sent my name and address in to you as a joke. I realize what you are trying to do, and your intentions are good—it's a shame the world will not listen, will not think. Someday, possibly, as you say in your magazine, they may wish they had paid closer attention. I'm sorry, but I, too, have never paid any attention.

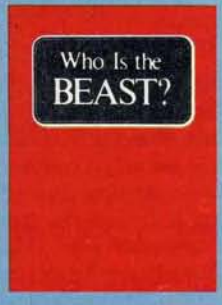
Henry Mudge
Binghamton, New York

Living in a semi-rural area I had never seen or heard of *The Plain Truth.* Then last year I went to stay with my niece at Chatswood. On a stall at Chatswood railway station were copies of *The Plain Truth.* Being an avid reader and for years having in my life looked for truth, I took a copy. On reading it I was really impressed so I sent my name and address to you. This is one of the most sensible things that I have done in my life.

Jean Maher
Hoxton Park
New South Wales

WHO IS THE "BEAST"?

Is the seven-headed "beast" of Revelation a powerful world dictator yet to appear? Is he the Antichrist? Or a government? Or a church? The plagues of God's wrath, we are told, will be poured out upon a God-defying world that follows this mysterious "beast," and upon a careless, indifferent Christianity! Our free booklet *Who Is the Beast?* unveils the biblical prophecies concerning the "beast" and the course of end-time events about to unfold. For your copy, just mail the reply card in this issue, or write to our office nearest you.



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