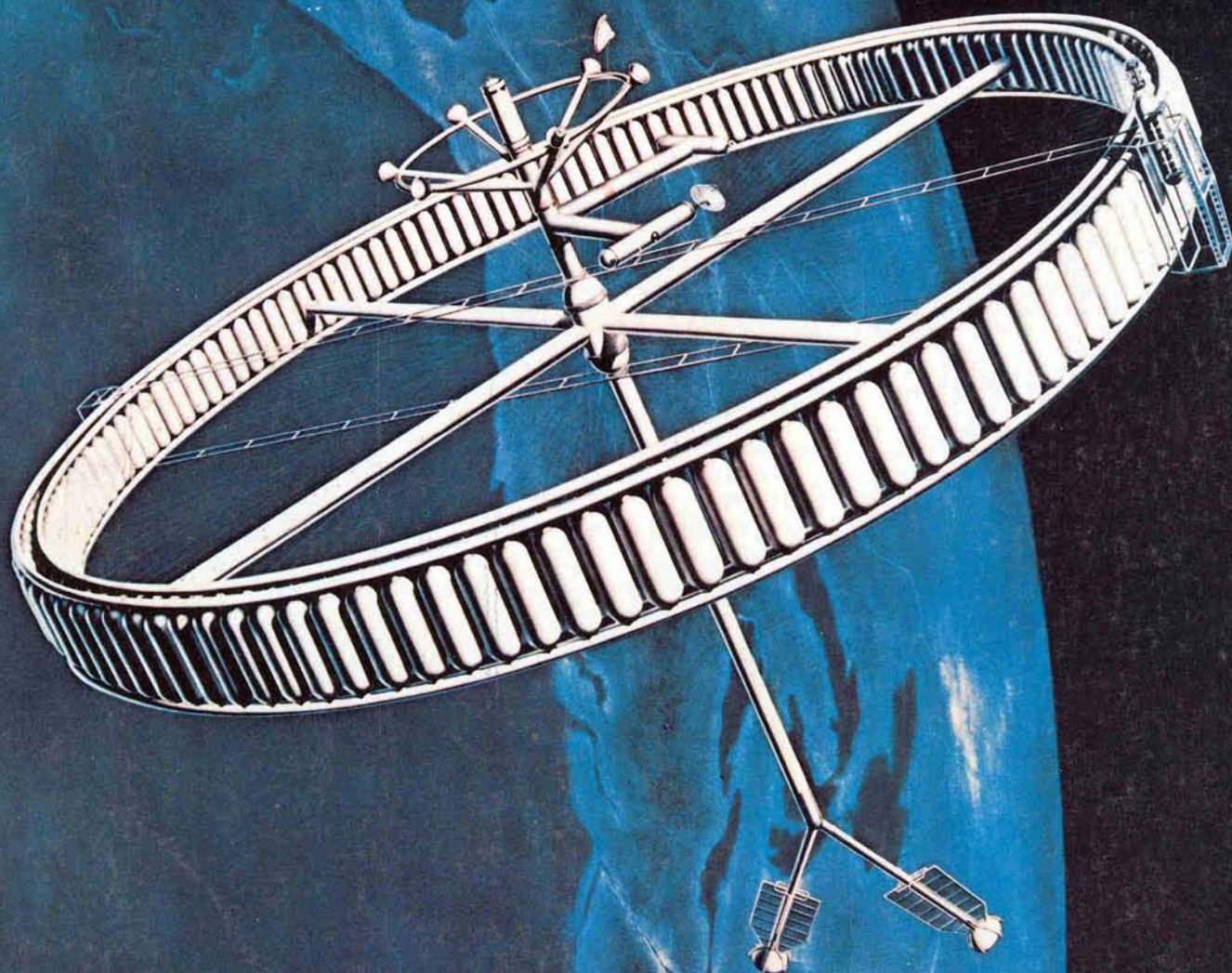


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# Letters to the Editor

## Is Jesus God?

After reading "Is Jesus God?" in the January issue of *Tomorrow's World*, I am still confused. This is a matter that has continually bewildered me. Do you mean that Jesus is the same God as the Father? Is Jesus a separate person, and has He always been?

Richard A.,  
Natrona Heights, Pa.

● God is not merely one Person. God is a divine Family — only one Family — but more than one divine Person. Jesus Christ spoke of His divine Father as GOD. Jesus said He was the Son of God (Matt. 27:43; John 10:36). Jesus is called God in Hebrews 1:8 and elsewhere. All the holy angels are commanded to worship Jesus (Heb. 1:6) — and none but God may be worshipped.

So the Eternal Father is a Person, and is God. Jesus Christ is a different Person and is God. They are two separate and individual persons (Rev. 4:2; 5:1, 6-7). The Father is Supreme Head of the God Family — the Lawgiver. Christ is the Word — the divine Spokesman, which will be more fully explained later.

In Genesis 1:1, the word for "God" in the Hebrew is Elohim. In certain contexts, it is a uniplural noun. It is uniplural, like such words as group, church, crowd, family or organization.

Take, for example, the word church. You will read in I Corinthians 12:20 that the Church is only ONE CHURCH — the "one body" — yet is composed of "many members." Even though many individual persons constitute the Church, it is not many churches — it is only the ONE CHURCH.

It has been explained that in Gen. 1:1 the Hebrew word for "God" is Elohim. But, when the historical account first begins to record the fact of God speaking to the man He created, a new and different Hebrew name is used. In Gen. 2:15 (and previous verses beginning in verse 4) the English words "Lord God" (in the King James authorized version) are translated from the Hebrew YHVH Elohim. The Hebrew Elohim already has been defined as uniplural.

But, YHVH is a name meaning "the Everliving," or "the ETERNAL." There is no one word in the English language that translates it exactly. God always names beings what they are. Actually, YHVH means "the Self-Existent, Ever-living, Eternally Living, Creating One."

The "LORD" (YHVH) of the Old Testament in nearly every case is the Jesus Christ of the New Testament. That is, Christ was YHVH prior to His birth as a human of the virgin Mary. In John 1:1-3, this same Personage is spoken of as The Word — the Greek word is Logos, meaning "Word," or "Spokesman." Jesus the Christ (Messiah) is, and always has been, the individual Person of the God KINGDOM (FAMILY) who is the Spokesman. The FATHER of the God Family is the HEAD — the Lawgiver — the Creator. Yet He created everything by Jesus Christ (Eph. 3:9). Thus in John 1:3: "All things were made [created] by him" — by the Logos or Word, who is Jesus Christ (verse 14).

The specific Person of the Godhead who spoke to Adam, then, was YHVH — the Eternal — the One who became Jesus Christ. For further proof of this and related points, write for the article "Who — What — Was Jesus Christ Before His Human Birth?"

So God is presently a Family of two Persons — God the Father and Jesus Christ the Son. And the wonderful truth is that human beings may be born into this same ONE God Family as distinct, separate Personalities by a resurrection from the dead. Jesus Christ was the FIRSTBORN of many brethren (Rom. 8:29) — having been born again when God the Father resurrected Him from the dead (Rom. 1:4). The thorough details of these awe-inspiring Bible truths are freely given in our booklet *Just What Do You Mean — Born Again?* Write for your copy.

## Regaining Interest in the Bible

*Tomorrow's World* has opened up a book that I once considered full of

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Giant orbiting space station envisioned for the future. Science has envisioned a glittering glamor world of fantastic technology for the next century. But what will Century 21 really be like? See page 5.

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# Personal from



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## "Blood, Sweat and Tears"

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**T**HIS is a "blood, sweat and tears" talk with our readers — with apologies to the late Sir Winston Churchill.

At Britain's darkest hour of World War II, Prime Minister Churchill's "blood, sweat and tears" speech saved the nation. It struck through to the hearts of the British people. It moved their emotions. Like an electric shock it gave them hope. It stirred their determination, aroused a willingness to suffer any sacrifice or privation, that their country might survive.

Today, as surely as Britain faced the question of survival then, all humanity faces the question of SURVIVAL now — the survival of the human race!

We don't like to think about it. We shrink from facing up to the existing facts. I know that well! But there is a story to be told about that, and I propose to tell it now.

Thirty-eight years ago a tiny handful of financially poor but sober people did face up to it. They volunteered to join me in a "blood, sweat and tears" sacrifice to do something about it. As time went on, others caught the vision, volunteered to join with them. Now, in humanity's darkest hour — with most of humanity lethargically refusing to face up to it — our deliverance is near. Glorious victory is in sight; humanity will be saved alive. The peaceful, happy, prosperous, joyful WORLD TOMORROW is soon to dawn.

The world little realizes now, but soon it will come to astonished awareness of the fact that these volunteers have had something vital to do with it.

Their unselfish sacrifice has gone too long unnoticed. I feel it is high time that I give full acknowledg-

ment, and pay full tribute to those to whom tribute is due. They have made possible a very remarkable thing — something never done before! It is something that concerns every reader of this magazine.

This magazine now has a vast readership of more than two million people. Before this vast audience I want now to give public recognition for the loving service, often at great personal sacrifice, given by a comparatively small army of volunteers. They have made it possible for YOU to hold this fine-quality magazine in your hands just now. They have also done far more.

These are the loyal Co-Workers who have made possible the world's most powerful, most-listened-to broadcast — *The WORLD TOMORROW*. This program, 38 years on radio, and now worldwide, has a weekly audience of more than fifty million people.

These same self-sacrificing volunteers have made possible Ambassador College, with its three campuses of tone and character.

People often ask: "How can you do it? How can you publish such a quality magazine of such tremendous circulation, without advertising revenue, and without subscription price?"

So, since we receive such questions from many subscribers, it seems fitting that the tribute I wish to pay to this small army of volunteers should, at the same time, answer that very question.

When I say you *cannot* pay for your own subscription — it has already been paid — I do so because I do not like to use the word "FREE." In the strictest sense nothing is free. That is why we say: "Your subscription price *has been paid*." Of course SOMEONE had to pay for it. Yet we never charge YOU — the reader. You CANNOT pay for your own. Our mail-opening staff is instructed to return your money if you try.

This bewilders people. No ONE ever did anything this way before.

Do we then, some ask, refuse to accept contributions? The frank answer is NO! But we DO refuse to ask the public for contributions. That tiny little family of volunteer Co-Workers has grown through the years. And candidly I do tell *them* about financial needs. BUT — WE EMPHATICALLY DO REFUSE TO SOLICIT OR REQUEST PEOPLE TO BECOME Co-WORKERS.

Our expanding family of Co-Workers became so VOLUNTARILY.

So I repeat — though no one, even a Co-Worker, can pay for his own subscription to this magazine, it did cost something to produce and put into readers'

hands. Your subscription price HAS BEEN PAID — by these Co-Workers who became Co-Workers VOLUNTARILY! Their tithes and freewill offerings make possible an astonishing activity serving and helping multiple millions of people worldwide!

Let me be real personal, and tell you how this month's "Personal" talk came with such impact to my mind.

I was taking an important businessman on a tour of our Pasadena campus. He seemed quite impressed. People usually are. He said: "Mr. Armstrong, you have done wonders!" I tried to tell him I had done nothing of the sort. But I couldn't convince him. All he could see was simply that I had accomplished it. The unseen hands that made it possible were not visible to his eyes.

Too many people have been giving me credit for accomplishment over entirely too long a time. So it flashed to my mind that I must make this public acknowledgment, and give this public recognition where it is due. No — not just due — far too long overdue!

Some time ago one of our leading American news magazines made a statement to the general effect that our only hope for the survival of human life now lies in the power of a Strong Hand from somewhere. That is 100% true. But very few realize it.

You see, they were talking about an UNSEEN Hand from somewhere. What people cannot see, they usually cannot believe. People see *me*, and give me all the credit.

Forty-five years ago, my eyes were opened to a good many serious, sobering things. I "saw" the way humanity is drifting. I saw, even then, the threat to human existence. I read advance news reports, *proved* to be reliable, of the world's condition and trends. I read also of the coming SOLUTION of world problems, by and through this *unseen* Strong Hand from somewhere. I came to "SEE" this "Unseen Hand." And I was given to "SEE" the challenge to awaken millions to the urgency of the world crisis — and to the glorious GOOD NEWS of the happier world of peace just beyond.

A very small handful of personal acquaintances also recognized the challenge and the call to become instruments of that "Unseen Hand." That "Unseen Hand" has proved to be a very steady, strong and powerful Hand.

This small number of personal acquaintances were poor in this world's goods, but rich in the *true*

values. In a sense, they, with me, felt "drafted" into this service — yet they willingly VOLUNTEERED.

That was some thirty-eight years ago, early 1934. Seven years before, early 1927, I had envisioned the idea of *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine. At the time, I was living in Portland, Oregon. I even engaged a professional letter-artist to design a dummy front cover for a magazine called "*The PLAIN TRUTH*." I wrote three or four articles — never actually published, I believe, save one.

But it was not until seven years later that I was able to produce Volume I, Number 1 of *The PLAIN TRUTH*. That was the February 1934 issue. It was a "homemade magazine" done on a borrowed mimeograph. The stencils were cut on a borrowed typewriter.

On January 6, 1934, due to the volunteered help of these few Co-Workers, I was able to go on the air with what became *The WORLD TOMORROW* program. It was a little 100-watt radio station in Eugene, Oregon. The charge for time — \$2.50 per half-hour program. The station owner had set a price lower than his operating cost for the half hour. Our tiny handful of Co-Workers were able, then, to contribute only about \$1.38 per week between them. I plunged ahead, taking the rest on faith.

The program then was only once a week. On the first four broadcasts, I offered *The PLAIN TRUTH*, free, subscription already paid. How paid? By these few volunteer Co-Workers.

Gradually others caught the vision. It was then in the very depth of the Great Depression. Money was a scarce commodity. To even issue a handmade mimeographed "magazine" and pay \$2.50 per week for broadcast time meant a real "blood, sweat and tears" sacrifice.

But we had a MISSION! There was a tremendous PURPOSE! We were sure we saw THE WAY to do it — no set subscription price for *The PLAIN TRUTH* — no request for contributions over the air. All had to be given WITHOUT PRICE!

Somehow those few self-sacrificing Co-Workers began to prosper. Even though they made serious self-sacrifice financially, their economic condition gradually improved. It was almost as if *it paid them* to have a part in this Work!

In those early years, this Work faced a constant struggle for survival. But gradually it grew — and grew — and multiplied in power and scope. By 1942



we were being heard nationally in the United States. In 1947 Ambassador College was born. But not without "birth pangs." For two years it was a fight for existence. Then a few people volunteered to send in their life savings to help. They have prospered financially since.

Gradually, as more and more people have come to recognize the challenge — to realize this great Work offers them an opportunity to have *a part* in changing, and in the end actually saving the world — the number who have volunteered to become Co-Workers has increased.

But there is a rather amazing factor here. Virtually every phase of our operations increased on an average of 30% each year over the first 35 years — save one factor. That is the number of Co-Workers who make it possible. It costs money to conduct this Work. During that same period, our operational expenditures also increased at the rate of approximately 30% every year over the year before. That means it **DOUBLED** in approximately 2 years and 7 months — less than 3 years. I know of no enterprise—whether commercial or noncommercial — that has grown so consistently so long.

And of course that means the income for the Work from these Co-Workers has increased on an average of 30% each year — for we do pay our bills and therefore our financial standing today is quite strong.

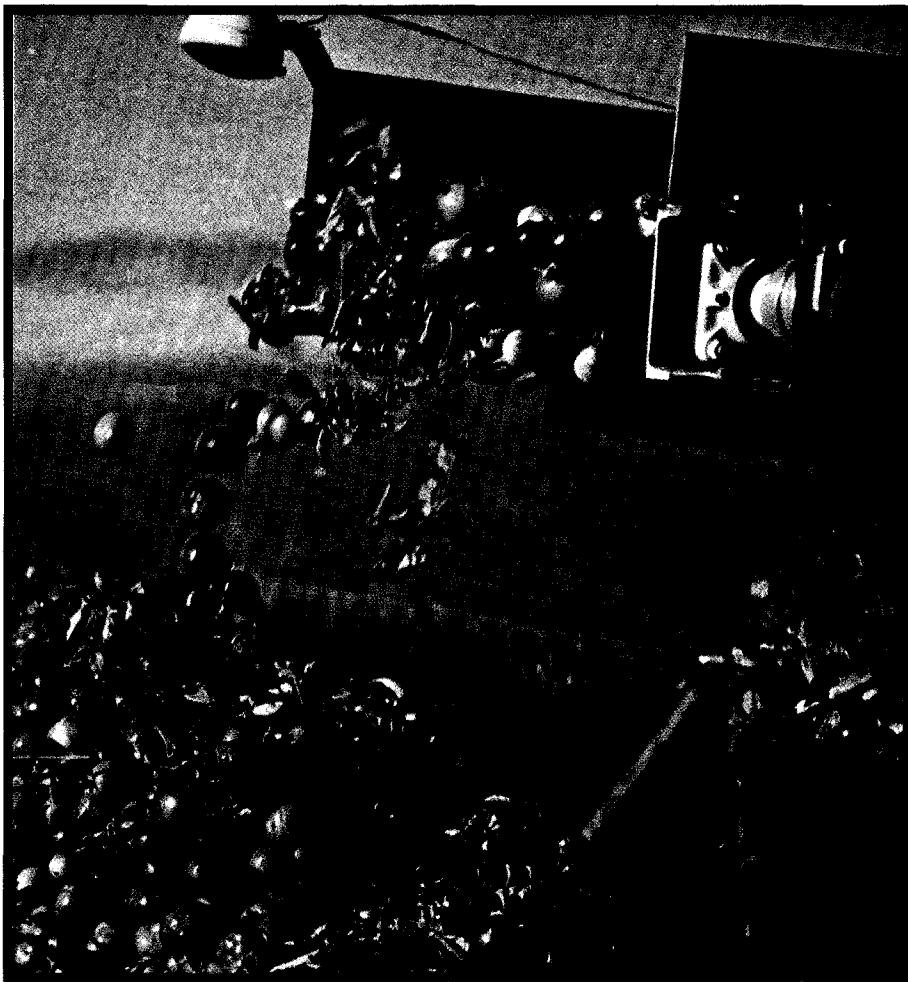
**BUT** — the incredible thing is, the increase in the *number* of Co-Workers helping voluntarily with us each year is *less than 12%*.

How can we account for an increase of 30% each year in tithes and contributions received (over the first 35 years of this Work) with only a small increase in the number contributing? The answer is surprising indeed! Those who volunteer to have part in this great Work *do* find that it **PAYS** — their personal incomes, on the whole, increase! I do not mean in every case — but as a whole!

How can we account for that?

Well, there is that Strong Hand from somewhere. If that unseen Hand does not exist, humanity will not survive on earth another 25 years! I know whereof I speak, for no organization on earth has a more knowledgeable grasp and understanding of world conditions, trends, and causes, than ours. We know where this confused world is heading. It is simply **NOT** finding any workable solutions for its major problems.

But there *is* that unseen **STRONG HAND**! There



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**Bumper California tomato crop. God promises abundant crops and bountiful harvests to those who faithfully keep His financial laws.**

will be supernatural intervention to save humanity alive. And the revelation given mankind by the Supreme Personage that wields that Strong Hand explains **WHY** such a small increase in supporting Co-Workers can account for a 30% increase in what they provide.

Listen to a few excerpts from that revealed explanation: To our own nations, He says: "Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me,

and I will return unto you, saith the Eternal of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return?"

And He answers: "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and PROVE ME NOW HEREWITH, saith the Eternal of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, AND POUR OUT A BLESSING, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Malachi 3:7-10).

Our Creator and Ruler of the universe CHALLENGES us! He challenges us to PROVE HIM! He makes a promise. He says put Him to the test! He PROMISES to prosper those who tithe to His Work.

Again, Jesus' words: "GIVE, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over" (Luke 6:38).

And further, the Apostle Paul: "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall also reap bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work" (II Cor. 9:6-8).

We know that we have been given a very great Mission. That Mission is to awaken a drowsy, lethargic humanity to the fact its WRONG WAYS are leading all humanity into a crisis that would mean the extinction of human life if the Almighty God did not come to our rescue. We have been called to proclaim to the world, as a witness, THE FACT that the Creator is ALSO THE RULER OVER HIS CREATION — that humanity as a whole has transgressed His Laws and therefore brought on itself all the accumulated evils that now exist in this world. We have been assigned to proclaim the very imminent coming of the Great Messiah in TOTAL supernatural POWER and GLORY to set up THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD over all nations, and to bring

this unhappy world PEACE at last!

I have said these Co-Workers volunteered. In a technical sense, if one understands, that is not entirely true. That is, it is not ALL of the truth!

For the *whole* truth is, that "unseen Strong Hand" is, literally, the living Christ who gave His life's blood to pay the penalty of the transgressions of the world, and who was raised from the dead — and is alive, in POWER, eternally. It is HE who guides and directs this great Work. Of that fact, we who *know* the facts have seen so much evidence over the years that it is no longer a question.

And this same Jesus, during His human lifetime, said of His disciples, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you" (John 15:16). In a sense, those having a part in this great Work with and under the living Christ have been *drafted*. But it is not a compulsory draft. Except for a full-time special mission, each individual makes his own decision. "And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely" (Rev. 22:17).

Therefore, our Co-Workers, of their own free will, made their own decision, unasked, unsolicited, by me or any in this Work. Even though called and chosen by that unseen Strong Hand, which they may not have realized, they did volunteer to accept; to *have a part* in changing and saving the world, under the living Christ!

We know that we are merely poor human instruments in the very Work of the Almighty Living God, preparing the way! Even now, this Work is *changing* the lives of thousands every year. Soon, under the world-ruling Government of God, it will finally result in not only CHANGING THE WORLD, but also in SAVING THE WORLD!

And THAT is why this Work had to start so small! Whatever God does through humans must *start* the very smallest, and then *grow* BIG! THAT is why it has grown so surely and steadily to worldwide impact and power! THAT is why a relatively small annual increase of financial Co-Workers have been prospered so that their contributions have increased up to 30% yearly increase!

It was truly a "blood, sweat and

tears" struggle in the early years. It still is, today. But willingness of Co-Workers to suffer privation and sacrifice was rewarded not only financially, but spiritually, socially, and in other ways.

I cannot, in this "Personal" article, give acknowledgment and credit by naming those I wish to honor. They have grown from a mere dozen into thousands — yet less than 3 percent of those who enjoy reading *The PLAIN TRUTH* pay the entire production cost. And they do far more — they finance *The WORLD TOMORROW* program — they pay the operating costs of the three campuses of Ambassador College and all the other GOOD THINGS being done through this Work.

This Work, worldwide though it has grown, has never been able to quit struggling for survival. It still is a daily struggle that the income meet the needs. We have to struggle constantly with the budget. We dare not let it exceed income. We have to struggle to find new ways to make every dollar go farther — to give greater SERVICE to larger numbers of people.

I have intended this month's "Personal" to be an acknowledgment and a tribute to our Co-Workers. At the same time I have meant it to be a frank, yet simple and straightforward EXPLANATION to all other TOMORROW'S WORLD readers. It is *NOT* intended as a solicitation. We want NO ONE to feel obligated. Rather, that YOU favor US, and we are indebted to YOU, when you allow us to *give* and to *serve*. For then *ours* is the greater blessing, for Jesus said "It is more blessed to GIVE than to receive."


Yet to say that we would not welcome other volunteers who wish to have a part with our family of Co-Workers would be untrue. We assuredly would not deny any that privilege, but rejoice in welcoming them with open arms.

Paradoxically, as this Work struggles to survive — and to GROW in scope and power — it does so to WARN a world whose greatest problem is SURVIVAL — yet we are the only voice on earth with the GOOD NEWS of *HOW* THIS WORLD WILL SURVIVE — AND OF THE HAPPY WORLD TOMORROW! Our Co-Workers and I *THANK YOU* for allowing us to serve and GIVE! □



# CENTURY 21

WHAT  
WILL  
IT  
BE  
LIKE?



Cutaway view of space station (shown on cover) showing the interior of proposed orbiting space station envisioned by space technology.

Lockheed Missiles & Space Corp.

by Herbert W. Armstrong

Will the next decade or two bring human **EXTINCTION** — or will Century 21 dawn on a **NEW WORLD OF PEACE**, with incredible scientific achievements?

**S**UDDENLY this world has become different! It was never like this before. LOOK at the change in the last 70 years — then LOOK at the change in the last TEN. What will *another* 10 years be like — and WHAT by Century 21?

When I was a boy, our family transportation was a horse and buggy. Horse-drawn streetcars had just been replaced with the little trolley-car “dinkeys.” Telephones were rare, hanging on walls. Only a few downtown streets in cities were paved. Automobiles were a curiosity — we called them “horseless carriages.” They were steered with a stick instead of a steering wheel.

Gaslights dimly illuminated city streets. A man, riding horseback, rode past with a lighting stick to turn them on at dusk, and again to turn them off at dawn. Our home was dimly lighted by kerosene lamps. No man had ever flown. Orville Wright's first 12-second, 120-foot flight did not occur until after I was 4½ months into my 12th year. Radio and television were unheard-of. And milk in cities cost five cents per quart.

### What About the Last TEN Years?

Now look at the startling “advances” of just the last decade.

They said MORE KNOWLEDGE would solve all the world's ills. So, in the last ten years the world's sum of KNOWLEDGE has *doubled* — mostly in fields of technology, electronics, medicine, and various branches of science. But the world's problems and troubles HAVE DOUBLED ALSO! In that same ten years!

But look how ten short years have changed YOUR LIFE. It was not like this a single decade ago.

TODAY — it is unsafe to walk on streets — in city or in town. Your house or apartment may be broken into if you're away. Crime now is rampant, even in residence areas.

Student revolt — violence on campuses. Disheveled hippies lolling aimlessly about.

Unhappy marriages — increasing divorce — juvenile delinquency. Family and home life, the FOUNDATION of any flourishing civilization, falling apart. Police report more homicides in homes,

due to family quarrels, than any other source. WHY this sudden breakdown of family life?

Then there's mounting racial strife, mass demonstrations, riots, looting, widespread mass VIOLENCE. And threat of all-out world-girdling NUCLEAR WAR.

Again I ask: WHAT will this world be like in *another* ten years? And *what* by Century 21?

### What Scientists Prophecy

Scientists picture two opposite extremes ahead.

1) Science, technology and modern industry are teaming together to produce a magic push-button Disneyland dream-world for our near future. They plan to bring happiness to humanity by reducing work hours to an unheard-of minimum. Now they are talking about a six-hour day; a three-day work week; four-day weekends off work; three-to-four-month vacations; net incomes, after taxes, up to \$50,000 (£19,000) per year; and retirement at age 49.

They plan to make us all happy by producing a dazzling array of gadgets, labor-saving devices, amusement and entertainment mechanisms such as our wildest anticipations have not envisioned. And medical science plans to replace breaking down human organs to lengthen lives.

2) Conversely, other world-famous scientists see a far sterner picture of the future — one that reverts to the opposite extreme. They see — today — the starving masses of illiterates in India, China, Africa — more than half the world's population in the depths of ignorance, poverty, squalor and degradation; the population explosion and the coming food war; the breakdown of family life, the very BASIS of a progressive and thriving society; the spiraling increase in crime; the fast-spreading breakdown of law and order, and increasing widespread violence; the proliferation and stockpiling of nuclear weapons that can blast all life from this earth *fifty times over*; and then the mounting crescendo of strife and hostility between nuclear-power nations!

All this they see, and view a future of gloom and doom and absolute hopelessness. They tell us humanity's one

great problem, now, is the QUESTION OF SURVIVAL.

Other scientists, educators and writers envision the next few years in this manner: The present trend will continue — only it will accelerate. The world will be as it is now, only *more so*! That is, *more* dazzling inventions for the *few* who can afford them; increasing millions of poverty-stricken, starving illiterates in backward areas; accelerating increase in the population explosion; increasing immorality, breakdown of marriages and family relationships; *more* crime; *more* race riots; increasing violence; *more* sickness and disease; *more* mental breakdowns; *more* unrest, distrust and tension between nuclear nations until they reach the breaking point. They see these worsening conditions speeding up.

Ask these sober scientists HOW LONG we may continue in this present trend. Some will guess, perhaps ten more years — others think less than ten — some give us, perhaps, a little more. But that's only relative. It's still a question of SURVIVAL!

### Neither of These Makes Sense

But humanity *WILL SURVIVE*! There is GOOD NEWS for the future. It is reported by a major news source most people — and most scientists — have utterly overlooked.

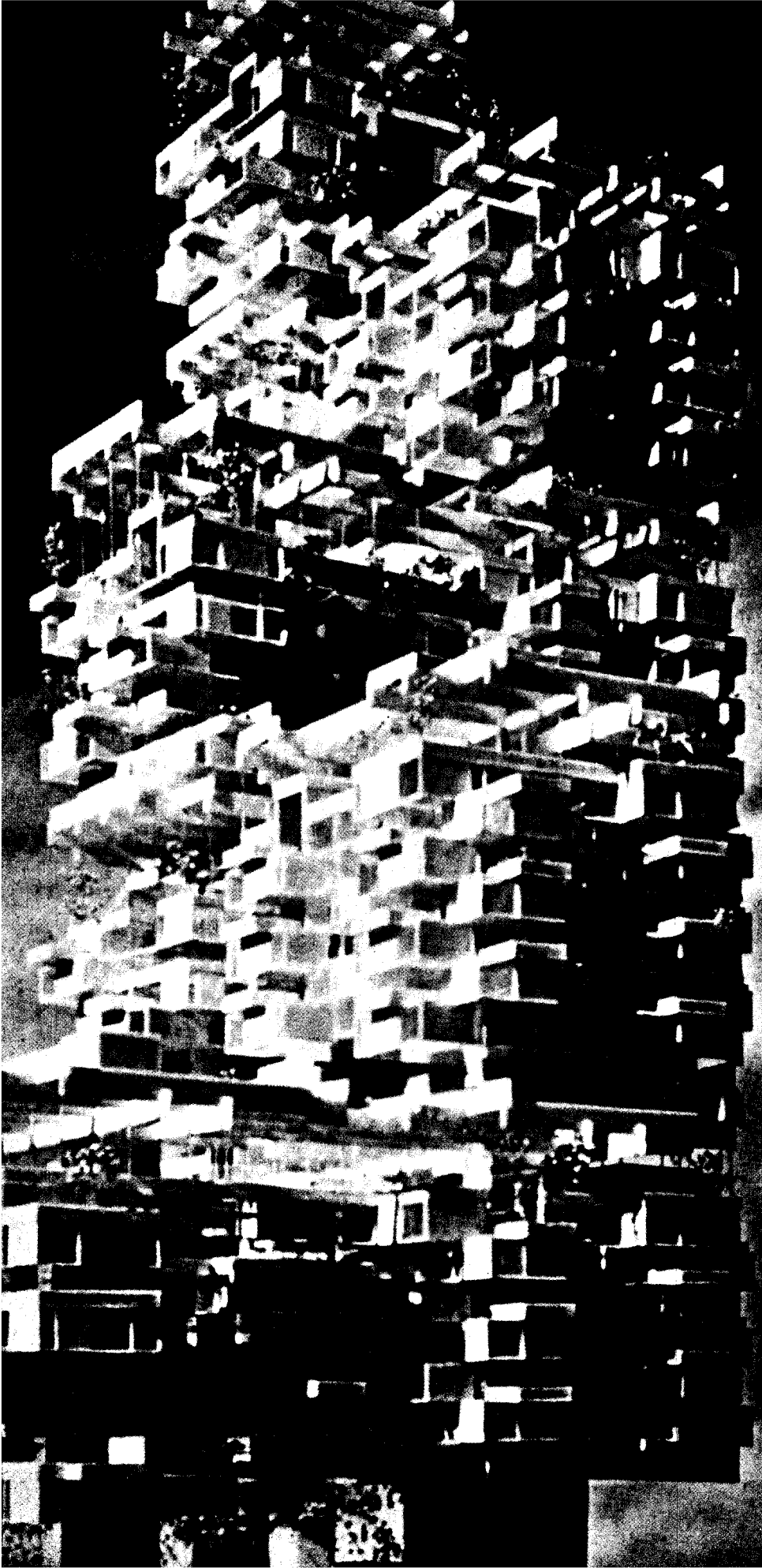
There is a Master Plan already being worked out. And *before* Century 21, it will bring to this earth PEACE! There is a Master Plan to solve the vast problems of illiteracy, starvation, poverty and squalor. It entails vast agrarian reforms, economic reforms, reforms in governments, and *practical* plans to bring about disarmament and world peace.

Many scientists and world leaders know, in general, what it will take to bring this solution. Today, many far-seeing leaders put their fingers on the one great change that can now save humanity alive. What they don't know is how to implement it.

With one voice, these men say the solution now demands a WORLD GOVERNMENT.

Sir Winston Churchill said: “A world super-government is the only solution to man's ills.”





Architect's dream —  
or nightmare?  
Will tomorrow's cities  
be overcrowded,  
honeycombed  
hodgepodes of bizarre  
architecture?

**God says, "Woe  
unto them that join  
house to house,  
that lay field  
to field,  
till there be  
no place,  
that they may be  
placed alone  
in the earth"  
(Isaiah 5:8).**

— Paul Rudolph Photo

Said Dr. Charles E. Osgood, "What we need — and that most urgently — is world government." Others, as if with one voice, say the same.

There is just one thing wrong with this solution — and it's the **ONLY** one advanced. That world super-government would have to be given the power of a world police force to enforce its laws, and it would have to maintain the **ONLY** military force in the world — all nations would have to surrender their armies, navies, and air forces to this one **SUPER-STATE**.

#### **ONLY Solution — But Won't WORK**

In a word, *every* nation would have to surrender its national sovereignty absolutely. And **WHAT MAN** could be accepted by all as **WORLD RULER**? It would, mind you, be a world **POLICE STATE**. Would the Soviet Union give up its struggle to harness the whole world with Communism, and accept an American as their world ruler? No, I'm afraid not in a thousand years!

Would the U. S. accept a Russian from the Kremlin? Or perhaps a North Vietnamese or a North Korean? **NEVER!**

There is only one way the nations could get together on a world super-government.

Within nations, each individual has to be willing to give up his personal sovereignty. He must submit to the laws of his government, or suffer the consequences. Of course, individuals in all countries are given certain personal liberties, not prohibited by law.

So it must be with NATIONS — *if* there is to be a world super-government — *if* humanity is to survive! If there is to be the world super-government Winston Churchill envisioned, all individual nations must first give up their private selfish goals, their dreams of world conquest — of spreading *their* particular kind of government around the world.

One important news magazine said this can happen only if there is "a strong hand from someplace" that would intervene.

So there is the world's dilemma.

All leaders are agreed the world's only hope is a world super-government. At the same time, all leaders confess frankly that world super-government is absolutely unfeasible and utterly IMPOSSIBLE!

And where does that leave you? Does that leave you with nothing but gloom and doom for the future?

On this world leaders are agreed: The *ONLY* SOLUTION is IMPOSSIBLE!

### Yet There IS Good News

Isn't it just about time we heard some GOOD news for a change? Yes, there is, after all, a GREAT NEWS SOURCE the world leaders and scientists have left out of the picture. There *is* a major world news source most have overlooked. It reports tomorrow's news today! It reports world news before it happens! It's news of a gigantic MASTER PLAN for a world super-government. There *is* that needed "strong hand from someplace."

### Two Alternatives and ONLY Two

You *have* to face it — either there is now no HOPE — either all humanity soon will be erased from this earth (to use an expression spoken by the late U. S. President Eisenhower) — or there

does exist that "strong hand from someplace" with supernatural power to INTERVENE in world affairs — to literally take control from the human Great Powers of this world and to SAVE humanity from itself!

Every reader needs to *wake up* — and to realize this means *YOUR* LIFE — and the lives of your children, your family, your friends and neighbors. The one great problem facing every one of us is HUMAN SURVIVAL. And the only alternative to extinction — SOON — is world government — so say the leaders.

I sat in the press gallery in the Opera House at the San Francisco Conference in 1945, when world leaders were drawing up the charter for the United Nations. There I heard the leading statesmen of the world warning that this United Nations they were forming was "THE WORLD'S LAST HOPE." One hour, in plenary sessions, they were uttering this solemn warning; the next hour in group conferences with leaders from other nations they were fighting savagely for their own special advantage.

The United Nations has proved futile — except, perhaps, as a propaganda sounding board for the Soviet Union. There have been more than sixty wars scattered over the world, which the United Nations was impotent to stop, since 1945. The United Nations is NOT a super world government.

### This Is REAL — It Involves YOU

Hiding your eyes from the existing facts won't save your world for you — and YOU alive in it! This directly concerns the life of every reader of TOMORROW'S WORLD — and the countless other millions who *ought* to be reading it.

This is REAL! It's HERE! There isn't much more time! It's now far later than you think. And — yes, I realize it — this is the *ONLY* VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS of today's desperate situation that dares to SPEAK OUT!

THIS YOU MUST FACE. There are now two alternatives — and ONLY two.

1) Either the Creator GOD — who has been utterly ignored by this world's education, who has been TOTALLY

FORSAKEN by this world's rulers and its governments, who has been discredited in the thinking of vanity-filled world leaders and educators — either that very Eternal Almighty GOD exists, and will *soon*, now, step in and INTERVENE in this world's affairs, and SAVE ERRING HUMANITY FROM ITSELF — or:

2) Any one of six existing causes will ERASE HUMANKIND FROM THE EARTH, possibly in this decade or the next — and *most certainly prior to* CENTURY 21!

The person who is unwilling to consider that the Creator GOD is a real, living, all-wise, all-knowing, all-powerful personal BEING, has only the CERTAINTY of existing world conditions fast closing in upon him!

But for the reader who is willing to listen, I give you not only your *ONLY* HOPE of survival, I give you your one *SURE* HOPE.

### World's Most Accurate Newscaster

First, notice the published report of the world's number one Newscaster. This newscast was a FORECAST. And it's CERTAIN. I know, very few ever realized that Jesus Christ came as a NEWS-man — reporting NEWS for the future. He spoke of twentieth-century world conditions — and WORLD GOVERNMENT to come. The world has misunderstood, perverted, maligned His Message. The word "gospel" *means* GOOD NEWS. And His was news for the FUTURE. He described today's violent chaotic world. In the pivotal prophecy of the New Testament of the world's best selling Book, He graphically described the international chaos into which the world is rapidly plunging right now. He said the violence would explode into a world trouble so great, that unless God intervened, no human would remain alive. Yet, He promised, the All-powerful God would intervene supernaturally to cut short this world chaos (Matt. 24:21-22).

### NEWS — Past, Present, Future

No book has so great a sale as the Holy Bible. No book ever was so misunderstood, maligned, distorted, misrepresented. Those who profess to use it

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# ALL ABOUT SIN

by L. Leroy Neff

**What is sin? Where did sin come from? Who may define it? The answer to these and many other questions you have wondered about are in this article.**

**I**N THE beginning God designed and planned a perfect creation. God's purpose in this creation included a plan of salvation for mankind so that ultimately God's family might be greatly enlarged.

In order to bring this plan to fruition, there had to be a *spiritual* creation and a *physical* creation. It was necessary that there be spiritual and physical laws so that order instead of chaos would prevail.

In this plan there would be a *cause* for every good or bad effect. For every *action* there would be a *reaction*. God designed natural physical laws which were put into automatic action at the Creation.

God also established spiritual laws, but few people are aware of them. These laws regulate human and divine relations. They are laws based on the principle of *love*, which is giving, serving, and having an outgoing concern for others.

The violation of this principle of love is a violation of God's *way*. Since God designed this *way* of living, and made the results automatic, He, and He alone, can reveal it to mankind. The violation of this right *way* God calls sin. Therefore, only *God*, and none other, can define sin.

God does not want us to suffer from an unhappy life. He has *defined* sin for us so that we might avoid the consequences of violating His Law. He has defined righteousness so that we might learn about the *way* that will automatically bring the good life. If God had not revealed these things, we would not

be able to learn them of and by ourselves using the trial-and-error method in our short lifetimes.

## The Original Sin

When God first laid the foundations for the earth, the angels shouted for joy (Job 38:7). This creation was designed and prepared so that mankind would have all the necessary essentials for life — and to ultimately fulfill God's plan of salvation.

Before the creation of man, God set one of His great archangels, Lucifer, a cherub, to rule over the earth. He apparently was sent here to prepare the earth for man.

But in the intervening time this great angelic creature violated the basic spiritual law of love and outgoing concern for others. He wasn't satisfied with *God's definition* of what was right and what was wrong. He wanted to decide for himself what was sin and what was righteousness. He had been told about God's plans and His spiritual principles of concern for others, including obedience to God the Creator. God had shown him what was right and what was wrong.

However, Lucifer was not satisfied with his position as ruler of the earth alone — he wanted to go to *heaven* and overthrow the entire government of God! He wanted all the other spirit beings to look to him as their leader *instead of* God their Creator.

Lucifer had no downward pull to encourage him in these evil thoughts. There was no one around to deceive *him* into doing wrong. He decided to

do wrong — with full knowledge and aforethought.

How could he achieve his goal? There was only one way, and that was to knock God off His throne. In order to do this, he needed henchmen. Incredibly, he was able to sway one third of all the angels to follow him in a *rebellion* against God. He had developed a *hatred* against God and His way. That is *murder* (I John 3:15). He was a murderer from the beginning. And in the process, he also became the *father of lies* (John 8:44).

### Satan's Fall

As a result of his revolutionary attempt to overthrow God, there was war in heaven. Lucifer, whose name meant "Light Bringer," became an adversary, a rebel, and a destroyer. And so God changed his name, and from that time referred to him by the names "Satan," "Abaddon," "Apollyon" or "devil." His name was changed to fit the change in his character. Satan, with one third of the *angels, which became demons* (because of their rebellion in concert with Satan), was cast back to the earth. Christ said: "I saw Satan as lightning fall..." (Luke 10:18).

God had established a way of life, the transgression of which was sin. Satan was the *first being to sin*, and in the process *he, not Adam, fell*.

Since the earliest times, worldwide traditions have taught that Adam was the first sinner. Mankind has been deceived into thinking that Adam sinned and fell instead of Satan — the real culprit. The subtle Satan is happy to have deceived mankind into such erroneous thinking!

### Adam's Sin

How then did Adam and Eve come to sin?

They were placed in a beautiful garden containing all the necessities of life. God gave them commandments which defined the right and wrong ways to live. He also showed them that sin was the violation of His way.

Since they were just created, they did not have the valuable lesson of experience. In the beginning they *did not* have an innate downward pull or propensity to do evil. God did not create

them so that they *had* to sin. They were *free* moral agents — able to *choose* to obey or disobey their Creator.

God had placed two very important trees in the garden. These were probably literal trees, but, most important, they were symbolic of the essential principles of right and wrong — of good and bad — of sin and righteousness. One tree was the tree of *LIFE*, and they were *not* prohibited from eating its fruit — in fact they were advised to *EAT OF IT!* The fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil was forbidden *on pain of death!*

Into this idyllic setting, God allowed Satan to enter in the form of a serpent. Adam would someday replace him as ruler of the earth. Satan's realm was threatened. He subtly strove to influence Adam and Eve to *also* sin and rebel against God!

The account in Genesis 3 shows how Satan first *deceived* Eve. Satan realized that she was the "weaker vessel" (I Peter 3:7) — the more naïve or glib of the two. The way he deceived her was to put a question in her mind — to put her on the defensive, to make her question the *motives* of Almighty God.

"Hath God said...?" was the approach. Satan showed her how desirable it would be to partake of the forbidden fruit. She fell for his appealing deception and ate of the tree.

She had disobeyed God and apparently gotten away with it. Satan must be right and God must be wrong! She did not realize the long-reaching and *sometimes delayed penalty of sin* (Eccl. 8:11-13). She did not know that she was now *as good as dead* (Gen. 2:17).

In order to justify herself in her crime, she sought to persuade Adam to take of the fruit, too. But he could not be so easily deceived as she. In fact, Adam was not deceived (I Timothy 2:14). But his wife was so appealing in her plea, and he so much wanted to please her and to "keep peace" in the family, that he gave in to her.

Adam sinned! Eve sinned! The penalty was death (Rom. 6:23). Therefore, what did they pass on to the rest of mankind? They could *not* pass on immortality because they *didn't have it*. They could *only pass on mortality!*

### Man Is Not Forced to Sin!

None of their children were *forced* to sin just because Adam and Eve had sinned. Abel was righteous, but their son Cain became a murderer (Genesis 4:1-8; Heb. 11:4).

No one has been *forced* to sin, but *all* have sinned (Rom. 3:23). Why? For the same reason that Eve, and then Adam, sinned. They were deceived by Satan. Satan has been around with his demons ever since that time, deceiving all of the rest of mankind in the same evil way. God says Satan has deceived the *whole* world! (Revelation 12:9.) He has used every possible influence to deceive all of mankind. Satan has broadcast his philosophy far and wide — appealing to our vanity, lust and greed to influence us. Each of us has been tuned into this deceitful bombardment from an early age. Satan has used this method to insert *wrong thoughts*, and he uses the environment and circumstances to influence us to make wrong decisions just like Adam and Eve did.

When we were born, we had no hatred or animosity against God or His perfect way. We didn't even know that God existed, or that He had a right way for us to live. But in due time we, too, developed the same attitude as Satan, of selfishness, of greed and lust, and of wanting our own way.

When we were little children, we may have been like those that Christ spoke of (Matthew 18:3, 4). They were humble and teachable — not yet fully deceived by Satan and his society. In that state we were like those who will ultimately inherit God's Kingdom.

Satan and his demons originated *sin*, and they have deceived all of us into sinning, too.

### What Is Sin?

We have seen how sin came about. Next, we should see what God says about sin. *What is God's definition of sin?*

It is not up to us to decide what sin is. That is what Satan tried to do. Instead of accepting God's definition of sin, Satan decided *for himself* what "sin" was. Since then, the whole human race has followed Satan in deciding

what "sin" is. Each person tries to reason for himself what is right and what is wrong.

God has not left it up to us to decide what sin is. If He had, then there would be as many definitions for sin as there are persons. Of course, that is what people are trying to do now, because they do not know the true Creator God — and His power and His authority.

It seems that every religion, church and sect has its own idea of what sin is. Many of these ideas are exceedingly *vague*. They range from strict do's and don'ts of certain fundamentalist sects to "there is no sin" by some metaphysically oriented religions.

But God is specific! God is definite and clear! God leaves no doubt to the earnest seeker after truth.

The only problem is with any person who does not want to hear this clear, plain truth. Instead of accepting a simple, straightforward answer, it seems many people would rather hear a vague definition. A vague definition gives one the opportunity to decide for himself what is sin and what is righteousness.

Here is God's definition:

"Sin is the transgression of the law"! (I John 3:4.)

How can you be more specific than that? How can you be any clearer?

How is it possible that people who talk so much about sin — who spend their whole lives studying the Bible — do not see this clear definition?

The reason? They *don't like God's Law*. "Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be" (Romans 8:7).

People think God's Law has been done away with, and indeed if it has, *there would be no sin* (Rom. 4:15).

*But God's Law was not done away with!*

True, as a result of Christ's sacrifice — the anti-typical fulfillment of the sacrificial system and its attendant laws — certain rituals and ordinances are not now obligatory. Paul shows which ones in Hebrews 9:10: "Which stood only in meats and drinks [sacrifices], and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation."

Compare this, for a moment, with the laws of the United States. The Constitution and the Bill of Rights give the basic underlying principles for all law. Then other laws expand and expound these principles. The laws made by Congress or other properly constituted legislative bodies remain in effect as laws of the land *until* repealed or nullified by later laws. But no law may be instituted which is contrary to the basic Constitution.

### Paul Kept God's Law

One reason people don't understand about God's Law is that they misconstrue some of Paul's writings. "As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction" (II Peter 3:16).

They do not realize that Paul everywhere upheld God's Law and obeyed it (Romans 7:25). And, they misunderstand Paul's remarks that we cannot *gain* or *earn* salvation by keeping the Law. We can only receive life by *grace* or *unmerited pardon*.

If you are not clear on this subject, please write for our articles "The New Testament Teaching on Law and Grace" and "What'll You Be Doing in the Next Life?"

### Which Law Defines Sin?

The specific law which defines sin is shown by Paul to be the Ten Commandment Law. "What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet" (Romans 7:7).

Notice two points in this scripture. We saw where the Apostle John said in I John 3:4, that the *Law* defines sin. Paul gives the same definition here: "I had not known *sin*, but by the law." *Secondly*, the particular law which defines sin is the *Ten Commandment Law*. One of these commandments is mentioned in Romans 7:7 so there *can be no mistake* as to *which law* defines sin.

From this it is clear that God's *Ten*

*Commandment Law* is the basic, fundamental law which defines sin. This Law was never done away with, at the cross or any other time. "The works of his hands are verity and judgment; all his commandments are sure. They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness" (Psalms 111:7, 8).

This Ten Commandment Law is in effect today and will be throughout all eternity (Revelation 12:17 and 22:14).

These basic, all-encompassing commands are the foundational principles on which all of the *other* laws of God are based. David amplifies this principle by saying that they are exceedingly *broad* (Psalms 119:96).

There is another definition of sin in the Bible, which says in different words what we have already seen in John's and Paul's writings.

John also says "All unrighteousness is sin" (I John 5:17).

*Unrighteousness* is sin; therefore righteousness is the opposite, or lack of sin.

David shows that *righteousness* is the keeping of God's commandments. "My tongue shall speak of thy word: for *all thy commandments are righteousness*" (Psalms 119:172).

Moses shows the same principle in Deuteronomy 6:25: "And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the Lord our God, as he hath commanded us."

From all these *plain* and *clear* scriptures, how can anyone say that sin is anything else than the transgression of God's Law? Don't let Satan's clever arguments deceive *you* as they did Eve and the whole world. Choose to believe the simple, clear, plain statements of your Creator God.

### The Spiritual Law Explained

Christ came to make the Law honorable and to show the spiritual meaning and intent. In fact, He explains very clearly in the "sermon on the mount" that we must obey the spirit and intent of the Law. Now, it is just as much a sin to *lust* in a sexual way as to commit the physical act. It is a sin to *hate* just as much as to actually commit murder (Matthew 5:17-48). Christ came

to **MAGNIFY** the Law (Isa. 42:21).

Christ explained that the Ten Commandments are based on one important principle. That principle is *love* towards God and *love* towards neighbor. The first four commandments show how to love God and the last six define how we should love our neighbor.

Paul explains the same principle in Romans 13:10: "Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law." From this text it should be evident that the person who does fulfill God's Ten Commandment Law is showing the proper love toward his neighbor. Therefore love equals the fulfilling of the Law, and the fulfilling of the Law equals love.

### What's Wrong With the Law?

How could anyone find fault with God's perfect law of love? Is there anything *wrong* with being faithful to a mate and not committing adultery? Of course not! And how could anyone say there is something wrong with not stealing or coveting someone else's property? Could anyone find fault with being truthful and honest? Surely not.

God's Law is a *great* Law! It does no harm to those who keep it in all its points. It can only bring blessings and happiness.

Why then do people hate it so?

It is not because there is any weakness in the Law! Rather it is due to the fact that *people* are weak — lacking in *character*. Of and by ourselves, we are too characterless to keep the Law in the letter and in the spirit. This was the problem in ancient Israel. The Law itself is holy, just and good. The weakness — the fault — lies with *people*. "For finding fault with *them* [the people of ancient Israel], he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah..." (Heb. 8:8).

The new covenant or agreement that God will make with the united nation of Israel in the future will be based on the *very same laws*! The difference will be in the fact that God will give the people His Holy Spirit to enable them to *keep* those laws (Jer. 31:31-34). God's righteous laws will be written in the "inward parts" — the minds —

## PEOPLE SAY:

● "Adam committed the original (first) sin."

● "Sin is separation from God."

● "Adam fell."

● "My church tells me what sin is."

● "Adam passed on his evil nature to us."

● "Each person can decide for himself what sin is."

● "As a result of Adam's sin, we are born to sin."

● "I no longer sin."

● "I have not sinned."

● "Let your conscience be your guide."

## GOD SAYS:

"The devil sinneth from the beginning" (I John 3:8 and Ezek. 28:15).

"Sin is the transgression of the law" (I John 3:4).

"I beheld Satan as lightning fall..." (Luke 10:18).

"Sin is the transgression of the law" (I John 3:4).

"And so death [not an evil nature] passed upon all men..." (Romans 5:12).

"Sin is the transgression of the law" (I John 3:4).

"Every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his *own* [not Adam's] lust, and enticed" (James 1:14).

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us" (I John 1:8).

"If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us" (I John 1:10).

Your conscience can be "seared" (I Tim. 4:2), "defiled" (Titus 1:15) and "evil" (Hebrews 10:22).



## PEOPLE SAY:

## GOD SAYS:

● "The Commandments are done away."

● "The Law is done away."

● "There is no such thing as sin."

● "I can sin and get away with it."

● "The soul is immortal."

● "I'm going to heaven when I die."

● It's okay for a man to wear long hair."

● "Sunday is the Lord's Day."

● "Parables were given to make the meaning clearer."

"Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city" (Rev. 22:14).

"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:17-19).

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us" (1 John 1:8).

"The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23).

"The soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezek. 18:4, 20).

"No man hath ascended up to heaven"! (John 3:13).

"If a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him" (1 Cor. 11:14).

"The Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath" (Mark 2:28).

Christ spoke in parables to *bide* "the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 13:10-13).

of the men in Tomorrow's World.

Love is the fulfilling of God's Law. Where do we get this love? "The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts *by the Holy Spirit* which is given unto us" (Rom. 5:5). With God's power — His Spirit — working in one's mind, it is *always* possible to keep God's Law!

Some people have the false idea that it is impossible to keep God's commandments and laws. Christ kept them perfectly, because He did not sin (1 Peter 2:22). We also read that the parents of John the Baptist "were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless" (Luke 1:6).

What people do not realize is that with God *all things are possible* (Matt. 19:26). With Jesus Christ living His life within us, *it is possible* to keep God's commandments (Gal. 2:20; Phil. 4:13).

## How Does a Person Sin?

James explains that sin is a process. He shows that a person is first tempted of his own lust; secondly, enticed; and thirdly, when this lust continues, it ultimately brings forth *sin*. The ultimate result of sin is death (James 1:13-15).

The further a person proceeds in this process, the harder it is to turn around and avoid sinning. The easiest time to prevent sin is to immediately put the original thought out of the mind.

In order to put a wrong thought out of your mind, fill your mind with good thoughts (Philippians 4:8). What better thoughts are there than those about God and His Word?

All human woe, unhappiness, pain and misery have come as a direct result of sin — the violation of God's spiritual and physical laws. Happiness and a full abundant life are the automatic results of obedience to God's Law.

If you want to enjoy the good things in life and enjoy in the future the reward of a true Christian, you must obey God and His Law.

Everyone really wants the best things in life and a good reward at the end. But, most people don't know the way to this kind of life. Now you know the right way.

Choose it and you will choose *life!* ■

**S**EVERAL months ago my oldest daughter, Kamie, came home from a summer in Jerusalem. Bubbling, happy, vibrant, full of satisfying participation in an archaeological dig. She'd done new things, won new friends. Life had proved rewarding, worthwhile, exquisite. She was ready to move on and meet the challenge of her junior year in college. She was eager to live and learn and do!

Yesterday my youngest daughter, "Suzi," came swishing — all in pink and brown — out of the Los Angeles International Airport customs room. Just home from her first college semester in England. Her eyes found us. Our smiles were enriched with tears. We hugged and kissed and talked and wondered about the baggage and tried to get closer . . . and it all was so very good.

My girls have been growing up.

My girls have a date with destiny.

My girls are beginning to exert normal, natural, powerful feminine influence.

#### Girl Power

All girls do! And it can be so very good. But I doubt that most girls perceive the wonder in that potential. They must come to understand it. Each of them is going to use that power — which turning into a woman gives to a girl — for better or for worse!

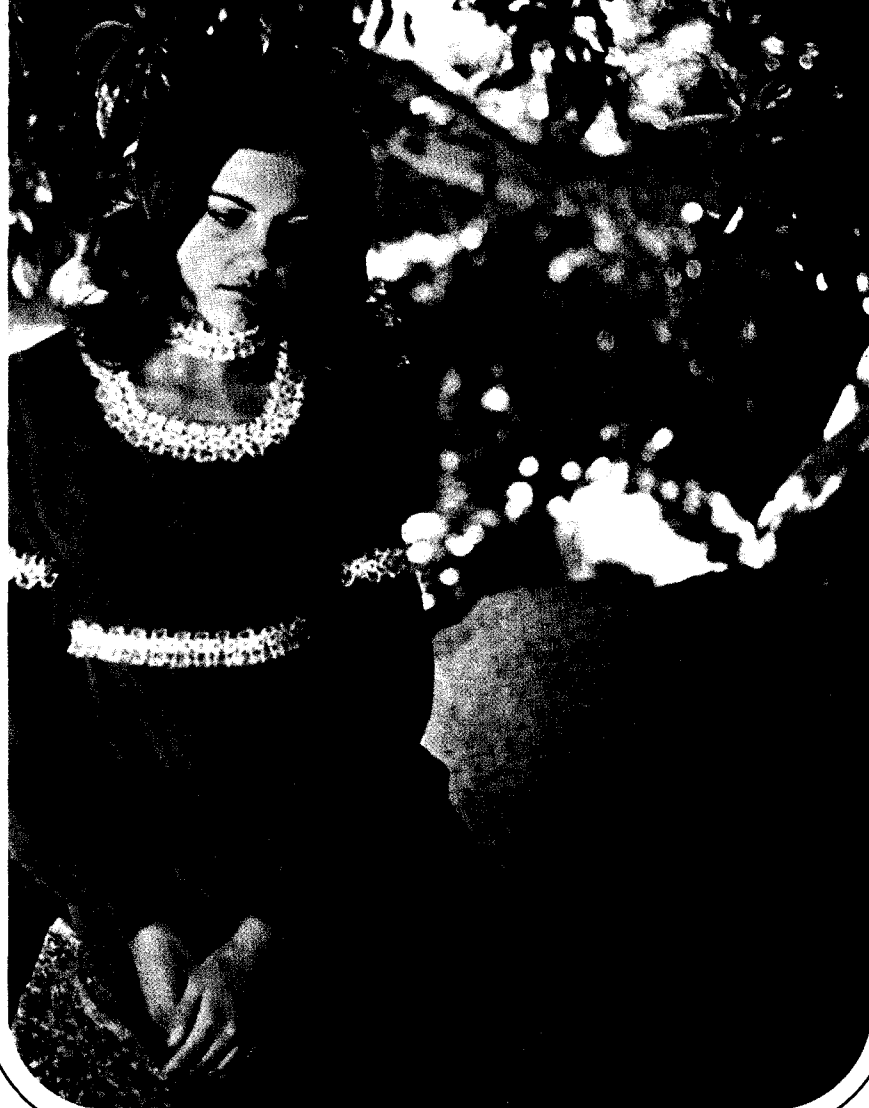
Girls grow up. Girlish thoughts are O.K. for girls. But have you taken a look at yourself lately? Are you still *only* a girl? Have you given any thought as to why boys are becoming interested in you? Why have you become more attracted to them? Why do some of them not seem to be monsters any more? It's because your mind and body are maturing, and there's much more to life than just dolls, school and dresses. Life was meant to reward you. You were meant to give meaning to life. It's time to be learning about it.

A girl needs to understand what she is. What she has. What she will become. What she can do.

#### Men Need Help

Woman came on the scene right after Adam. There was no doubt at all that the man needed help — and lots of

# FOR GIRLS ONLY



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Sugar 'n spice 'n everything nice . . . 'n with the power potential of womanhood to change the future of the world.

by Clint C. Zimmerman

it. There could be no future without woman. She provided a desperately needed sweet-sour, opposite-sameness for man. She was meant to complement him, stabilize him, stimulate him. Produce the future — something he could never do by himself. She had the inherent ability to make their lives happy, peaceful, content. To encourage, motivate, inspire. To give deep meaning to the word "love." To make life completely successful.

Eve had the first opportunity. She and her husband could have conquered and ruled the world — given it happiness and peace everlasting. But she swallowed a lie, made her rash decision about what is right and wrong. Lined up her own experiment and blew it — but good. Perhaps she didn't recognize what tremendous influence she held over Adam, nor how far-reaching the consequences. She turned it all on — and the roof caved in.

Remember Delilah? She got together with Samson, the dude who would make any modern surfer look sick. He was a real, lusty longhair. (He was to be a Nazarite from his mother's womb — Judges 13:5.) He had roving eyes and he knew what he wanted. When the right chick came along, he was long gone. Brains, muscle, body — neat, tough and cool — but his whole life became loused up. He started himself down the chute, no doubt about that, but his woman, Delilah, was right in there using her femininity to "help" him all the way down and out. She turned on, and Samson really blew it.

Take Herodias and her daughter Salome for another example. Salome danced for the king so these two women could have what they wanted. Now when a dance stirs up a king so much that he offers half his kingdom and lops off a man's head to show his appreciation, we can be sure he'd seen more than a ballroom waltz. She had found a way to dress, a way to move her body, a way to use her eyes, a way to use her difference to change lives, obtain decisions, get action. That's power — live and real! It's part of femininity and womanhood — but only part. It's a shame, but some women never find much more than just that part.

Eve, Delilah, and Salome resorted to their natural, womanly talents to assure decisions to their liking. Very probably these three used sex as their prime motivator. This does not mean to say that every woman is a sex trap. But all of them do have the potential to become one. Every woman ought to make certain that sex is not her only stock in trade. There is far more to a woman than just sex.

Femininity entails a different mental approach and appraisal of situations. A different response and reaction. It's a soft strength and pretty power which impacts man, society, and destiny. There is no suggestion here that you abandon your feminine influence. Not for the world! Its proper use can be a tremendous force for good. If you use it rightly, happiness will come flooding into your life. You will find reason for being, attained purpose, fulfillment — the things which you really want down deep — the best life has to offer. But to be successful requires preparation and work.

### Get Smart

Simply everybody (except for a few dropouts and knuckleheads) realizes that intelligence must be used and an education pursued. Even if it's only a matter of money, food and clothes. A recent report shows that — on the average — people with less than seven years of school make about \$3,000 per year. People with a college degree make some \$17,000 per year — the simple but cruel facts of being alive.

Even those women who seek "liberation" realize they must be *prepared* (educated) if their movement is to succeed. Ability to do a job depends upon preparedness.

### Face the Facts of Life

Whether or not you like it, you are responsible for you. Face up to it. A girl is known — and judged — by what she does. Those who look for the right and true answers early are going to be better off. It's best to start building for the future as soon as possible.

The world needs reshaping. Everybody knows that. Most of the sincere hippies and Jesus People have become what they are because they see the

crying need for improvement materially, mentally, and spiritually. But the very way in which they live — the product that their lives present — screams that they have not found the way to get that reshaping done. Christ Himself says we can know how it will be done. There is a way, even if we can't put it all together today.

Reshaping the world is going to require women — *real women!* Not just girls — *WOMEN!* And not just women — but *virtuous, industrious, thinking, educated, truth-oriented, giving, loving women.* Women who have courage, intelligence, culture, and leadership.

Perhaps it will come as a shock — but God wants women to be strong, smart, properly aggressive leaders. Their contribution toward a successful World Tomorrow is sorely needed. A woman is expected to have a positive, commanding role in the instruction of her children. Her action is to be so vital and far-reaching that she will command the respect of her children. That is no small commission. Look at the success, or failure, of your own mother and realize just how much wisdom, strength, integrity, and love are required. There is a challenge of gigantic size.

### Teach Children

A woman and her husband are to labor side by side in the rearing of their children. God is concerned for more than sons. He will have daughters too (II Cor. 6:18). A mother must insert powerful influence into the rearing of her children (Prov. 6:20). The mother of your husband-to-be should warn him about sex pots. You would expect her to — yes, you would want her to — tell him something like this:

"Listen to me, my son! I know what I am saying; listen! Watch yourself, lest you be indiscreet and betray some vital information. For the lips of a prostitute are as sweet as honey, and smooth flattery is her stock in trade. But afterwards only a bitter conscience is left to you, sharp as a double-edged sword. She leads you down to death and hell. For she does not know the path of life. She staggers down a crooked trail, and doesn't even realize where it leads. Young men, listen to me, and never forget what I'm about

to say: Run from her! Don't go near her house, lest you fall to her temptation and lose your honor, and give the remainder of your life to the cruel and merciless; Lest strangers obtain your wealth, and you become a slave of foreigners. Lest afterwards you groan in anguish and in shame, when syphilis consumes your body, and you say, 'Oh, if only I had listened! If only I had not demanded my own way! Oh, why wouldn't I take advice? Why was I so stupid? For now I must face public disgrace'" (Prov. 5:1-14, *The Living Bible*).

If your parents-in-law-to-be would so instruct your boyfriend, if he would believe them and avoid the obvious pitfall, both of you would stand a much better chance of staying healthy. You wouldn't need to be concerned that your own child — to be born in the distant future — might be blind or mentally deficient because of gonorrhea or syphilis.

And that is what you, too — a girl today, but woman and mother tomorrow — should eventually teach your own child!

What and how you teach your child will depend upon what you know — and the emphasis you place on the facts — the culture — the religious way in which you use them.

### Education, Culture and Character

Do you realize that today — right now — you are creating the minds and character of yet unconceived children you will bear years from now? Your interest in learning today will be mirrored in your children. The better the job of educating yourself you do today, the better off will be your children. Your personal character and culture will unfold to the degree your education enlightens, refines and disciplines your appreciation of intellect, beauty and morality. The more cultured you are, the greater head-start your children will have. Your children are slated to become what you ARE! A girl who will have children must prepare for womanhood and motherhood. You must learn, grow, change, attain, because the future of your children — and society — depends on what you do from here on.

Look at life. Question it. Know! If you truly search for the answer, you will not be able to escape the conclusion that you must become educated. This doesn't mean you need necessarily go to college, but you must know what you are about — how to live, and how to make a living. But the full expression of true womanhood demands more of you than mere book education. Your education should provide the foundation for proper culture. The best culture is arrived at when a woman expresses genuine, outgoing concern — true love — for others. You should use your body, mind, and life to clearly fill the needs of your husband and children, your parents and society. To accomplish that naturally and conclusively demands morality — religious participation.

Knowing how to cook, sew and clean are mighty important parts of being a woman. You ought to be able to make wise and encompassing business decisions, too. Practical foresight into the everyday, routine problems of living is indispensable. You must be industrious, persevering, healthy, strong, vigorous if you are going to make the most of your life — in or out of marriage.

A competent woman will be able to take charge of her own and her children's problems, handle them deftly, thoroughly, give sure guidance out of her deep understanding of the facts of life, run her home and life with vision and certainty, love her husband and children in fairness and so satisfy the deep needs of all her family.

There is much to learn — seemingly more to do — if life is going to become the highly satisfying experience which it is meant to be.

But if you do well all those things mentioned above, it will only be for the reason that you have found some more wonderful reasons for doing them than just to satisfy your physical needs. There is fathomless reward, as many women have found down through the ages, in such "mundane" accomplishment. But you can find even more delectable and luxurious sufficiency if you know and apply all these actions in relationship to the reason for your having been created feminine in the first place.

### Love God the Most

Do you want to be more wanted than the most precious and valuable jewels? Do you wish for respect, honor, esteem, adoration in their most gratifying fulfillment? Then get started right now! There is far more to womanly success than merely satisfying physical needs. A real woman's mind will reach into the meaning of life itself and she will find God. She will come to understand what is truly transcendently important. Remember, Jesus told Martha that she was so wrapped up in her housework and dinner preparations that she was missing the reason for doing them in the first place (Luke 10:40-42).

A woman should strive for full womanhood because she has found the relevance of her femininity to God's plan and purpose. She is meant to be a part of His family.

Whatever other woman you may admire and would emulate simply cannot be as thoroughly acceptable to God as the woman who practices His religion. The woman who reverences and worships God will accrue the virtue, capability, intelligence, grace, nobility, culture and strength of character to be completely acceptable to God in every relationship.

### You Can Do It

When rightly attuned to the overall purpose, any woman in private life can surpass the excellence attained by the most noted women of history. All you need do is use the mysterious power and key which God provides. You need only totally respect and reverence God, and then the Holy Spirit will empower you and make come true the impossible dream your womanhood harbors.

I know hundreds of young women whose dreams have become reality — hundreds of others who are moving swiftly and certainly into that same realness. Our own daughters are on the way. You, too, can keep your date with a beautiful destiny. Use your womanhood to arrive.

Our booklet about *True Womanhood* makes the process even more plain. But if you need personal help now, write me about it. □



# How much can you do?

**D**ARWIN, Hitler, Lenin, Marx, Stalin! Just five men. Yet each in his own time profoundly altered the course of world history.

Charles Darwin developed a theory of evolution — and now nearly all modern education is based on that unproven, unfounded premise. Hitler bathed Europe and Africa in blood — and the scars are still etched on the face of this earth. Marx hatched the idea of Communism — and Lenin put it into practice. Stalin's conquests caused cartographers to completely redraw the political map of Europe.

Each of these five men effected great changes — changes that will haunt mankind for years to come. Truly, one sinner does destroy much good (Eccl. 9:18).

But, is the converse true? Can *just one man* — or *one woman* — *accomplish a great deal of good* even in today's overpopulated and troubled world? And is there any great transcendental cause extant today that *one person* can put his whole heart into — vastly enriching the lives of thousands?

## God's Perspective

First of all, how does the great Eternal Creator view the efforts of a single individual? What is His perspective?

There have been times when God was willing to pardon the sins of a whole city — if He could find *ONE* *RIGHTEOUS MAN* somewhere within its environs. Notice Jeremiah 5:1: "Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem... and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man [JUST ONE PERSON], if there be any

that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth; and I will pardon it."

Our Creator tells us that He has at times sought for such a man and failed to find him. Ezekiel records God's thoughts on the matter. "And I sought for A MAN [again only *one*] among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: BUT I FOUND NONE" (Ezekiel 22:30).

## NOAH and MOSES

Anciently, He found Noah in the pre-flood world. Result? You and I exist today. (Of course, God did have to destroy pre-flood humanity as a whole after 120 years of patient warning — Gen. 6:3; I Peter 3:20; II Peter 2:5.)

Later, He found Moses among His own people Israel. The result? The twelve tribes of Israel are still extant on the earth today.

Turn to the 9th chapter of Deuteronomy. Here God actually purposed to destroy the entire nation of ancient Israel. And God does not "threaten" emptily as does man — He was not merely using "scare tactics" — He *meant* it!

But, *the one man* Moses had his whole heart in the Work of God of that day. The earnest fervent prayer of that lone individual preserved a nation.

What about Noah?

Those antediluvian people had descended to the depths of Satan. But Noah found grace in God's eyes (Gen. 6:8). He told Noah: "Come thou and all thy house into the ark; *for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation*" (Gen. 7:1). Apparently no one else was.

But you might conclude: "Surely these two were supermen — totally free of fault." No! They were flesh and blood just like you and me. They made mistakes — some fairly serious ones.

Noah got drunk. Moses ran from the call of God — broke the tables of stone in anger — was prevented from entering the Promised Land.

But both repented and overcame. Both were busily performing the Work of God of their day. BOTH HAD LOST THEMSELVES IN A CAUSE GREATER THAN THEMSELVES.

President Nixon once wrote, "A man who has never lost himself in a cause bigger than himself has missed one of life's mountaintop experiences" (*Six Crises*, page xvi).

## The Work of God Today

There is a great cause on earth today that God is actually in — and which He is backing.

Turn to Malachi 4:5-6. God says: "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet [in power and spirit — Luke 1:17] before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse." (The word "curse" is more properly rendered **UTTER DESTRUCTION**, and the same Hebrew word is so translated in Zech. 14:11 and I Kings 20:42.)

As in Noah's day, the Work of God today is involved in a life-and-death activity. It's all or nothing. Unless God's Work is performed in this end time — unless there is an elect actually doing His Work — there won't be a man, woman, or child left alive on this earth (see Matthew 24:22).

But, happily, **THERE IS AN ELECT** performing the Work of God today — and mankind will be saved from extermination (same verse).

## Your Part

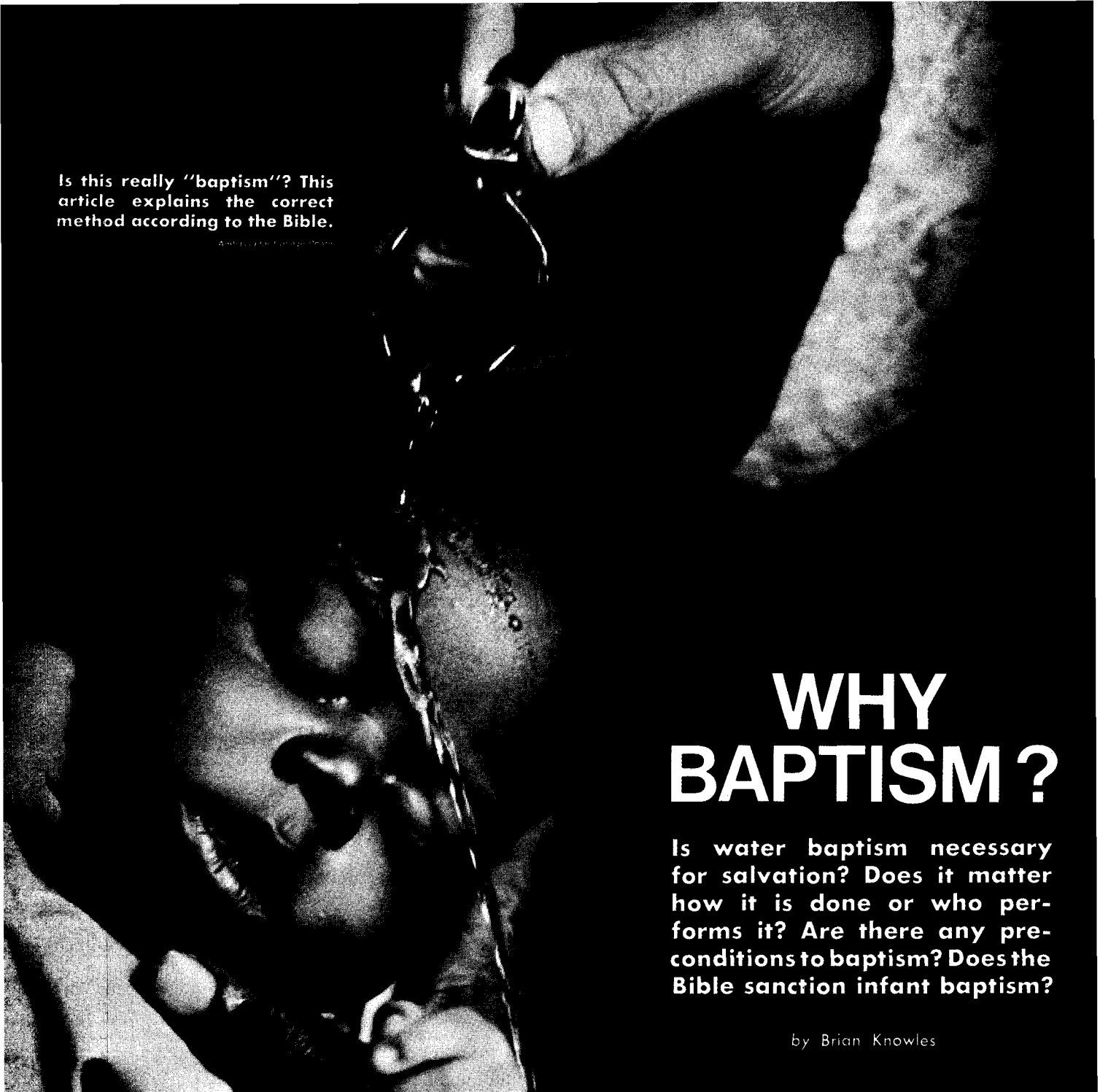
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Zacchaeus was chief among the tax collectors. Yet he was honest, and gave half of his goods to the poor. Jesus honored him by bringing the Gospel to him in person (Luke 19:1-10).

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Is this really "baptism"? This article explains the correct method according to the Bible.

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# WHY BAPTISM?

**Is water baptism necessary for salvation? Does it matter how it is done or who performs it? Are there any preconditions to baptism? Does the Bible sanction infant baptism?**

by Brian Knowles

**M**ODERN "churchianity" is hopelessly, and typically, divided on the question of baptism. Accepted methods include sprinkling, immersion and even squirting with a fire hose! Some denominations do not regard baptism as essential to salvation. The Eastern Orthodox Church practices triple immersion while others merely sprinkle with a few droplets of water.

At least one major denomination requires the candidate for baptism to wait until the age of eight — yet others

will only perform the rite on adults. To a number of churches, infant baptism is perfectly acceptable, if not required.

Why should such doctrinal division exist on such a fundamental question?

If all Christians would follow Christ and the Bible He inspired instead of holding to mere human traditions, the fog would rapidly clear.

The Maker's Instruction Book — the Bible — is not vague on this crucial question.

Ephesians 4:4-5 instructs: "There is one body [one true Church], and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith [body of beliefs], **ONE BAPTISM.**"

There is, then, only *one* acceptable method of baptism. And there is a very important reason why this is so!

## What Baptism Pictures

The English term "baptism" is derived from a Greek word *baptizo*. Its meaning reveals much about why there

is only one acceptable method. *Baptizo* means to "immerse" or "submerge" in water or any other substance. In contemporary non-Christian literature of the apostles' day, the word was used to mean "plunge," "sink" or "overwhelm." (See *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament*, Bauer, Arndt, Gingrich.)

Being logical, God selected this particular Greek word since it so vividly depicts the symbolic meaning of the rite of baptism. To immerse is to *bury* in water — which is exactly what baptism represents — a *burial*. Notice it in Romans 6:4: "Therefore *we are buried with him by baptism* into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

In baptism, the old *you* — the way you were — is symbolically buried. You emerge from the watery baptismal grave a new person in Christ. Your whole way of life is now changed. You have a different sense of direction in life. It is now your intention to serve God instead of Satan the devil and his way of life (Rom. 6:6, 16-18).

This is why mere sprinkling is not enough for the rite of baptism. To sprinkle could not symbolize the purpose of baptism!

### More Proof for Immersion

During the Renaissance Period, it was popular for artists to depict the supposed baptism of Jesus by showing a man standing ankle- or knee-deep in a river (allegedly the Jordan) while another poured a miniscule amount of water from a seashell on his head! Stop and think about it. Why stand far out into a river if all that was necessary to "baptize" was a seashell full of water? (And how did he find a SEASHell by the Jordan River?)

Of course, these artists based their paintings on mere human tradition and not on the Word of God.

[Editor's Note: Actually full immersion was generally practiced until the late 1200's. In the year 1155, Thomas Aquinas wrote: "Baptism may be given not only by immersion, but also by affusion of water, or sprinkling with it. But it is the safer way to baptize by

immersion, because that is the most common custom" (quoted by Wall, *His Baptism*, Vol. II, pp. 391-393). Also Brenner — after a full investigation of the administration of baptism through the centuries — wrote: "Thirteen hundred years was baptism generally and regularly an immersion by the person under the water, and only in extraordinary cases a sprinkling or pouring with water; the latter [sprinkling or pouring] moreover, was disputed — nay, even forbidden" (Brenner, *Catholic History*, p. 306).]

Now let's look at the Biblical account of Christ's baptism:

"Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him . . . And Jesus, when he was baptized [immersed], *went up straightway out of the water*" (Matt. 3:13, 16). Notice! Jesus Himself must have been totally *in* — submerged under — the water in order to have come up *out of it*!

Further proof of immersion as the proper mode of baptism as opposed to mere sprinkling is found in John 3:23: "And John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim, *because there was much water there*: and they came, and were baptized."

Notice that *much water* was necessary for baptism! The water had to be of sufficient depth to completely cover the candidate for baptism as a symbolic burial.

It should be plain that the Bible teaches total submersion as the only correct method of baptism. Any other method is merely man-made tradition and is contrary to the inspired Word of God!

### Three Kinds of Immersion

Water baptism is an outward sign of inward repentance. It demonstrates to God your willingness to shelve permanently your old way of life and walk in His new way of life. Its meaning is strictly symbolic. Water baptism itself has no mystical or magical effects on the person who is immersed. Its only physical effect is to get the person thoroughly *wet*!

Nor is the Holy Spirit given by water baptism.

Surprisingly, a real Christian must

experience *two* baptisms or immersions! John the Baptist spoke of the second Christian baptism. He had just been warning the hypocritical Sadducees to demonstrate some fruits, or results, of their alleged repentance. He then explained that: "I indeed baptize you with water unto *repentance*: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize [immerse] *you with the Holy Spirit, and with fire*" (Matt. 3:11).

Here John referred to two other kinds of immersion — neither of them in water. One of them is *with* the Holy Spirit and another with or *in* fire! What did he mean?

The very next verse (12) explains the baptism with fire. John stated that Jesus would ultimately burn up the spiritual chaff of humanity with unquenchable fire. This refers to the final punishment of the wicked. The baptism of fire is not associated, as some say, with the "cloven tongues *like as* [flames] of fire, and it sat upon each of them" (Acts 2:3). This was a special sign of the receipt of the Holy Spirit given on only this one occasion.

But what about that second baptism of true Christians — that of the Holy Spirit? This is explained in I Corinthians 12:13: "*For by one Spirit are we all baptized [immersed] into one body*, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit."

Notice — the scripture does not say we are baptized *in* the Holy Spirit — but *by* it! That is, the receiving of the Holy Spirit in our minds as a begettal puts *us into the spiritual body of Christ*, which is His Church!

### The Laying on of Hands

The Holy Spirit is given *following* water baptism (picturing one's repentance from sin) after, and as a result of, having the minister's hands laid on him with prayer.

Notice this in the eighth chapter of Acts. Here we have the account of Simon Magus (actual beginner of the false "New Testament" religion) seeking the power and office of apostleship (verse 19).

"Now when the apostles which were

at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit: (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus)" (Acts 8:14-16).

Notice that even though the people had experienced water baptism they did not yet have the Holy Spirit! This plainly shows that the Holy Spirit is not given at or by water baptism.

But how and when is it given?

The next verse (17) explains: "THEN LAID THEY THEIR HANDS ON THEM, AND THEY RECEIVED THE HOLY SPIRIT." Here we find that the Holy Spirit — God's power and His mind — is given to a person by *the laying on of hands following baptism*.

Note also Acts 19:6 in this regard.

Following the rite or ordinance of baptism and after prayer, the minister lays hands on the baptized person and God grants His Holy Spirit as a begettal. This immerses or plunges the person into the Church, which is the spiritual body of Christ (I Cor. 12:13). And *that* is the true baptism of the Holy Spirit!

### Who May Be Baptized?

God does not discriminate against any race or status in society. The opportunity to be a Christian is open to all who are willing to obey God. "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus" (Gal. 3:28). Of course, that does not mean there are no races in the Church, any more than it means there are no sexes! If this verse meant the Church is to do away with all the varied racial groups which God created, it would also by extension mean the end of *sexes*, which in turn would mean the end of the human race! God obviously intended that there be distinct *sexes*. But all should be included in the body of Christ with no distinction made *spiritually* in that regard.

Yet many are afraid to request baptism because they do not feel they "know enough." This fear is usually unfounded.

In order to be baptized is it necessary

to know all the books of the Bible in their inspired order, the acrostic Psalms in the Old Testament, the background of all the minor prophets, and have a complete understanding of the political situation in the cities Paul traveled?

*Of course not!*

The one basic prerequisite for baptism given in God's Word is *repentance* (Acts 2:38). What we repent of is *sin*, which is the violation of any of God's laws (I John 3:4).

The only way you are going to know what laws to repent of breaking is to look into the Word of God — the Bible! And even that would be a waste of time unless you had first proved to yourself that there *is* a God! As Paul said, "... For he that cometh to God *must believe that he is...*" (Heb. 11:6).

It should be obvious that the 3000 people who were baptized on the day of Pentecost in 31 A.D. were not all Bible scholars! They undoubtedly knew only the basics. But what they knew, they *KNEW*! They readily accepted the Word of God (Acts 2:41). They were not in doubt. They felt a deep, sincere repentance, as we find in Acts 2:37.

"Now when they heard this [the account of how *they* also were responsible for the crucifixion of Jesus Christ], they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, *what shall we do?*"

Did Peter then take the opportunity to offer them a six-month course in the traditions of the elders? Or did he advise them to go into a long systematic study of all the doctrines of the Bible?

Not at all! He simply instructed them to *repent* and be *baptized* (Acts 2:38). Then they would receive the Holy Spirit, which would lead them into more and more truth (John 16:13), and then they would *grow* in knowledge (II Peter 3:18). That growth continues as long as the person lives!

One cannot be expected to know it all at the beginning. But as long as a person continues to study daily and accept the Bible teaching on various subjects, God will continue to bless that person. The Bereans had the right approach. "These [the Jews of Berea] were more noble than those in Thessa-

lonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so" (Acts 17:11).

They had a positive attitude toward Bible study. As God's ministers expounded more truth to them, they diligently checked the scriptures and confirmed the truth of their words. As a result: "... Therefore many of them believed" (verse 12).

This is all God expects of any Christian. It is merely a matter of *growing* in the faith of Jesus Christ. It is a case of overcoming and developing spiritually. But you have to start somewhere!

### Baptizing Counsel

Many professing Christians have been baptized. But there was no real change in their lives — they had NOT really REPENTED.

For those of you who have been baptized in the past, or have had a "religious experience," the puzzling question often arises: "What should I do? Should I be rebaptized?"

Others, having *never* been baptized, have come to realize the absolute necessity of it as a requirement toward salvation.

But, whatever your category, you may need to counsel with a true minister of God.

The Worldwide Church of God has ministers in all parts of the United States and many other parts of the world. They are ready to counsel with you personally — to answer your questions — and to baptize any who are ready for it.

As a result of *this Work*, the lives of thousands have been, and *are being*, dramatically changed! The fruits of conversion are being borne in the many lives of those who have been baptized by the ministers of this Work.

So, if you have deeply repented and sincerely want to be baptized, or if you are just desirous of discussing these vital subjects with a qualified and dedicated servant of God, please write and let us know. Of course, these men will NOT call on you unless you request it.

But, if you of your own volition do desire a private appointment, feel free to write and request such a visit. That's what these men are there for. □



# What is Godly Repentance?

**T**HERE are two kinds of repentance. One is of God and leads to eternal life. The other is of this world and leads only to death.

Many people have had what they would call "a religious experience." It is usually associated with "giving their heart to the Lord" or "making a decision for Christ." But does this represent genuine repentance in the Biblical sense?

A true, Godly repentance is not something worked up from within a person as the result of a moving church service. Neither the strains of "Almost Persuaded" — the old favorite hymn — nor the stained-glass voice of an emotional preacher can generate *Godly* repentance in an individual.

Real repentance — the kind God requires — is a *gift* of God. It is something that God must inspire in an individual. Both II Timothy 2:24-25 and Acts 11:18 make it clear that God must *grant* repentance.

True repentance is more than a mere emotional experience. To illustrate let's take the case of Joe Bloak (a fictional name).

Joe was a college football hero. He believed in God (so he said) and attended church pretty regularly. But he also liked to drink and have fun with the college co-eds. During the week he would work hard and discipline himself pretty well, but when Saturday night came he would "celebrate" by getting drunk, which sometimes led to fornication. He *knew* this was wrong because he knew the Bible condemned both drunkenness and fornication.

After he sobered up Sunday morning, with a terrible hangover, he would feel *very* sorry for what he had done. He would shed tears and swear to himself that he would never do it again! He would go to church that day and "repent." This made him feel better, and he would be "good" for another week. But almost every Saturday night old Joe would get drunk, and "slip" again, and commit fornication. And the fol-

lowing morning he would "deeply" repent again.

If you could have seen old Joe, you would have thought for sure he had really repented! He was so sincere and he shed so many tears! He asked God to forgive him every time, and he would go to church to confess and "make up" for his sins.

What was Joe's *real* problem? His repentance was only superficial. It was *not genuine*! He was only feeling sorry for *himself*. He was experiencing "worldly sorrow." He was upset because of what his sins had done to *him* — not for what he had done *against* God or anyone else. His was a *selfish* repentance. He experienced only a *temporary* feeling of remorse, sorrow and guilt. He continued to repeat the same sins over and over again!

If Joe had known that real repentance comes from God, he would have cried out in prayer with *all his heart* and asked God to *help him* repent. God would have *granted* Godly repentance if Joe had *really* wanted to stop sinning — *permanently*.

A person who is seeking *true* repentance shall find it, because God is willing to give it! "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (II Peter 3:9).

Paul described these two kinds of repentance. In the book of I Corinthians, he had written to the Christians at Corinth and corrected them very severely concerning a number of problems they had. In II Corinthians, Paul was encouraging them and commenting on their response to the correction. He wrote: "For even if I made you sorry with my letter, I do not regret it (though I did regret it), for I see that the letter grieved you, though only for a while. As it is, I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but *because you were grieved into repenting*; for

you felt a godly grief, so that you suffered no loss through us. For *godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation* and brings no regret, but *worldly grief produces death*" (II Cor. 7:8-10, RSV).

God's Word says, "Repent ye therefore, and be converted [changed], that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord" (Acts 3:19). You must repent of your *sins* — the violation of any of God's laws (I John 3:4). Everyone has sinned and is guilty of breaking God's laws in some way (I John 1:8, 10). If you have not broken the law in the letter, you surely have in the spirit! The *letter* of the law says, "Thou shalt not commit adultery," but the *spirit* of that law is, "Whosoever *looketh on a woman to lust after her hath* committed adultery with her already in his heart" (Matt. 5:27-28).

God shows us in His Word that our hearts and attitudes are often evil and contrary to His way. Read Jeremiah 17:9 and Romans 8:7 in this regard.

When God has granted you true repentance, you will have the power to resist the way of the world. You will turn to God in sincere, heartrending sorrow because of your past life and submit yourself to His laws and His way of life. The old "you" is buried in baptism. A truly converted person has *changed his life-style to conform with Christ's*. The converted person now strives to overcome his carnal drives, the temptings of Satan the devil and the pulls of society. He submits to God.

This real Godly repentance must *precede* baptism (Acts 2:38). Then following baptism, the Holy Spirit is given (as explained in the preceding article).

If you want to be sure you have really repented, and would like personal counseling regarding baptism, then write and let us know. God's true ministers are available to counsel all who request it.

# THE STORY OF MAN

*for children five to one hundred five*

Written and Illustrated by Basil Wolverton

## FALL OF BABYLON THE GREAT

### CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX

### Sanity Returns

**S**ATISFIED THAT Nebuchadnezzar was in good health for the most part, though insane and living like an animal, Daniel returned to his home to await the time when the former king of Babylon would regain a normal mind.

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For a long time the insane Nebuchadnezzar's closest company was that of wild donkeys.

When Nebuchadnezzar had spent seven years in his miserable state of mental derangement, the former king's sanity suddenly returned to him. (Daniel 4:33-34.) It was as though he abruptly became self-conscious after seven years of being only conscious like an animal. He stared down at himself wearing rags, a long unkempt beard, and claw-like nails.



"What am I doing like this in these rocks and bushes?" he asked himself.

Having noted a distant farm hut, he went there, only to be met by the screams of terrified small children, who fled to the hut to hide, and by a protective father who appeared at the door brandishing a sickle.

"I want to know the way to the city," Nebuchadnezzar said.

"It's that way," the man pointed. "Be on your way, and don't show up here again!"

Not everybody Nebuchadnezzar met that day was so unfriendly. A few felt sorry for this strange outcast. Through their help, he was able to get cleaned up, be trimmed of his long hair, beard and nails, and be respectably clothed. After that it was no problem to obtain transportation into Babylon, which he did possibly in the cart of a friendly woodcutter. During the long ride Nebuchadnezzar was lost in thought and troubled by what had happened to him since those minutes when he had been showing guests around his palace. What was immediately plain to him was that a long time had elapsed since then.

There was much confusion at the gates of the palace in Babylon after Nebuchadnezzar showed up there to announce his identity.

"In case you haven't heard, Nebuchadnezzar no longer exists!" a young guard sneered.

"Don't talk to him like that!" an older guard snapped. "That is King Nebuchadnezzar!"

From that moment on the palace was in an uproar. Those who hoped never to hear of Nebuchadnezzar again were understandably shocked when they recognized the former ruler. Those who were loyal to the former king greeted him joyously.

Now that the events of the past seven years were made clear to him, Nebuchadnezzar could view himself well. He had tried to exalt himself to God's level. And God made him drop to the level of animals, wild donkeys and such having been his only company in the hills and plains for a long time. Nebuchadnezzar now had a clearer picture of God, too. Realizing that God had mercifully corrected him brought the meaning of something new to him — humility. He was for the first time more ashamed of his actions as king than he was of those during his insanity. When that happened, God saw to it that

Nebuchadnezzar was firmly re-established on the throne of Babylonia. He was a much wiser ruler the rest of his days, during which he was honored more than ever by many peoples of all nations. (Daniel 4:34-37.) Nebuchadnezzar wrote the decree found in the fourth chapter of Daniel's book to teach others the lessons he had learned.

### Belshazzar's Feast

Nebuchadnezzar died after forty-three years of ruling Babylonia. He was succeeded by his son Evilmerodach, under whom conditions in the kingdom began to worsen. However, one of the new king's acts was laudable. He freed Jehoiachin, the king of Judah who had been brought by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon and imprisoned nearly thirty-seven years previously.

To show honor to the vassal king, Evilmerodach therefore allowed Jehoiachin the privileges of sharing the royal food in the palace. (II Kings 25:27-30.) This probably didn't last very long because after only a very short reign Evilmerodach was assassinated and another took his place.

During similar sudden changes for the next few years, the kingdom's power steadily waned. By the time an idolatrous man named Belshazzar had become co-ruler with his father, Nabonidus (apparently a son-in-law of Nebuchadnezzar), the empire was in serious trouble. Media and Persia, two nations to the north and east, had sent their armies heading toward high-walled Babylon, whose fall could mean the fall of all Babylonia.

Even under such ominous circumstances, Babylon seemed impregnable. Belshazzar disdainfully held a riotous feast for a thousand of his officials. As the evening progressed and wine flowed more freely, Belshazzar staggered to his feet and motioned for the music and chattering to cease.

"Why are we drinking to our gods from such ordinary cups?" he asked loudly. "Why not use the gold and silver vessels brought long ago from the so-called holy temple in Jerusalem? I say that it's time for those vessels to be put to a better use than in serving the God of Judah!"

There were raucous cheers. Servants hurried to bring out the costly containers, distribute them in the crowd and pour wine into them.

"Here's to our soldiers out on the walls!"

Belshazzar bellowed, shakily holding aloft a gleaming golden goblet brimming with wine. "May they never run out of boiling water to pour down on the steaming heads of our bothersome besiegers!"

There were ripples of laughter, especially from the king's wives and concubines, who also were present. Everyone stood up, extended various containers of wine, roared approval and quaffed the beverages. Then the music continued and the people settled back to loud drinking of toast after toast to their many and varied gods. (Daniel 5:1-4.)

### The Handwriting on the Wall

Just as waiters were struggling into the big room with huge trays of food, a woman screamed, bringing a moment of silence to the crowd. People pointed to the wall above the stage where the king and his favorites were sitting.

Still laughing at something that had been said at his table, Belshazzar glanced up. His expression abruptly changed. The color drained from his fear-stricken face. Within only a few feet of his head was what appeared to be a huge human hand, the forefinger writing deep letters in the plaster with such pressure that it made deep, plain writing!

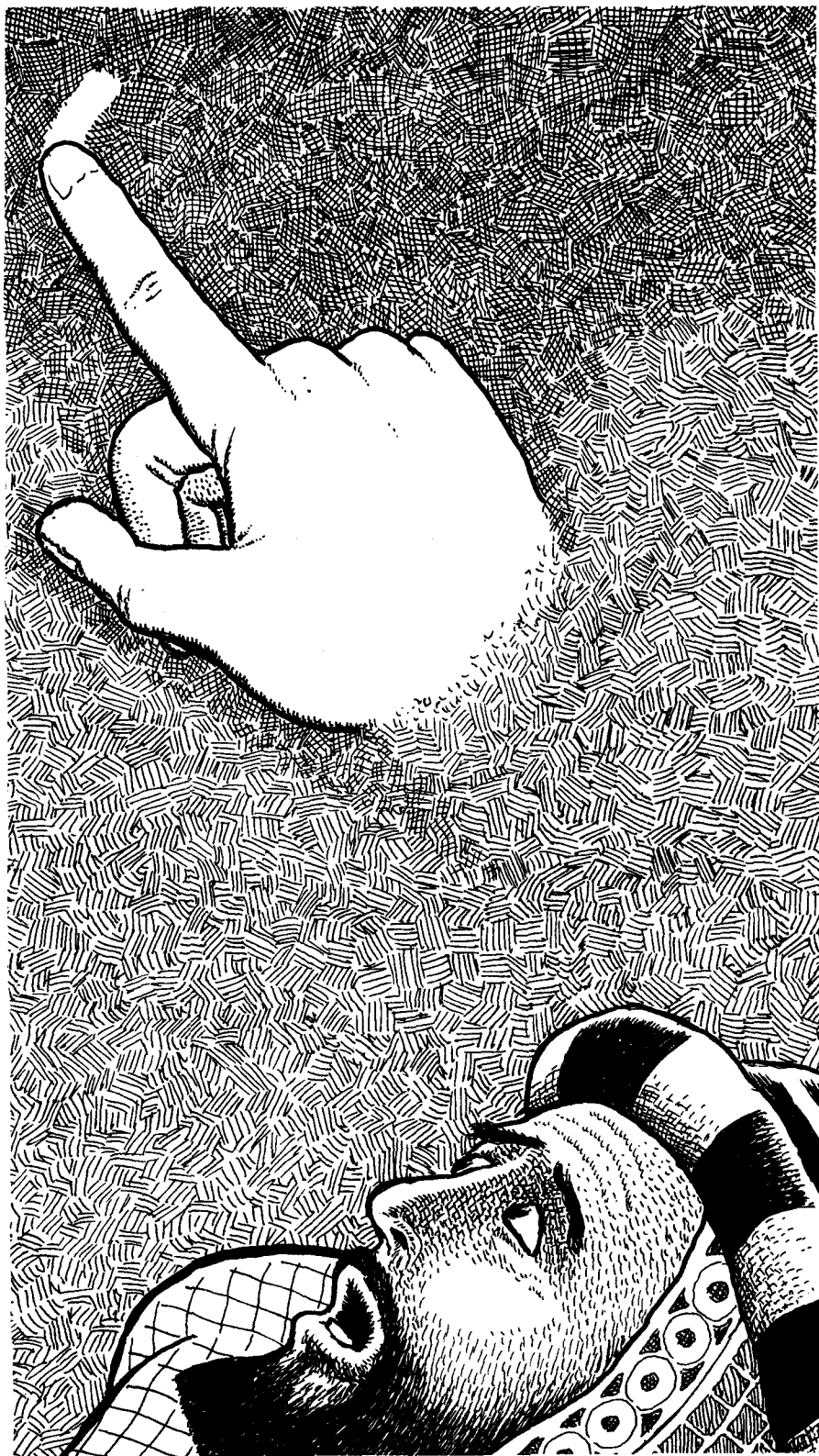
People were so paralyzed with fright at this awesome sight that they were hardly able to move. They watched with horrifying fascination as the hand wrote several groups of strange letters on the wall. Then the hand faded away. A few women fainted. Everyone stared shakingly at the wall. Belshazzar was suddenly aware that his knees were knocking against each other, and that his vertebrae felt as though they had dissolved. He tried to call out, but it took several efforts to gain his voice.

"Call the astrologers, the Chaldean scholars and the magicians!" he finally was able to mutter.

The men Belshazzar had summoned dutifully filed in. The king pointed to the wall.

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King Belshazzar stared fearfully up at the huge hand moving slowly across the wall just above his head.





"Tell me what that writing means!" he demanded excitedly. "To any one of you who can do this, I promise magnificent clothing, a golden chain necklace and that he shall become the third one in power in the Babylonian empire!"

These "wise" men, as they were called, swarmed around the wall to study the writing, but not a one of the astrologers, scholars or magicians could make anything of it. They had to admit that the writing was utterly meaningless to them. Disappointed and still apprehensive, Belshazzar unwillingly dismissed them, convinced that there was some ominous message on the wall he should know about. (Daniel 5:5-9.)

In contrast to the former festive atmosphere that had prevailed in the banquet room, there was now a restless sobriety. Food and drink no longer had much appeal. People were more interested in leaving than in feasting. At this point a matronly woman followed by attendants entered the room and walked toward Belshazzar.

"O king, live forever!" she respectfully said, bowing.

"What brings you here, queen-mother?" Belshazzar asked testily. I heard you didn't approve of this gathering."

"I've just learned what happened," the queen-mother answered, glancing uneasily at the wall. "Don't give up hope of learning the meaning of that writing up there. Right here in the city is a man who used to be chief of the wise men. Nebuchadnezzar gave him that rank when this man showed unusual knowledge and understanding. As one who had the wisdom of the gods, he had the ability to interpret dreams and reveal hidden meanings. If you call on him, he should be able to help you."

"Who is this man?" Belshazzar asked, leaning forward expectantly.

"His Jewish name was Daniel, but King Nebuchadnezzar renamed him Belteshazzar, almost like your name," was the reply.

After a while a soldier brought in Daniel, now an aging man who had lost his high rank in the kingdom soon after King Nebuchadnezzar's death.

### Belshazzar Learns His Fate

"I have heard of you and your unique abilities," Belshazzar said. "I have already asked many men to

tell me the meaning of these letters on the wall, but they have failed. If you succeed, you shall receive the reward of being third man in power in this kingdom. Besides, you will be given fine clothing and a splendid necklace of gold!" (Daniel 5:10-16.)

"I don't have any desire for your rewards," Daniel told the king. "I prefer that you keep them or turn them over to someone else after I've given you the meaning of what is written on the wall. First, though, there are some other things you should know. Years ago your grandfather King Nebuchadnezzar gained great possessions, majesty, glory and honor. All that made him a proud, vain man who took or spared lives according to his whims. He wouldn't admit that it was the God of Israel who had allowed him to have his wealth and power. Therefore, God took his kingdom away from him and cast him out to live with animals until he could learn that it is God's will that prevails above that of any man. Even though you knew all this, you, too, Belshazzar, have tried to elevate yourself. Even this evening you ventured to show others your disdain for your Creator by using the vessels from God's Holy Temple for the profane purpose of drinking to the lifeless gods you foolishly worship. Because you have refused to humble yourself and praise the God who has given you the breath of life, God sent a hand to write you a warning!

"The words you see on the wall mean that your kingdom is at an end, that you have proved yourself to be an unwise ruler, and that the enemies at your gates have already begun to take your empire!" (Daniel 5:17-28.)

There was silence in the room as Belshazzar stared at Daniel. A deep fear showed in the king's face, but there was also resentment because Belshazzar was being told that he was an unwise ruler.

"You can't say that I don't at least keep my promises to you!" the king exclaimed.

In spite of his alarm at what he had just heard, Belshazzar managed to order his servants to bring a fine coat and a gold chain to be put on Daniel at once, and directed one of his officers to proclaim that Daniel would be elevated to the third-ranking man in power in Babylonia. When Daniel left the palace, he was attired the way the king said he would be and was shown the courtesies extended to royalty. (Daniel 5:29.)

Meanwhile, days before, Median and Persian

soldiers had started to work hard on the ambitious project of temporarily diverting the Euphrates River from its natural course through the city of Babylon into a marshland off to the side. This they accomplished, surprisingly, by digging a channel through one bank and piling huge amounts of stones into the river to shunt most of its water, for a time, into the channel they had dug. Inasmuch as the Babylonians were penned up in their city, they certainly couldn't interfere, and apparently didn't even know what was being done.

### The City Taken

With that part of the riverbed that ran through the city almost dry, troops of the Medes and Persians, led by men named Darius and Cyrus, marched at night through the riverbed mud to almost the very heart of the city. There they found a carelessly left open gate which led from the river through the walls along the river into the city proper. Troops poured into Babylon to confound the citizens and soldiers with utter surprise. Before morning the attackers were in command, having actually come within the outer limits of the city while Belshazzar and his guests drank in the banquet room of the palace.

The King, meanwhile, had retired to his quarters. He was frightened and distressed by what Daniel had told him. To add to his misery, he began to imagine that he was being watched and followed by someone or ones who meant him harm. Doubling his personal guard didn't help give him a feeling of security. Nor did it protect him. Clever assassins succeeded in taking his life that night in spite of his guards. King Belshazzar didn't live long enough to see his city overrun by the besiegers he had scorned!

After the conquest of the Babylonians, it was decided that Darius, ruler of the Medes, should stay in charge of the conquered nation while Cyrus, ruler of Persia, went back to his affairs in Persia.

### Conclusion

From this point onward, with the exception of the brief accounts in the books of Ezra and Nehemiah concerning the restoration of the Jews in Palestine, and the problems that beset the Jews in Persia, as related in the book of Esther, nothing else is recorded as history in the Bible. However, the history of the whole period from that day to this is recorded in advance, as prophecy, in the book of Daniel and

in related prophecies. But prophetic writings do not directly lend themselves to inclusion in such a narrative as "The Story of Man."

This History of Man is thus brought up to the close of Nebuchadnezzar's Babylonian Empire, the first of the four kingdoms in Nebuchadnezzar's dream. The history of the succeeding empires — Persia, Greece and Rome — is available in many fine books.

There is, of course, considerable history in the New Testament. But we cannot cover that in "The Story of Man" because we cannot picture Jesus Christ, even if we knew what He looked like in the flesh. (Exodus 20:4.)

We conclude "The Story of Man" in the book of Daniel with the story of the handwriting on the wall because that event prefigures the state of the world now. The handwriting is on the wall of world civilization today.

The modern voice of a Daniel is going out to all the world via *The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast, *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine and other educational services that go out from Ambassador College and its offices around the world. This Work is warning today's Belshazzars. Belshazzar of old acknowledged Daniel, but did not heed his warning. Today's Belshazzars, likewise, are failing to heed the announcement of the soon-coming Government of God sent by Jesus Christ.

THE END

## How much can you do?

(Continued from page 17)

Cornelius was a Roman centurion over a hundred men. His prayers and gifts to the poor came up for a memorial before God. Result? God chose him and his family to be the first Gentiles to receive the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:1-4, 44).

Simeon was an old man — but he was just and devout. As a result, God let him see the Saviour — Jesus Christ — before he died (Luke 2:25-32).

Anna was an 84-year-old widow. But she worshipped God day and night. Result? Her actions are recorded in the Bible as an example to all generations (Luke 2:36-38).

So, whatever your category, you can make a significant contribution to the Work of the living God. Write for that article titled "A Crusade For Sanity." It shows that God's Work truly is "the last train to sanity." Would you like to get aboard?

— J. R. Schroeder

# ANSWERS to your Questions

● “What does the Bible say about the Thousand Year Reign? Please give me all the details if possible. When will it take place? What will happen when it starts?”

God's 1,000-year millennial rule will be ushered in by the second coming of Jesus Christ. As to the exact date of this event, Christ said that no man knows the day or the hour (Matt. 24:36). Yet He did give us very clear-cut and definite prophetic events to watch for as telltale signs or warnings of His imminent return. Christ predicted religious deceptions, wars, famines, diseases, and earthquakes on a global scale immediately preceding His return (Matt. 24:3-35). We are living in that VERY TIME!

The present turmoil, escalating wars and strife now occurring on this earth will eventually develop into a total global conflict of such a magnitude that unless God were to intervene, no human flesh would be saved alive (Matt. 24:21-22). At the very climax of the events described in the 24th chapter of Matthew (also Luke 21; Mark 13), Jesus Christ will return as King of kings and Lord of lords (Rev. 19:16). This time He is coming in power as divine God (Matt. 24:30) to establish a world super-government and rule all nations “with a rod of iron” (Rev. 12:5; 19:15).

As Christ is returning to this earth, the dead in Christ — including all the prophets of old (Luke 13:28) — will be resurrected from their graves as IMMORTAL spirit beings (I Thes. 4:14-16). Those then living who have the Spirit of God shall be instantaneously changed from mortal to immortal (I Cor. 15:50-54) and, together with those resurrected, shall rise to meet the descending glorified Christ (I Thes. 4:17) in the air. Christ Himself will

return to this earth where His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives (Zech. 14:4-5) in the same manner that He left (Acts 1:11). Those changed, converted saints, made immortal at the resurrection, will then assist Jesus Christ in ruling literal physical nations made up of human beings — nations of mortals left alive at Christ's return — for 1,000 years (Rev. 20:4; 3:21; Dan. 7:22, 27).

All we can cover here is a brief overview of the subject. For a more comprehensive explanation, write for our FREE booklets *The Wonderful World Tomorrow — What It Will Be Like* and *Just What Do You Mean — The Kingdom of God?* Also request the FREE reprint “The Coming Utopia — Wonderful World of Tomorrow.”

● “Were you ever a Jehovah's Witness or a Seventh-day Adventist? Members of both of these denominations have told me you were.”

Our Editor, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, has never been a member of the Jehovah's Witnesses or the Seventh-day Adventists. He has never associated with either denomination. He has never attended a regular meeting or church service of either.

Some continue to spread the *false* claim that Mr. Armstrong once belonged to one or both of these denominations. A thorough refutation is available in a reprint article on the subject.

● “Matthew 27:9 is purported to be a prophecy from the book of Jeremiah. Yet it cannot be found in that book. Would you please explain?”

Notice Matthew 27:9 again — “Then was fulfilled that which was SPOKEN by Jeremy [Jeremiah] the prophet. . . .” This prophecy was

SPOKEN by Jeremiah — *not written*. The same prophecy was written by Zechariah at a later time (see Zechariah 11:13).

● “I read in your ‘Letters to the Editor’ section a letter from one of your new Co-Workers. What is a Co-Worker? Why are they necessary?”

God has always had disciples, helpers, and “Co-Workers” to aid His leading ministers in carrying out their commission of preaching and publishing the Gospel.

God's Work *today* is multiplying in power and effectiveness. How? It has been made possible only through the combined efforts of thousands of Co-Workers whom God has called to help financially support this great Work. In the earlier days of our Editor, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, he *alone* was able to reach only a handful of people through his preaching. But as the number of dedicated Co-Workers who voluntarily gave their contributions and tithes and offerings increased, so did the scope and power of God's Work.

Now, just what is a Co-Worker? To find the answer, notice some New Testament scriptures beginning with II Corinthians 6:1, “We then, as *workers* together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.” In context, this scripture clearly shows *all* true Christians should be *workers together* with Christ in reaching the unconverted world with His message. Whether in helping, housing, or feeding a true minister of God or sending him on his way with food and money, God has *always* given many others the privilege and opportunity of being *direct helpers* in carrying out His Work. The Apostle John encouraged those called in his time to receive and support the true servants of God, “...that we might be *fellowhelpers to the truth*” (III John 8). Again Paul beseeches: “And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my FELLOWLABORERS [Co-Workers] whose names are in the book of life” (Philippians 4:3).

So, as in apostolic times, God has *today* raised up a growing family of Co-Workers — laborers together with Christ — who are helping out financially with their moral support and encouragement, and in their faithful fervent prayers for this Work of God.

These Co-Workers who give their lives (Rom. 12:1) — here and now — as living sacrifices in carrying out God's Work, are certainly laying up treasure in heaven! Jesus said: "For where *your treasure is, there will your heart be also*" (Matt. 6:21).

After a person has *voluntarily*, of his *own free will*, expressed a desire to *HELP* with this great Work — or voluntarily begun to contribute donations — Mr. Herbert Armstrong sends personal monthly letters informing these individuals in our family of Co-Workers of the financial conditions of God's Work. It is *ONLY* this inner circle of Co-Workers who are ever told about the financial needs of this Work, and the details of its growth.

There is much more to this story than space will allow telling. For a more comprehensive explanation, write for our free reprint "A Crusade for Sanity." Also read this month's *Personal* — "Blood, Sweat and Tears" — beginning on page one of this issue.

● "What is the true Biblical name for the New Testament Church? And why is this name so important? Please explain in detail."

In this world, churches are often named after men, or after the *system* men have devised, or the kind of church government men have thought out, contrary to God's Word, or after a significant doctrine they emphasize, or what men hope to make it — all-encompassing, universal or catholic.

But wherever that *ONE true Church* is, it will be named the *CHURCH OF GOD*. Read Jesus' prayer in John 17:11, 12: "...Holy Father, keep through *THINE OWN NAME* those whom thou hast given me.... While I was with them in the world, I kept them *IN THY NAME*."

It is clear from this scripture that the true Church is to be kept in the name of the Father. Since the name

of the Father is God, the Church is simply named *the Church of God*.

(It should be noted here that some few religionists claim that "God" is a pagan name. For proof to the contrary, request our free reprint "The Unknown God.")

Twelve times in the New Testament, the Church is named *the Church of God*.

In five such passages where the true NAME of the Church appears, the entire Body of Christ — the Church as a whole — is indicated. Thus, when speaking of the entire Church, including all its individual members on earth, the name is "the Church of God." Here are these five passages:

1) Acts 20:28. The admonition to the elders is to "feed the *CHURCH OF GOD*."

2) I Corinthians 10:32. "Give none offense, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the Church of God."

3) I Corinthians 11:22. "...or despise ye the Church of God, and shame them that have not?"

4) I Corinthians 15:9. Paul wrote: "I persecuted the Church of God."

5) Galatians 1:13: This verse repeats the one last given — "I persecuted the Church of God."

Where one specific local congregation is mentioned, the true Church is called "the Church of God," often in connection with the *place* or location. Here are four more passages:

6) I Corinthians 1:2. "The Church of God which is at Corinth."

7) II Corinthians 1:1. "The Church of God which is at Corinth."

8) I Timothy 3:5. In speaking of an elder in a local congregation, Paul wrote Timothy: "For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the Church of God?"

9) I Timothy 3:15. "... Behave thyself in the house of God, which is the Church of the living God." Here it is the Church of the *living* God.

In speaking of the local congregations collectively, not as one general body, but as the total of all local congregations, the Bible name is "THE CHURCHES OF GOD." Here are the final three verses of the twelve which name the Church:

10) I Corinthians 11:16. "We have

no such custom, neither the *CHURCHES OF GOD*."

11) I Thessalonians 2:14. "For ye, brethren, became followers of the Churches of God which in Judea are in Christ Jesus."

12) II Thessalonians 1:4. "So that we ourselves glory in you in the Churches of God."

In some New Testament instances, a descriptive adjective is added to the name, as the Church of God at Corinth, or the Churches of God in Judea. And today, it is the Worldwide Church of God.

But that is not all. Many have appropriated God's name (the Church of God), but are not proclaiming the true Gospel of the Kingdom of God. Neither are they teaching obedience to God's Ten Commandments and repentance of transgressing that Law. Nor do they teach that we may be now begotten into the *KINGDOM (FAMILY) OF GOD* and may, by the resurrection, be born into the God Family as spirit-composed beings.

God is a family. God the Father is the head of that family. He is not only the Father of Jesus Christ, but also of His many begotten sons and daughters *ON THIS EARTH* — all of whom are members of His Church.

These begotten sons are also brothers of Jesus Christ, who is the head of God's Church. Jesus is called "the *first-born* of many brethren" (Rom. 8:29).

Since all begotten sons (who remain faithful) are to become members of the God Family, they — *as a Church* — bear the name of the Father.

That brings us to the concluding scripture indicating the true name of the true Church.

Read Ephesians 3:14, 15: "I bow my knees unto *THE FATHER* of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom *the whole family* in heaven *AND EARTH* is named."

If you want the true story of a unique Church that has found the solutions for the world's ills, and puts them into living application — producing a harvest of peace, happiness, and abundant well-being — write for our free booklet entitled *This Is the Worldwide Church of God*.

# WHY SO MANY DENOMINATIONS?

Is Christ divided? There are hundreds of denominations in America — and many other little groups and sects. WHY? When did this confusion originate?

by Herman L. Hoeh

**I**T'S HARD to believe, but it's TRUE! The actual *facts* of history — both Biblical and secular — are astonishing!

It's time we looked behind this curtain! It's time you *knew* how, when, and where all this religious confusion started.

Every thinking person — every denomination — realizes that, at some time in history, there has been a great apostasy or falling away from original TRUTH.

## Only One Church

Jesus Christ did not found *many denominations*! Christ said, "I will build my church" (Matt. 16:18). *He did build it!* ONE Church, commissioned to preach and to publish His Gospel — the very Message He brought from God — to all the world!

But what do we find today? Hundreds of different and disagreeing churches, all founded by MEN, each *professing* to teach the truth, yet contradicting and disagreeing with all the others.

## The Church in Prophecy

While most people today suppose that the true CHURCH was rapidly to

grow BIG, to become a powerful organization, exerting powerful influence on the world, making this a better world, becoming the stabilizing influence of the world's civilization, actually *Christ founded His Church for no such purpose!*

In His final prayer for His ONE Church, Jesus prayed: "I pray for *them*: I pray *not* for the world... Holy Father, keep *through thine own name* those whom thou hast given me, *that they may be ONE*, as we are... I have given them thy word; and *the world hateth them*, because *they are not OF the world*, even as I am not OF the world. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil. *They are not OF the world*, even as I am not OF the world" (John 17:9-16).

Those of His Church are described as being strangers and foreigners in this world — AMBASSADORS for Christ — ambassadors representing His Kingdom which is *foreign* to this world — yet never being OF the world!

## To Be Scattered

This true Church of God was to be PERSECUTED — SCATTERED! "If they have persecuted me, they will also per-

secute you," said Jesus to His disciples (John 15:20). "ALL that will live godly in Christ Jesus *shall suffer persecution*" (II Tim. 3:12).

On the night Jesus was seized to be crucified, He said: "It is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered" (Mark 14:27). After HE, the Shepherd, was crucified, the "sheep" — His CHURCH — were to *become scattered*! Previously, that same evening, Jesus had said to His disciples: "Ye shall be *scattered*" (John 16:32).

This persecution and scattering began early. Notice Acts 8:1: "And at that time there was a *great persecution against the church* which was at Jerusalem; and *they were all scattered abroad* throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles."

Nowhere is there any prophecy that the one true Church should become great and powerful, exerting influence in this world. Rather, Jesus called it the "little flock" (Luke 12:32). Despised, persecuted, scattered BY the world — separate FROM the world! Scattered, but NEVER DIVIDED. Always ONE Church, speaking the SAME thing — *never* many differing sects.

You haven't read much of the history of THAT Church. Even the historians



never knew where to look for the TRUE Church — for they didn't even know WHAT the true Church is.

### Broad Majority Deceived

On the other hand, in the WORLD, all the prophecies foretold apostasy, deception, and division.

Jesus foretold the very *first* event to come on the world—GREAT DECEPTION — climaxing, in *our* day now just ahead, in GREAT TRIBULATION!

"Take heed," He said, "that no man deceive you. For MANY shall come *in my name, saying*, I am Christ; and shall deceive MANY"! (Matt. 24:4, 5.)

Notice carefully! It was not the *few* who were to be DECEIVED — but the MANY. It was the FEW who were to become true Christians!

Jesus pictured this same condition when He said: "Wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and MANY there be which go in thereat: because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto LIFE, and FEW there be that find it" (Matt. 7:13-14).

That isn't what the world believes, is it? Probably that isn't what *you* have always heard and come to assume. But it's what CHRIST SAID! How deceived this world has become!

Satan is pictured in the Bible as the god of this world. He appears, *not* as a devil, but as a GOD—as an angel of LIGHT. And in Revelation 12:9, you read of "Satan, which *deceiveth* the WHOLE WORLD."

Yes, the MANY would come *in Jesus' name*, proclaiming that Jesus is the Christ—yes, preaching CHRIST to the world! And yet, without realizing it, DECEIVING the world!

### A Lesson to Be Learned

The apostles, instructed directly by Jesus Christ, constantly warned the Church about the great departure from the FAITH that would *begin to occur* at the close of their ministry.

Scarcely twenty years after the crucifixion of Jesus, the Apostle Paul, in one of his first inspired letters, cautioned Christians not to be deceived by false preaching or by false letters purporting to be from the apostles. "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day

[the time of God's intervention in human affairs when Jesus Christ will return to rule the nations] shall not come, except there come a *falling away FIRST*" (II Thes. 2:3).

### Apostles Knew What Would Happen

In Acts 20:29-30, the teacher of the Gentiles explains *how* the apostasy would begin. He gathered the elders (ministers) of the Church at Ephesus to deliver them a final message concerning their responsibility over the local congregations. "For," said Paul, "I *know this*, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also *of your own selves* shall men arise, speaking perverse things." Why? "To *draw away disciples after them*." To gain a personal following for themselves! To start a new denomination!

Do you catch the full significance of these two verses? The elders or ministers were especially assembled because, *immediately after Paul would leave Ephesus*, there would come within the local Church congregations false ministers, wolves in sheep's clothing, to make a prey of Christians; and even from those elders *already in the Church congregations* some would pervert the doctrine of Jesus to secure a following for themselves.

### Gentile Deception Prophesied

Not only Paul, but also Peter, warned the churches that MANY would be misled. There were false teachers among Christians who would bring in heresies, "and MANY shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the *way of truth* shall be evil spoken of" (II Peter 2:2).

When Paul wrote his second letter to the Gentile-born Thessalonians, he instructed them against the "mystery of iniquity" which "*doth already work*" (II Thes. 2:7).

Notice, the cleverly disguised teachings of iniquity or LAWLESSNESS were at work *in Paul's day*. The Roman world was being filled with numerous *mystery religions which stemmed from the old sun-worshipping mysteries*.

False teachers secretly professed to giving a hidden, yet easy, way to evade

the consequences of breaking God's Law. Jude had to include in his letter the admonition that every Christian "should earnestly contend for the faith which was *once* delivered unto the saints. FOR THERE ARE CERTAIN MEN CREPT IN UNAWARES, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, TURNING THE GRACE OF GOD INTO LASCIVIOUSNESS, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ. . . . These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit" (Jude 3, 4, 19).

Jude says *these preachers separated their followers from the body of believers*. By the time John wrote his epistle, he had this sad note to include about those preachers who at first crept in unawares: "*They went out from us, but they were not of us*: for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us" (I John 2:19).

### True Christians Forced Out

Although numerous deceivers, called Gnostics, left the Church, drawing away disciples after them, there was an even more dangerous apostasy which infiltrated the true Church.

In instructing the Evangelist Timothy, the apostle to the Gentiles instructed him to "reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but *after their own lusts*" — the congregations wanting to do what they please — "shall they heap to themselves teachers" — elect ministers who will preach what they want to hear — ". . . and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto *fables*" (II Timothy 4:2-4).

This was in the days of the apostles and evangelists. MANY who fellowshipped in the local congregations of the early Church, after about two generations, did not endure sound doctrine because they had not repented and received the Holy Spirit. They elected teachers who, for the sake of money, pleased their wishes by preaching fables — the enticing fables of mysticism and sun-worship that were engulfing the Roman Empire. The letters

of Paul were twisted by them to give another meaning than intended (II Peter 3:15-16).

But instead of leaving the local congregations and forming their own sects, as some Gentiles did at first, the false preachers remained within the congregations and *soon began to expel the true Christians*.

In the letter of the Apostle John to Gaius, we read: "I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not. Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he

doeth, prating against us with malicious words: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, AND CASTETH THEM OUT OF THE CHURCH" (III John 9 and 10).

The true Christians, who alone comprised the true Church, *were being put out of the visible, organized congregations*. They were the SCATTERED ones of whom John said: "Therefore the world knoweth us not" (I John 3:1). In the Western Roman Empire, where Paul died, the state of Christianity was even more advanced along the paths of error.

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The name *Christian* was being borne away by leaders who crept into the fellowship of the Church of God and who, in the name of Christ, *deceived the MANY into following their false teachings*.

### The Age of Shadows

*Following the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. and the deaths of the apostles, a strange phenomenon is witnessed. The true Church almost disappears from history, and false churches arise! Of this period the famous historian Gibbon says: "The scanty and suspicious ecclesiastical history seldom enables us to dispel the dark cloud that hangs over the first age of the church" (Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire, ch. XV).*

The truth was obscured by error!

Historian Jesse Lyman Hurlbut gives us even more details in his book *The Story of the Christian Church*, page 41: "We would like to read of the later work of such helpers of St. Paul as Timothy, Apollos and Titus, but all these . . . drop out of the record at his death. For fifty years after St. Paul's life *a curtain hangs over the church through which we strive vainly to look*; and when at last it rises, about 120 A.D., with the writings of the earliest church-fathers, WE FIND A CHURCH IN MANY ASPECTS VERY DIFFERENT FROM THAT IN THE DAYS OF Peter and Paul."

### Where Is the True Church?

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# CENTURY 21

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as the source of their religion promulgate doctrines diametrically opposite from its teachings. They quote (or misquote) only a fraction of its verses.

Few know that a whole third, approximately, of that Book is devoted to FUTURE NEWS of world happenings. News about various governments. News about the great MASTER PLAN for solving all this world's troubles. News of the now soon-coming peaceful and happy WORLD TOMORROW — on through CENTURY 21. It's the BEST NEWS you ever read!

We look, now, at one pivotal NEWS DISPATCH within this volume, which covers dramatically a panorama of the dominating governments, past, immediate present, and future — on into CENTURY 21.

## Advance News Report

You never thought of this panoramic look ahead as a NEWS REPORT? It's time we recognized it for precisely what it is! And it's exciting!

Incredible though it seems — and would-be discreditors to the contrary notwithstanding — the evidence has demonstrated conclusively that this world-news report was written between 500 and 600 years before Christ.

It concerns the king of the *first* world-empire. His name was Nebuchadnezzar. His capital was the ancient glamor city and world capital, Babylon. One night this king dreamed a remarkable and frightening dream as reported in Daniel 2. It was one of those rare dreams that remain indelibly impressed on the mind after awaking. He thought it must have meaning.

So Nebuchadnezzar called in all his astrologers, his religious leaders, magicians, his chief advisers, his wisest men. He determined to test their clairvoyant powers.

"It was a terrifying dream, yet it's gone from me," he told them. "I want you to tell me what I dreamed. If you fail, I'll know you are fakes and

phonies, and I'll have you all put to death."

But even with their lives at stake, his wisest men could not tell Nebuchadnezzar what he had dreamed.

Now among other nations that had been conquered by this great Chaldean king was the Kingdom of Judah whose capital city was Jerusalem. These Jews had been taken as captives and transported from their homes in their cities, towns and countryside to the land of the Chaldeans, where they were made slaves. But four outstandingly brilliant Jewish lads had been inducted into important government positions in Babylon. Among them was Daniel.

These four Jewish lads were seized, to be put to death along with the sorcerers, magicians and Chaldean "wise men." Daniel asked for time, promising that he would be able to tell the king his dream and its meaning.

The four Jewish lads prayed to their God for the answer. That night it was revealed to Daniel in a vision.

## Report on "What Is To Be"

"Are you able to make known to me the dream . . . and its interpretation?" asked the king when Daniel was ushered into his presence. "No wise men . . . can show to the king the mystery," replied Daniel, ". . . but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and he has made known to you what is to be.

"You saw, O king, and behold, a great image. This image, mighty and of exceeding brightness, stood before you, and its appearance was frightening. The head of this image was of fine gold, its breast and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. As you looked, a stone was cut out by no human hand, and it smote the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces; then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold all together were broken in pieces, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away . . . But the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth."

But what did it MEAN? Its MEANING was a NEWS forecast leading to the

present world turmoil, and its imminent and SURE outcome! It is NEWS that vitally affects the life of every reader of TOMORROW'S WORLD!

"This," continued Daniel, "was the dream; now we will tell the king its interpretation. You, O king, the king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, and the might, and the glory . . . you are the head of gold. After you shall arise another kingdom inferior to you, and yet a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth."

Here was NEWS of the future. It was news reported in advance. And it happened! After the Chaldean Empire, the Persian Empire arose. It was inferior as a world empire intellectually, morally, and in honor and splendor and glory — even as silver is LESS VALUABLE than gold. But, as silver is harder than gold, so was the Persian Empire stronger in military might.

Humanity was deteriorating. The Persian Empire fell before the swift conquering flight of young Alexander the Great, with his Greek and Macedonian army. Alexander expanded his empire farther east and west and south — greater in military strength, more in quantity — greater in area and population ruled — but inferior in quality, even as bronze is of less value than silver, yet a harder metal.

Alexander wept because he had no more worlds to conquer. He died young in a drunken debauch. His empire was divided into four divisions, each ruled by one of his four top-ranking generals.

Now continue this most unusual form of NEWS REPORT.

## The Roman Empire Came

"And," continued Daniel, "there shall be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron. . . ." This was the Roman Empire, which swallowed up all four surviving divisions of Alexander's Graeco-Macedonian Empire, and spread out farther besides. It was the strongest military power in world history up to that time. And the two legs symbolized the *two divisions* of the mighty Roman Empire — with the eastern capital at Constantinople (today called Istanbul, Turkey), and the western capital at Rome.

But Daniel continued: "And as the

toes of the feet were partly iron and partly clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly brittle . . . but they will not hold together, just as iron does not mix with clay."

There are three other specific prophecies — FUTURE NEWS REPORTS — one in the 7th chapter of Daniel, one in the 13th and one in the 17th of Revelation, which also depict the future NEWS of this same succession of world empires. Putting all four prophecies together, it becomes plain that the toes of this image represent a last, final resurrection — or rebirth — of the Roman Empire in our time!

### Soon Coming U.S. of Europe

There is not space for details in this article. But the two prophecies in the book of Revelation report clearly — *long in advance* — the fall of the original Roman Empire in 476 A. D., its restoration by Justinian in 554, and its history as "the Holy Roman Empire," up to the fall of Napoleon in 1814.

Then Revelation 17:8 shows the partial revival of this empire under Mussolini — after he took Ethiopia, adding it to Italian Somaliland, Eritrea, Libya and Italy — officially naming it "the Roman Empire."

These prophecies depict detailed ADVANCED NEWS of one more, last, revival of this Empire, yet to occur, by a union of ten nations in Europe.

This coming "United States of Europe" is the dream of many leaders — not only within Europe, but in Britain and America. The Common Market is its beginning.

Every indication is that in possibly this decade or the next, this ADVANCE NEWS will be *current* news. And it will completely STUN THE WORLD! Yet *The PLAIN TRUTH* has reported this news in advance for the past 38 years!

### More Powerful Than U.S. or USSR

Once political-military union is achieved out of the Common Market in Europe — combining TEN nations — it will present before the world a THIRD POWER probably even stronger than either the U. S. or the U.S.S.R.

Can you envision what that will mean in the world's balance of power?

But these nations will not cling long or loyally together. The ten toes of Nebuchadnezzar's image pictured millenniums in advance this United Europe. They will not cleave together for long, even as iron and miry clay will not.

Then what shall happen?

This prophecy — and others — give you the NEWS long in advance!

### Then Finally — *WORLD* Government

Continue Daniel's explanation to King Nebuchadnezzar.

"And in the days of those kings [these ten soon to unite in Europe!] the God of heaven will set up a Kingdom which shall never be destroyed, nor shall its sovereignty be left to another people . . . and it shall stand forever . . . the Great God has made known to the king what shall be hereafter. The dream is certain, and its interpretation sure." (Quoted from the second chapter of Daniel — Revised Standard Version.)

This is just one of several ADVANCE NEWS REPORTS that explicitly affirm there WILL BE a world government that shall bring this war-weary earth PEACE AT LAST.

Not by the help of men, or of their human governments — but in spite of them! Other prophecies report, centuries and millenniums in advance, almost every detail of today's rapidly worsening conditions.

Humanity WILL SURVIVE! There *will* be a happy WORLD TOMORROW. Mortal humans do have a stern lesson to learn first. Human bungling will bring accelerated world trouble before God-ignoring humanity will be willing to learn. But WE SHALL LEARN!

Few realize that 90 percent of Biblical prophecy pertains to OUR TIME, and the very few years immediately ahead. And approximately a third of the Bible is prophecy! It has been neglected utterly. It has been terribly misunderstood, misrepresented. It is tremendously important! Especially now!

Earlier in this article I said Jesus of Nazareth was the world's greatest NEWSCASTER. Many, deceiving and being deceived, have represented His teaching as a sentimental religious

teaching having no relation whatever to this life, this world, its nations, its governments, its society. THAT CONCEPT IS FALSE!

Jesus' "Gospel" (and remember "Gospel" *means* "Good News") was actually His ADVANCED NEWS REPORT of the KINGDOM — the GOVERNMENT — of GOD, soon now to bring us world PEACE. The KINGDOM of GOD is, simply, the world-ruling GOVERNMENT of God. It is absolutely *not* a sentimental, ethereal, imaginary something "set up in the hearts of men." It is something REAL! It is SOON COMING!

And Jesus Christ was born to be the KING of that WORLD GOVERNMENT (Luke 1:30-33; John 18:36-37; Rev. 19:11-16; 11:15). As General MacArthur promised the Filipinos he would return, so Jesus promised His disciples He would return — and now, SOON, to RULE THE WHOLE EARTH!

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# Letters to the Editor

(Continued from inside front cover)

thoughts and words of *men*, and a book that had been wrongly labeled as "God's Word." I am regaining interest in the Bible, and your magazine's approach of intense research and study is very encouraging to me.

Dan O.,  
Lamesa, Tex.

## Better Late Than Never

I would appreciate subscriptions to *The Plain Truth* and *Tomorrow's World*. I have been reading secondhand copies for ten years, and it seems about time to have my own subscription.

David H.,  
Long Beach, Calif.

- We agree wholeheartedly.

## The Dilemma of Death

Would you please send the reprint article "What Is Death?" I lost a 20-year-old son in a car accident. I need to know more on the subject to help me understand.

Mrs. Adam D.,  
Remsen, N. Y.

- You also need two other free reprint articles. Write for "Why Did God Let Tommy Die?" and "Why Must Men Suffer?" These articles will help you further understand why God allows such accidents to happen.

## Follows Big Sandy Example

I have just finished reading the November issue of *Tomorrow's World*. I must say it impressed me very much; all your publications I receive, and have received for a year and a half now, have impressed me. This one just excelled. Especially the beautiful cover and the great centre piece about Big Sandy, Texas. It described exactly what I want to do for my family on a *mini*, very *mini*-scale.

G. T.,  
Goulburn, Australia

## Reader from Nigeria

Let me unfold to you my little background with the confidence that your expert advice would finally relieve my burden. I am the third son of poor (Ibo) illiterate parents, with four other little ones behind us. My parents were unable to afford any basic education for any of us, and so we were left to struggle for our survival. My little education is not enough to earn a substantive salary as a civil servant. With the meagre salary, the little ones behind us depend on me for their training. Now our parents did not survive the last Nigerian Civil War and nothing was left for the upkeep of these little ones.

E. C. I.,  
Enugu, Nigeria

- It's letters like this that really make you want to pray "Thy Kingdom Come."

## Personal Counsel

I am pleased to say that I have been visited by two of your representatives. I was impressed with their vast knowledge of the Scriptures — their ready answers to serious questions. I look with much eagerness to the next visit, and have made them welcome whenever they are in our area.

Matthew M.,  
Columbus, Ohio

In reading "Letters to the Editor" I read about Personal Counsel. This excited me, for I am very, very interested, and more importantly, I need to talk to someone. If there is a counsellor in the Kansas City area, please have him contact me through my mailing address. (I don't have a phone.)

Gary H.,  
Kansas City, Mo.

- Gary, the counsellor in the Kansas City area has probably already contacted you. If any of our other readers would like personal counsel, ministers of the Worldwide Church of God are available in most cities of the United States and British Commonwealth, plus many other parts of the world

## Readers from Philippines

Before I say my specific purpose in writing now, perhaps it would be proper if I tell something about myself and my family. After all, this is my fourth time only in nine years to write to your World Headquarters. I am 53 years old, married (only once), and have 13 living children (from four to 26 years old). When I got married my family grew to become Protestant. But being in a probing and proving attitude for new truths, I replied to your first advertisement in the Philippines via the Free Press magazine, in mid-1962. Since 1967, six of us in my family (my wife, our two eldest sons, two eldest daughters, and myself) have been baptized by ministers of this Work. My two sons worked for a year (1969-1970) in the Ambassador College Agency in Manila. Eleven in my family are enrolled in the Correspondence Course, in various stages of progress. I, myself, have scored 100% in all the 26 lessons for which tests had been provided, including lessons 1 and 2 of the newly revised course. We are much involved in God's Work.

Sir, now this is my main purpose in writing: I want to let you know that I have finished reading the Book, the Bible, as requested by Mr. David Jon Hill. I think his "personal request" is important and significant. I wish to express our deep appreciation for the priceless helps we have received from this Work, and we are grateful for having been graciously called to have a part in it.

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