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a magazine of understanding



What our READERS SAY

New Year's

"We have always celebrated New Year's Eve by attending a party or giving one. We had already received an invitation to one which we knew would be mostly made up of drinking and wild goings-on. Then I read your article about this and made up my mind not to be a part of it any more. But now to get my husband to feel this same way. All I said, believe it or not was, 'Honey, before you give those people your answer, please read what *The PLAIN TRUTH* tells you about New Year's,' and he said, 'O.K., we won't go.' Just like that. So my prayers have been answered. My husband is changing."

Woman from Michigan

French Red Cross

"Please send me your booklets regularly, as well as a copy of the New Testament. We are certainly living in a moral crisis, and I am going to put these booklets at the disposal of our French Red Cross to remind them of those truths which are the foundation of our Christian civilization."

The Secretary of the French Red Cross, Dormans, France

• *All France needs them!*

More Comments About *God Speaks Out on the "New Morality"*

"We have received your book and it really is an amazing book. My mother wrote for it and let me read it. I am 13 years old and in the eighth grade in school. I haven't finished the book, but what I have read of it is really amazing. I'm glad I know the truth about 'necking, petting and going steady.' Of course, I haven't started dating yet (and don't intend to for a while). I am glad to read about these things and know they are true."

Young girl from North Carolina

"Thank you for the six copies of the new book which we recently received from you. These books will be placed in the Sayre Junior College Library, and

will become a part of the reference material for our Marriage and Family Relations course. In fact, this will be required reading material for the course."

Counsellor in Sayre Public Schools,
Oklahoma

"I am now requesting your new book, *'The New Morality.'* I wish that you would send this book to me via airmail as it takes surface mail from 50 to 60 days to reach me. I will send a money order to cover the extra postage."

Serviceman from Korea

• *Here is your copy free, and we pay the postage too!*

Radio London

"We just received your letter in regard to the new powerful radio station in England... We won't forget how we looked forward to listening to your broadcast once a week from Luxembourg during the three years we were in Germany."

Service family in Georgia

Inside Knowledge

"I can surely appreciate your teaching on the fulfillment of prophecy in this age, since I have worked in the Plans and Policy Directorate of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for nearly 18 years. I know whereof you speak. I could write a book on the changes that have transpired in our government in that time. Truly we must reap what we have sown and the reaping is going to be bitter indeed."

Reader from Virginia

Catastrophe in U. S. Northwest

"We just had a very bad storm. Neither our close neighbors nor we lost any cattle, but others around this area lost livestock. One man lost \$20,000 worth of cattle. He only has 10 calves left that were in his shed at home. In Montana, which isn't too far away from here, they say 50 percent of the

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Personal from the Editor

THIS is the 31st anniversary number of *The PLAIN TRUTH*. With it this magazine takes another leap forward. Constantly, through these 31 years, *The PLAIN TRUTH* has been improved in appearance, enlarged in size, improved in editorial content.

This month we present *A NEW COVER*, appearing for the first time *IN FULL COLOR*! This is only a forerunner to the use of *full color* throughout the entire magazine.

To this end, two additional large units have been ordered for our new big magazine press. Delivery and installation is expected in a few weeks. This will almost double the size of this giant press, printing the complete four colors simultaneously on the one operation. Actually, this means complete *full color*—since all the colors of the rainbow are derived from the four basic colors of black, red, yellow and blue. One might include white, but since the paper is white, there is no need to use white ink. Green is simply a blending of blue and yellow; purple a blending of blue and red; orange a blending of red and yellow—and by blending colors together, all shades of every color are achieved.

We now plan to have the BIGGEST advance ever made in *The PLAIN TRUTH* ready for you one year from now—with the 32nd anniversary number. We think it will surprise and amaze you! We shall be working toward this next BIG step in improvement all during the coming year.

AS WE WERE preparing our first full-color cover for this 31st anniversary issue, Sir Winston Churchill was suddenly stricken, past age 90, with a stroke.

Our art, photographic, and lay-out departments had completed work on the full-color cover we had planned. It was an *action* photograph of an intramural basketball game in our beautiful

new gymnasium on the Pasadena campus of Ambassador College.

Then Mr. Churchill was suddenly stricken, and the whole world kept eyes and ears to newscasts and telecasts of his condition as, day after day, he weakened and hope ebbed for his survival. Even though it meant some four days' delay, it was decided to hold over the cover that had been prepared for a later number, and give you a color picture of Sir Winston on our very first full-color cover.

Mr. Churchill holds many historic distinctions in the world. He is generally credited with the iron-willed, dogged-determination leadership that held up British morale in the second World War until the full power of the United States could be thrown in to save "democracy" from extinction.

He is the only Britisher who has ever been given the honor of addressing a joint session of the United States Congress. It was during this notable address that he spoke those words you've heard quoted so frequently on *The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast, and read in so many articles in *The PLAIN TRUTH*, "There is a PURPOSE being worked out here below."

He is the only foreigner who has been honored by the United States Congress by being tendered an HONORARY CITIZENSHIP in the United States.

Mr. Churchill has been the *last* of a breed of men who have been recognized as GREAT in the world. Herbert Hoover was such a man, but smaller men of opposing politics bespattered his public image by accusing him falsely of causing the great depression of 1929-36.

Theodore Roosevelt was such a man. He had that iron-willed fortitude that commanded the respect even of enemies. I saw him many times. I sat within ten or fifteen feet of him as he spoke at a banquet of Chicago business-

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OUR COVER

With the death of Sir Winston Churchill the darkness of night has settled over the British Commonwealth and shattered Empire.

It was Churchill who warned, years in advance, of Hitler's intent to rule all Europe, dominate the world. But the world demanded appeasement. In 1946 Churchill again warned of the threat of Communism and coined the phrase "Iron Curtain." Most Americans called him a "warmonger."

When the news of Churchill's sudden illness was reported, we decided to delay the printing of *The PLAIN TRUTH* for a picture of Sir Winston. This vigorous photo of Churchill, in his fine British coat, was received in time for our first full-color cover.

Personal from the Editor

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men. I stood directly in front of him as he gave a rear-platform address from a train during the presidential campaign of 1916.

President Wilson was running for re-election on the slogan: "He kept us out of war." Mr. Wilson had been sending the Kaiser a number of notes, protesting the sinking of American ships by the German submarine campaign. But the Kaiser continued ignoring President Wilson's notes, and sinking more and more ships. Of course this *did* finally draw the United States into the war in 1917.

In this rear-platform speech, ex-President Theodore Roosevelt said: "I was President for seven and a half years. And had I been still in the White House when the German submarines began sinking our ships, *I*, too, should have sent the Kaiser a note—just *one note*—and the Kaiser *would have KNOWN that I MEANT IT!*"

"You see," continued Mr. Roosevelt, "when I was President, I did send the Kaiser a note. A German battleship was steaming on Manila bay, aiming to take possession of the Philippines. I sent the Kaiser a note, demanding that he turn that battleship around and return it to Germany. The Kaiser didn't know, then, that *I meant it!* So I sent one more note! Only this second note was not sent to the Kaiser. It was sent to Admiral Dewey, in command of the United States Pacific Fleet. It ordered Admiral Dewey to steam full speed with the entire Navy toward that German battleship, and either turn it back to Germany, or *sink it!* That was when the Kaiser learned that *I meant it!*"

With the passing of Winston Churchill the world witnesses the passing of the *last* of human leaders with that kind of courage, strength of will, and power. There are only weaker men left.

The passing of Mr. Churchill marks even the ebbing of the twilight over Britain's future. It is no longer GREAT

Britain—it's just Britain, now. Britain's sun set with World War II, if not in the days preceding it. But now even the dim light of dusk has gone out. Perhaps the present Labour Prime Minister may be a stronger man in some respects than his predecessor, Sir Douglas-Home—but if he, as a leader, possesses a shade more power, it is aimed in the wrong direction. And when power is used in the wrong direction, the greater the power, the greater the danger.

Look at the "little" men heading the governments of the world today! Opportunists, "wheeler-dealers," or misguided men lacking in vision, a sense of true values, or wisdom.

Although Satan is revealed to be, in the Bible, the god of this world—and this world is essentially SATAN'S world, not God's—yet the ETERNAL GOD *is* working out, as Mr. Churchill said, His PURPOSE here below. Satan can do only what God allows. God, after all, is RULER OF THE UNIVERSE. And God does, when necessary to the working out of His PURPOSE, intervene in this world's affairs.

In so doing, God has many times used unconverted mortal MEN for certain crises. Undoubtedly Sir Winston Churchill is a man whom the Almighty God directly *used*, especially during the second World War. It suited God's Purpose to give Britain and America this *one more chance* before letting our peoples be PUNISHED for their national sins—for their rejection of HIM, and their reliance, instead, on foreign allies and the arm of flesh. Had it not been for Winston Churchill, Britain probably would have lost the war before America was plunged into it.

It was Churchill's courage and determination which bolstered up the morale of the British people. Actually his speeches *in America* did far more than most Americans realized to spur America on in the war.

God raised up Pharaoh of old, to serve God's PURPOSE (Rom. 9:17). God raised up George Washington, and Benjamin Franklin, for their part in making the United States a separate independent nation, and in preserving that nation during its infancy. Yet they were

not men who truly *knew* God. They were strong, stable, outstanding men of the world, but they were not truly converted, begotten children of God, filled with His Holy Spirit.

God raised up and used Abraham Lincoln to preserve the United States from division and possible extinction. Undoubtedly God used such men as Franklin D. Roosevelt, Dwight D. Eisenhower and General MacArthur to fulfill God's purpose in the result of World War II. And just as surely God raised up and used Sir Winston Churchill in the fulfillment of GOD'S PURPOSE. But this does not mean that these men were the called, chosen MINISTERS of Jesus Christ, or even that they were Spirit-begotten, Spirit-filled *saints* of God. They have been natural, carnal men of this world—each with his particular outstanding talents or abilities which God chose to USE for His purpose.

Regardless of whether such men are truly converted Spirit-filled Christians—or the nominal professing Christians of this world—or even agnostics or unbelievers—God has caused them to serve His purpose in their time; they have been among the GREAT of the world, they have occupied high and important offices. And therefore it is right that we should accord them HONOR and RESPECT.

As I write, the flags on the Ambassador College campuses are flying at half-mast, as President Johnson has decreed, in honor of, and as a token of respect toward Sir Winston Churchill.

This world is an unhappy, mixed-up, misguided world. It can be no better than its leaders. A year ago, in this column, I gave you the record of the overthrow or toppling of government after government in this world, just during the preceding year or two. It is appalling!

But could even men of the stature and strength of a Churchill *save this world?* THEY COULD NOT!

One thing is WRONG with this whole world!

The *only* right and true Government capable of bringing peace, universal prosperity and well-being, and

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CONGO CHAOS— Who's to Blame?

*Why the Congo tragedy? Could it have been prevented?
Read here what Bible prophecy reveals about the Congo
crisis and the future of Africa.*

by Raymond F. McNair

CANNIBALISM! Hostages! Rape! Torture! Mutilations! Massacres!

These were but a few of the horrifying words which screamed across headlines in newspapers, magazines, and other news media during the Congo massacres in November, 1964.

Though the bloodletting has lessened since November, the Congo is still in deep troubles! The likelihood is that the *bloodshed* and *chaos* in the Congo will continue for as long as anybody can foresee.

But why? What has gone wrong with the African mind?

Questions Facing Congo

Stop a moment and think! Ask yourself! Can the Congolese ever govern themselves—at least in our lifetime—without white leadership and massive economic assistance? Will the Congo ever be safe again for Europeans—Belgians, Britons, or for Americans and others?

Why are the big nations so interested in the Congo? Are the Communist-backed Congolese rebels yet likely to stage a comeback and seize control of the Congo? Will the Congo, like Vietnam, become another running sore of East-West conflict?

And perhaps the biggest questions of all: *Who is to blame* for the continued chaos in the Congo? and *What is the solution* to the Congo's problems? *When, by whom and how* will the Congo's troubles finally be solved?

Before answering these and other questions, let us survey the background of the Congo. When the Belgians first established the Congo as a colony in 1907, it was very backward. Cannibalism and tribal warfare—butchering of

thousands—was commonplace. The Belgians were finally able to bring order to the Congo. Their chief enterprise was the development of the Congolese mines. They also built factories, roads and constructed a few modern cities—Leopoldville, Stanleyville, Albertville, Elizabethville and others. They gave education to a few of the Africans, but the bulk of the Congolese remained illiterate throughout Belgian colonial rule.

"Freedom" in 1960

Caught up in the worldwide tide of *nationalism*, the Congolese, too, began to cry: "We want freedom!" "We want independence!" So in 1960, the Bel-

gian Government granted independence to the Congo. But senseless bloodletting has continued ever since. Neither the United Nations army of 25,000 nor the armies of the Congo's Central Government, nor any other power, has been able to restore peace to the Congo. The Congo has been hopelessly divided ever since its independence.

Rebel Congolese troops now control about one fifth of the Congo. In mid-1964, the rebel Congolese forces captured Stanleyville.

The Central Government, headed by Premier Tshombe, unable to get support from African nations, decided to



Wide World Photo

Many loyal Congolese warriors are armed only with spears, bows and arrows, and an occasional machete. Even though courageous, their fight is futile. Rebels are armed with Russian and Chinese firearms.



Wide World Photos

Most Western observers believe Premier Moise Tshombe is only man who can hold Congo together. Here he chats with friendly crowd, left, and worriedly confers in Leopoldville, right, with refugees who have just arrived by plane from Stanleyville. But Premier Tshombe's leadership is ineffectual in dealing with depraved jungle savages who lust after human flesh. Wanton rape, butchery, cannibalism continue.

hire white mercenaries in order to break rebel resistance. This hiring of white soldiers has made Tshombe very odious in the eyes of fellow Africans—has put Tshombe in the African's "doghouse."

In November, this small army of 300 mercenaries began to race toward the rebel-held city of Stanleyville. The leader of the rebels, President Gbenye, seized all of the whites living in the rebel-held territory and held them as hostages. He planned to use them to force Tshombe to halt his advance against rebel territory. Also, he hoped to use them to dissuade the Americans in their support of Tshombe and his Central Government.

It was at this point that America, Belgium and Britain decided to act. America supplied U.S. C-130 transport planes to carry the 800 Belgian paratroopers to the British-controlled island of Ascension. These Belgian paratroopers planned to seize the city of Stanleyville and free the 1,200 or more white hostages which the rebels were holding. Clearly, the rebels were thirsting for blood. Many living in rebel-held territory, who were not sympathetic to the rebels, were dispatched in a very frightening manner.

Rebel Congolese Atrocities

In the London *Sunday Express*, December 13, 1964, was a vivid report of a deformed, evil old woman (a witch) called Wsamba, who was "responsible for 4,000 ritual murders."

And according to *TIME* magazine, December 4, 1964, the former Mayor of Stanleyville was one of the victims of the rebel massacres. "At the monument, in the name of socialism and the Congolese People's Republic, the former Mayor of Stanleyville had been eviscerated, his liver and kidneys eaten raw by a laughing rebel officer while the mayor slowly died."

This same article also speaks of 28 white victims, hostages, who were hacked to pieces on the street by the rebel soldiers. Four Spanish nuns and a number of Spanish and Dutch priests were among them.

"According to witnesses, the priests were beaten and then their throats were cut. After similar treatment, the nuns were placed on top of them. The usual mutilations were carried out on the sexual organs, and flesh was cut from the bodies to be eaten" (*ibid.*).

A number of top U.S. and British magazines gave detailed accounts of the

massacres, mutilations and rape of nuns and other white hostages during the November massacres.

A nun reported, "For three days, three of us were kept in a cell completely naked. We were beaten and raped." Others were made to strip naked and parade down the street in view of jeering Congolese. (*Newsweek*, December 7, 1964.) A young 23-year-old Belgian, Andre Desmeyer, sobbed as he told the Belgian King, Baudouin, how he picked up his blood-spattered baby during a rain of rebel bullets. His wife fell, having been fatally shot through the breast.

The Congolese rebels, at the first, used the Stanleyville Sports Stadium as the place of their executions. The Stadium was packed with thousands of Congolese. Whites living in the city could hear the screaming of hundreds of Congolese officials who were hacked to death in the Stadium.

"Later, it became a custom to kill ten people a day in the city's main square in front of the monument to the late Patrice Lumumba, with the executioners first slitting open the stomach of their victims to extract and eat

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WHICH is the Religion BEST FOR YOU?

Should you find the religion best suited for YOU? Should you look for one that "satisfies" your particular need? SHOULD you have a "faith"? Will one be about as good as another? Read what God says about HOW you should search for truth!

by Garner Ted Armstrong

EVERYONE knows there is no "cure" for the common cold.

But you wouldn't guess it, listening to the advertizers. One spray reduces swelling, stops sneezing, relieves aches and pains. It doesn't come right out and claim to cure your *cold*, mind you, but on the other hand—*what's left?* If your tortured nasal passages are no longer swollen; your sneeze is gone; your aches and pains have disappeared—then you feel perfectly normal—your cold is gone.

Still, everyone knows there *is* no such thing as a "cure" for the common cold.

How People Choose A Religion

Everyone "knows" one religion is about as good as another.

Still, everyone who goes to church "knows" *his* particular *brand* of religion will probably get him to "heaven," or wherever he's going, a little more quickly, a little more efficiently, than all the others. Either he believes this, or he is knowingly settling for something like second best.

Ever notice the remarkable similarity between claims of dozens of religious philosophies and the soap ads?

One claims it washes your clothes "*cleaner than clean!*" The fact that such a statement is an utter superfluity, an impossible exaggeration, never occurs to average housewives, apparently. Still another claims it gets your clothes "*cleaner!*" But "*cleaner*" than *WHAT?* Other soaps and detergents?

How can this be possible? All of

them claim to get clothes "*cleaner,*" too!

How accurate would it be for you to adopt the idea that "*all* these soap ads *can't* be wrong!"?

Let's ask the question another way. Can they all be RIGHT?

If any *one* of them is to be *believed*—POSITIVELY—then every *other* one must automatically be assumed to be WRONG! If any *one* of them REALLY DOES get your clothes *cleaner*—then the unspoken inference is that they get your clothes *cleaner than any other product!*

What about your personal religious philosophies?

People say, "But ALL these religions, these organizations, these philosophies can't be wrong!"

But can they ALL be RIGHT?

Utterly impossible. If any ONE of them is RIGHT—and remember, they ALL DIFFER—then that one being right AUTOMATICALLY renders all others WRONG!

But in "choosing" a religion, a faith, or a church—thousands pick and choose with the same careless abandon of housewives, selecting the colorful boxes of soaps and detergents from the shelves of the supermarket.

Surveys show many frankly admit they attend their church because of its size, its standing in the community (being "reputable" or not), its nearness to their home, or the parking facility.

Only a *few* admitted they had given at least a little time to searching into *what the church taught*. Fewer still seemed to wonder WHETHER IT IS THE TRUTH OF GOD'S WORD!

But God has not *left* it up to man to choose for HIMSELF a "religion."

Almighty God REVEALS His TRUE religion—gives us HIS TRUTH. It's then up to us to either accept it and OBEY, or REJECT it, and find a "religion" of our own!

"Here's the Way I Look at It!"

You're living in the age of opinions. It's a broadminded age—an age of non-involvement, don't rock the boat, keep out of controversy.

Most people reason out in their own minds a "need" for religion in their lives.

The symptoms may be frustration, worry, unsettled marriages, or a desire for social contact. Their reasons for seeking a "satisfactory" religion may include social pressures, environmental background, political or financial expediency, or, in some remote cases, an acute desire to seek spiritual knowledge.

Recently, one of the current rash of "public opinion" type programs received a call from a woman who was obviously seeking some fundamental truths.

The panel was composed of a Catholic Priest, a Rabbi, and a Protestant Minister.

The lady directed her question to the Protestant Minister.

She wanted some straight answers—wanted to get *behind* the obvious confusion in the rank and file of conflicting denominationalism; wanted to find the real TRUTH!

She was advised to seek out a "reputable" church near her.

She was urged to *be sure* it was a

bona-fide, reputable, "known" type of church—with a substantial membership, a nice building, a respectable minister.

This, according to the minister on the program, would most assuredly solve all her spiritual problems.

Did the minister mean to say there are churches which he would call "disreputable"?

Not if you asked him so directly.

No more than the soap ads would be cornered into saying the OTHER product—(probably "brand x"—ugh!) leaves your clothes frighteningly DIRTY!

Ever have a friend direct you to a "bad" doctor?

Neither have you ever been advised to go to a "bad" religion, a "bad" philosophy, or a "bad" church.

But, presumably, there *are* such things.

The idea seemed to be that one is as good as another—so long as it's one of the *name brands*! In washers and dryers, stick to the BIG NAMES, and you're probably fairly safe. They give warranties, guarantees, service seals and the like.

The various religious philosophies?

Some are, admittedly, "reputable," while others are, well, let's say—NOT so "reputable."

When one is asked the question—"If you belong to a *different* organization than I, do you believe *you* will be 'saved,' while *I* will be CONDEMNED??"

How would the average "broad-minded" person answer the question? It's difficult to know.

Whose Opinions Count?

Does the way we LOOK at it really matter? Will the opinions, the fancies, notions, ideas, guesses, superstitions, philosophies, convictions and beliefs of our friends and neighbors REALLY SAVE US?

No. It is WHAT GOD SAYS that is important, not what *people say about* God.

It's about time you came down off the fence of doubt, indecision, and the belief nothing can be proved to be ABSOLUTE! It's time you PROVED God exists—and time you saw what HE says about His Sacred TRUTH!

Think about it—ponder it—are the

analogies you just read APPLICABLE?

Isn't the religious doubt and confusion about you a little hard to reconcile with Christ's PLAIN statement, "and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world"? (Mat. 28:20.)

Jesus said, "I will build My Church" (Mat. 16:18). He DID BUILD it!

But did Jesus Christ leave each individual to decide for *himself* which interpretation, which philosophy, which comfortable idea best suits him? Did Christ leave a legacy of *confusion*?

He said, "Thy WORD is TRUTH!" (John 17:17.) He was POSITIVE in His statements. He was *absolute*. He NEVER BUDGED AN INCH where sin was concerned!

And people—people who like to be "broadminded"—HATED Him for it!

You need to *make sure* you REALLY PROVE God exists—that He DOES RULE in Heaven above, that His word is SURE—and that you can believe it, ABSOLUTELY!

Frequently, a visitor to the radio studio will ask me, "What is your belief about . . . ?"

My answer?

"Well—you see—it's not important what *I* believe—what *I* believe is only my own personal, private OPINION! And the private OPINIONS of people are utterly worthless in the face of the proven, tested, accurate, absolute FACTS. Now, if you want to know what GOD PLAINLY SAYS on the subject. . . ." and then I proceed to tell the visitor *what God says*!

Think about it.

Are you HONEST WITH YOURSELF?

Do you *check up* to PROVE what you read in this magazine? Do you listen CAREFULLY to the statements I make on *The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast? Do you listen with an OPEN MIND, and do you PROVE each point to yourself, OUT OF YOUR OWN BIBLE?

If you do, then you are coming to *know*, and *know that you know* that you are in contact with the actual *Work of Almighty God* on this earth!

What Are Our Motives?

You need to ask yourself—just what are we of *The WORLD TOMORROW*

program, and *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine, "after"?

Listen to a few of the facts!

First, you hear a straight-talk half-hour program which NEVER makes any emotional appeal, solicits funds, asks for contributions, or urges you to "join" any kind of an organization!

Secondly, you are receiving what we feel is the most finely printed, top-quality, beautiful magazine—chock-full of straight-from-the-shoulder articles trying to *serve*, and to *help you*—and all absolutely FREE of charge!

At your request, you can join the multiple thousands who are receiving, *without tuition cost*, our Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course. This FREE course takes you in a step-by-step method through the *entire* Bible in a gripping, scintillating and absorbing manner.

At your request, you may receive any one of the many dozens of booklets and articles we send out, all absolutely FREE of charge. There is NEVER, in any of these booklets, any solicitation to "join" an organization—or any request for money.

Others don't understand it. They say, "How can you publish all this literature, and such a *fine* magazine as *The PLAIN TRUTH*, and send it all out FREE?"

Sometimes, when a few persecutors (who either sincerely misunderstand, disagree, or deliberately distort and wrest our words) write little tracts or pamphlets claiming to "expose" this great Work of God, they refer to our practice of giving away all this literature FREE. One such tract used the word "lavishly" when describing our practice of GIVING the Gospel to the world. The inference was that there must be something *sinister*, something *hidden*, something clandestine and *evil* in GIVING all this literature away absolutely FREE!

But Jesus said, "FREELY you have received, FREELY give!" (Mat. 10:8.)

Again, *what are our motives*? Have we ever ASKED you for something? Or, on the other hand, don't you see us trying diligently to GIVE you something of *great value*—truly the "pearl of great price," the precious TRUTH of

your Creator God, which comes to you FREE as the breath of air you breathe?

Anything evil, anything sinister in that?

Are We Competing?

Analyze it further.

Are we a competing organization—proselyting, trying to wrest away members from other organizations?

If we *were*—don't you believe we should adopt a far DIFFERENT "doctrine"? The TRUTH which we preach is not *easy*. We don't apologize—we don't whine or gasp on the air. We don't sob, cry, scream, or add a grunting, explosive "UH!!" after every other word or so on the air. We do not attack organizations, churches, or individuals.

In our literature, you can find *no* articles which ever impugn or ridicule others, which impute *motives* to others, or which *name* individuals and label them "Mr. Confusion," or "false prophet!"

Ever read in the Gospels how Christ "answered them not a word"? Jesus had His persecutors. It wasn't His personality, His manner of dress, His appearance that made them so angry. Had He just "gone along" with the rest of the world of His day—blending into His community, casually taking for granted everything taught by the various conflicting organizations of His day, Christ would have been a "regular guy," a "good joe," readily accepted by all elements of society.

But He came thundering the Gospel of the Kingdom of God! He came preaching the TRUTH of God! He came living a *life* exemplary of the very commandments and laws of God.

That's what made them so angry. They simply couldn't understand how anybody could be that SURE he was right! They wondered, "Who gives this fellow the right to be right?" While they *did* bicker back and forth among themselves, there was a certain degree of "tolerance" between Essenes, Sadducees, Pharisees, Herodians and others. They were "broadminded" enough to live together fairly peaceably in the same communities.

Incidentally, which one of *them* did Jesus join?



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Thousands from many different denominations attend traditional Easter sunrise services—but never ask, What does the Bible say about it?

Yes, just what are we after?

The Work of MEN—or the Work of GOD?

Let me give you a little-known fact. Frequently, those who have been carefully *checking up* in their own Bibles, and have been searching the Scriptures to PROVE the Truth of God will call upon us to send representatives to visit them in their own homes. We never call upon *anyone* unless it is specifically and voluntarily *requested*—and even THEN it sometimes necessitates a wait of weeks or even months because of our shortage of qualified ministers and helpers.

But even *after* some have called upon us, without any solicitation on our part, and have *asked us* if they can "join" with us in this great Work of God—they want to be baptized, and become a very *member* of the Body of Jesus Christ—yes *even then* we do

not baptize all of them, by any means.

Why? Simply because we are preaching and teaching *what the Bible says*—not the "ideas" of man!

In the Bible, there are definite, positive LAWS revealed. It is only when we have totally *repented* of having *broken* those laws, have come to God, through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, brokenheartedly—asking His *forgiveness*—and then have become willing to OBEY God, that we are truly qualified for baptism.

Many, we find, simply do not understand.

They see a work which they feel is the work of men. They want to have a part in it. They appreciate it, they are enthusiastic about it, and they want to help in it.

And that's exactly why we do not baptize them.

Again, what are our motives? Surely, you might think, if we were trying to

build some type of competing organization, begin a "movement," or start a large "denomination" we should have to change our tactics, wouldn't you think? As I said, we should have to "adopt" (which would be direct disobedience to God's plain commands!) a totally different doctrine, adopt totally new procedures, and start putting a price on the magazine—just for a start.

Do you begin to see?

We are not just another voice among thousands—not just another label on the supermarket shelf—not just another size, brand name, or product which may be "better suited" to some people than to others.

WE ARE the very servants of the LIVING Jesus Christ of Nazareth preaching His Word, fulfilling His great commission to His own Body!

How Can You Prove It?

Again I say, "DON'T believe us!" believe what you read in *your own Bible!*

Isaiah wrote, "To the law and to the testimony, if they speak *not according to this word*, it is because there is no light in them" (Isa. 8:20).

The Apostle Paul urged, "PROVE all things, hold fast that which is good" (I Thes. 5:21). Luke wrote, in the book of Acts, of the Bereans who "received the word with all *readiness of mind* [as opposed to (NOT with) suspicion, hostility or resentment—but with an OPEN mind] and SEARCHED THE SCRIPTURES DAILY, whether these things were so" (Acts 17:11).

But the text goes on "THEREFORE many of them believed" (Verse 12). In other words, BECAUSE of their honest, forthright, open-minded zeal in wanting to prove the TRUTH, as opposed to the suspicious, resentful and biased approach of someone whose mind is *already made up*, these Bereans BELIEVED. And they believed the literal TRUTH!

YOU, too, can PROVE where God's truth is available. You can *prove*, and come to really KNOW what is the only and the one *true religion* which Jesus Christ of Nazareth brought to this earth from His Father!

You can come to know Jesus Christ is

ALIVE today, that He RULES in His own True Church, which is His Body!

Again we say, don't believe us—just because we say so. But believe us if and when you find we speak according to the very Word of God, and then only believe us as we speak according to *that Word!*

The Apostle Paul said, "Follow me as I follow Christ!" (I Cor. 11:1.)

What about it? Do you really WANT to know the truth? Jesus said, "You shall know the truth, and the TRUTH shall make you free!" (John 8:32.) The truth is available. We're doing our best, working day and night, striving to bring it to you—and to give it to you FREE, just as Jesus said.

Anyone who can find an evil motive in this is a person of biased and bigoted mind, indeed. We hope you will continue to PROVE to yourself the Truth of God, and not just look casually for a "satisfying" religion of your own!

Personal from the Editor

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happiness, was long ago taken away. There *was* real peace, contentment, joyful and abundant happiness here on earth once. But you and I never experienced it. It was long, long, long before we were born. The earth was ruled by GOD's GOVERNMENT. I'll try to have an article explaining that in the next month or two.

But even the *greatest*, the strongest, the BEST of human leaders—and surely Mr. Churchill was one of the best the world has had in our century—could not bring this chaotic world out of its troubles, or give us a peaceful, happy world.

World-famous scientists say the world's only hope is a super world government. They are right. But there can be *no man-formed* world government to rule the whole world—all nations. Only GOD ALMIGHTY can save this world. And He soon is going to save it! He is going to send Jesus Christ back to earth—this time as the

SUPREME GOD, in all the divine POWER, and supernatural GLORY of the UNIVERSE-RULER.

Then those who have truly repented of transgressions of God's government (their sins), have believed, been baptized and received God's Holy Spirit—been begotten as children of GOD; who have *overcome*, have grown in grace and the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, and endured—*they* shall be *changed* from mortal to immortal, the dead saints shall arise IMMORTAL, entering into the KINGDOM OF GOD. This divine, glorified, all-powerful GOVERNMENT shall then RULE THE WORLD! With Jesus Christ its Head, as KING of kings, and LORD of lords, this Kingdom of *born children of God* shall RULE ALL NATIONS.

And then, and not until then, shall peace be brought to fruition!

Winston Churchill was one of the world's great—perhaps the very *last* of its great.

But do you know what Jesus Christ said about John the Baptist?

He said: "Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding *he that is least* in the Kingdom of heaven [Kingdom of God—Mark, Luke, and John] is greater than he."

The very most humble person, regarded as of no consequence in the world, who repents, believes, obeys, receives and is led by God's Spirit, grows spiritually and overcomes, will be far GREATER—and will possess MORE POWER, in the world tomorrow, than a man of Winston Churchill's stature in this world!

The REAL POWER is yet to be *revealed!*

We may respect and honor men like Sir Winston Churchill. But never forget—the *very least* who "makes the grade" into the Kingdom of God shall be far greater than the greatest of men who have ever lived in *this* evil world! Let's get our balance! Let's recognize the TRUE VALUES! Let's put first things first! Let's realize what really is IMPORTANT—and the *ONLY* thing that is important is—being *born* into the KINGDOM OF GOD!

Britain's Economic Chaos

What's wrong with Great Britain? What must England do to recapture leadership among nations?

by Raymond F. McNair

BRTAIN'S finances are in a shambles! The recent crisis concerning the British pound *appears* to be over. But the road to complete economic recovery is going to be a long, hard, uphill climb!

Recently, eleven of the most powerful banking nations in the free world helped to snatch Britain back from the brink of economic disaster—by loaning her *three billion dollars* to help shore up the pound.

This was in addition to a *one-billion-dollar* loan which the International Monetary Fund had previously put up to help get Britain out of her economic tailspin.

The final outcome of this pound crisis and of Britain's economic "mess" will not only affect the peoples of Britain and the Commonwealth, but it will also have far-reaching effects in the U. S. A. and the whole world.

Serious Pound Crisis

Here is how this recent pound crisis developed.

Though the pound sterling has been having trouble for some time, real pressure did not begin until September and October, 1964. "In fact by the end of October it seemed likely that Britain had run up debts totalling some *£150 million* with foreign central banks, indicating a 'true' reserve loss for the two months of close to *£200 million*" (*The Economist*, 28 November, 1964).

Britain normally likes to keep a reserve of about *£1,000 million*. But, "Its end-October reserve of *£876 million* was already at its 1961 low point and already partly pledged to repay foreign borrowings: net of these reserves on Wednesday may have been down to the intolerable level of *£500-550 million*, sinking hourly." (*The Economist*, 28 November, 1964.)

Something had to be done—and quickly! Lord Cromer, Governor of

the Bank of England, got on the telephone and began calling the financial wizards in New York and on the Continent. About eleven hours later, *\$3,000,000,000* had been promised Lord Cromer to help prop up the pound.

Who's to Blame?

What was the *immediate cause* of the pound difficulties?

Who was really to blame?

The present Labour Government, under Prime Minister Harold Wilson, blames the "mess" left by the recently-ousted Conservative Government. It is true that the Labour Government inherited a *colossal balance-of-payments deficit* for 1964 of about *£700 or £800 million*, though the exact figures are not yet known.

The Conservatives, however, blame the present Labour Government for the trouble the pound got into. At least they blame Mr. Wilson's economic policies.

The truth is—that both Labour and Conservatives are jointly to blame! Certainly, Britain's finances became a shambles under the Conservative Government.

It is equally true, however, that Mr. Harold Wilson's "panic measures" to get the pound back on its feet were undoubtedly the immediate cause of the run on the pound.

Due to the continuous bleeding of sterling from Britain's economy over the past few years, the pound had become very shaky. In desperation, Mr. Wilson imposed a *15% surcharge* on virtually all imports, and hiked the *bank rate* from *5 to 7 percent* on November 23. This "crisis-level" rise in the bank rate was expected to be sufficient to stanch the hemorrhaging of the pound.

It failed miserably!

The *run on the pound*, which had commenced before the rise in the bank rate, slowed down a bit after the bank

rate increase and then began rapidly increasing momentum.

The run on the pound not only created panic in Britain, but it caused American and Continental bankers to



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Lord Cromer, Governor of the Bank of England, is elated over the *three billion dollars* that international bankers loaned to help prop up the British pound. But how long will this artificial support last?

be seized by fear. If confidence in the pound collapsed, the U. S. dollar and the currencies of continental Europe would also be drastically affected. Nobody wanted that to happen.

Devalue the Pound?

If something couldn't be done, and done quickly, to restore confidence in the pound sterling, Britain would have been forced to devalue the pound.

Such a move might even have trig-

gered another depression similar to that of the late '20's and early '30's. It is certain that further devaluation of the pound would put the whole sterling area at a serious disadvantage in the world markets.

In 1949 Britain's Labour Government devalued the pound. At that time it was worth \$4.03. Through devaluation, the pound shrunk to \$2.80. It has remained at this value ever since.

Also, when the pound was devalued in 1949, about twenty different countries devalued their currencies. A period of chaos followed this chain reaction of currency devaluations.

When one country devalues its currency and other countries are forced to follow suit, then nobody really profits. Notice how the chain reaction would affect many nations.

Another devaluation of the pound now, together with possible other devaluations in Europe, would have left the U. S. dollar exposed, sustaining all alone the international financial structure of the whole free world.

Actually if the pound should have to be devalued, *the dollar would have to follow suit soon after* unless the U. S. Government was willing to put American exporters, already hard-pressed to be competitive, at a disadvantage.

The dollar cannot be devalued at this point. The whole military, political and financial structure of the entire free world is tied to the dollar.

It seems no one wanted to see the pound devalued. This would have meant many other nations would have followed suit, and currency chaos would have followed. The economic structure of the whole free world would have been totally upset.

"As the world's No. 2 reserve currency after the dollar, the pound plainly had to be defended" (TIME, December 4, 1964).

The huge sum of \$4 billion which was needed to rescue the pound must be repaid by Britain within six months, plus \$150 million which Britain owes the U. S., due in December. This is one of the many headaches which Mr. Wilson faced in his recent talks with President Johnson in Washington.

"The crisis was a rude shock for



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British and American leaders know that their two peoples must stand together or fall together. Thus, there is deep mutual concern. Here, trying to work out solutions in a Washington conference, are, on the left, British Defence Secretary Denis Healey, Prime Minister Wilson, Ambassador Lord Harlech; on the right, U. S. Assistant Secretary of State William Tyler, Undersecretary of State George Ball, Secretary of State Dean Rusk, President Johnson, Defence Secretary Robert McNamara.

Labour, and a sobering reminder that the whole British economy must become drastically more efficient to survive" (TIME, December 4, 1964).

Increased Production— Essential to Survival

The London *Financial Times* said, "Gone is the illusion that more benefits for all could be squeezed from static production. Gone is the illusion that growth can come from talk."

This \$4 billion loan to the British Government is to be used to buy time so that Britain can get her economic household in shape. Otherwise, Britain is sunk!

The British pound and the U. S. dollar are, financially speaking, like Siamese twins—dependent on each other. A serious illness or death of either of these world-currencies would, of necessity, be shared by the other.

America and Britain are closely tied together by blood ties, laws, language, traditions—and in their finances! We have been the closest of allies in two World Wars, and must continue to keep close together.

Before we survey further our economic difficulties in Britain, as re-

cently underlined by the pound crisis, we need to understand the following basic facts. Bible prophecies clearly identify the peoples of the British Commonwealth and the United States as having descended from Ephraim and Manasseh, the sons of Joseph.

Millenniums ago, Almighty God prophesied that the great nation of America, and the powerful Commonwealth of Nations led by Britain, would emerge as the mightiest and wealthiest of all nations. (If you would like the Bible proof of this, be sure and write for Mr. Armstrong's free and enlightening booklet, *The United States and The British Commonwealth in Prophecy*.)

WHY We Must Borrow

Thousands of years ago, God Almighty promised our people that if they obeyed Him they would be blessed in every way—including their finances. "And thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow. And the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the Lord thy God,

which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them" (Deut. 28:12, 13).

God solemnly warned, however, that dire calamities would befall Israel (which includes the people of modern-day America and Britain) if they violated His laws (verses 15-68).

If Israel disobeyed, then God solemnly declared, "The stranger [foreigner] that is within thee shall get up above thee very high; and thou shalt come down very low. He shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to him: he shall be the head, and thou shalt be the tail" (Deut. 28:43, 44). (Many big U.S. banks are owned by foreign capital.)

Could it just be possible that America and Britain are having financial difficulties—are borrowing from foreigners—because of their flagrant disobedience to God's commands?

Gold Reserves Very Low

Notice how U.S. gold reserves, like those of Britain, have shrunk to a dangerous level. Foreign nations now control most of the "U.S." gold!

Listen to this report:

Trouble has started for the British pound sterling. In the minds of foreigners, the dollar and the pound are closely related as the world's principal means of international exchange.

Foreigners today hold claims on 26.1 billion U.S. dollars. On demand they can ask for gold. "Free" gold to meet demands from abroad totals only 2.4 billions.

The foregoing shows the sad state of U.S. gold reserves. Serious trouble for the dollar, as well as the pound, is brewing.

Notice a further effect is that once again, foreigners, owning vast quantities of U.S. dollars, are starting to raise questions about the soundness of those dollars. Let those doubts grow and these foreigners could demand gold for their dollars—with not enough gold to go around.

A first move has just been made to raise interest rates to encourage foreigners to leave their dollars in the United States.

Yet, in foreign eyes, the British

pound and U.S. dollars are linked as "weak" currencies.

Export—or Die!

Through the massive \$4 billion loan which Britain recently secured, time is being bought by the British Government to discourage imports and encourage exports. The Government hopes that her extremely high interest rates, recently put into effect, will attract foreign funds to London, and stop the outflow of Britain's gold.

Yes, Britain wants to cut down on her imports and step up her exports. The trade deficit of the British Empire this year has reached outsized proportions, with the rise in imports greatly outstripping that in exports. The competitive ability of British exporters in world markets is being questioned more and more.

The truth is that Britain over the past few years has been importing more and more, and exporting less and less.

This pernicious pattern must be reversed at once if Britain is to get out of her economic difficulties.

How could Britain's leaders let her get in such a "mess"? Haven't her leaders known that Britain must trade to survive? Surely they know that Britain's import-export trade is her very lifeblood? Obviously, since Britain is a trading nation, she must export more than she imports, otherwise she will sink into grave economic difficulties.

But why has Britain been unable to export more than she has imported? And, what is needed to get Britain rolling again?

Wages Versus Production

Before this question can be answered fully, we must pinpoint the cause of Britain's economic "mess." TIME magazine recently pointed out that "The whole British economy must become drastically more efficient to survive." Even the London *Financial Times* admitted Britain is being squeezed out of world markets because of her "static production."

Wages, meanwhile, are rising faster than Great Britain's productivity. This simply means that Britons are pricing themselves out of the world markets

because they don't produce enough goods in relation to the high wage (by European standards) which they receive.

"It is productivity that has lagged.



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Capt. D. R. MacFarlane, DSO, OBE, and Argentine Ambassador Dr. Domingo A. Derisi watch over the unloading in Britain of a shipment of Argentine chilled beef. Britain's big problem is how to increase exports enough to pay for all her imports.

The Government must therefore still find a way to make exports directly more profitable" (*The Economist*, November 28, 1964).

But how?

Mr. Wilson will have to force Trade Unions to drop restrictive practices which have priced industries like shipbuilding out of world business.

A recent issue of *Time & Tide* had an article entitled, "Three doing one man's job." "Three British workers are employed to do the work done by one in Canada in the manufacture of a number of products.

"This was given as one of the reasons why Canada is not always able to buy British. . . .

"Other reasons: Britain's selling is not aggressive enough; Britain is not using enough automation; Britain has too many strikes in the docks [and

elsewhere] which hold up deliveries.

"The Trade Unions generally will not accept automation unless the same number of workers is retained."

British Indolence

Many Britons cannot or *will not* see that it is the *indolence of British labour* that is making it impossible for Britain to compete in today's world markets with aggressive nations like Germany and Japan. (Remember, Japan is now the world's No. 1 shipbuilder!) Britain's salesmen aren't aggressive enough. Many of her factories are outdated. And the Trade Unions are constipating the economy of Britain with their constant strikes, work-to-rule policies and other restrictive practices.

Some time ago, a programme was aired on British television which showed that Ford's factory at Dagenham, near London, produces about one third the number of automobiles which a similarly equipped Ford factory in the U. S. produces. And British wages are, of course, only about one third what they are in America.

On December 8, B.B.C. TV televised a documentary programme, "HALF-TIME BRITAIN?" The question was asked: "Is the nation doing half-work for half-pay under half-hearted management?" It showed *why* Britain is producing only half of what she is capable. It revealed that some Britons are paid a full day's wage when they average working only about three hours per day. By loafing during their normal 8-hour working day, they are able to force their employer to let them do overtime work, at higher wages, in order to meet production quotas.

This programme revealed that management is also to blame for Britain's shocking half-time production! It is sadly lacking in progressive, original and dynamic ideas and techniques!

men are not as enterprising as they should be. British factories are not as modern, and automation is not as widespread as it ought to be. And Britain is not better off economically than any of the countries who so kindly loaned her \$4 billion to bail her out of her "economic" difficulties. For anyone to say otherwise is to play the part of the ostrich and totally ig-

It seems to take ages to get *anything* done.

We have found in our construction programme here at Ambassador College in England that it takes about three times as long to build or construct almost any building as at our Colleges in the U. S.

Canadians, Australians or Americans who reside in Britain are struck by the seeming indifference of so many of the salesclerks in British shops. Clerks frequently make you feel that you are imposing on them, and even people who own their small shops or businesses often don't appear too eager to serve their customers. In many other countries, clerks and salesmen will almost break their necks rather than lose a sale. But not so here in Britain!

"Nothing Wrong With the Economy?"

The same issue of *Time & Tide* quoted earlier ran a conflicting article, by the Editor, entitled, "We Believe in Britain."

"There is nothing wrong with the economy of Britain. The people are more prosperous than ever before. Our businessmen are as enterprising and our factories as efficient as those of any other country—more efficient than many in the U. S. . . .

"British managers are good, our young men of science the best (as long as you do not pamper them with too much equipment), our salesmen superb, our people balanced . . .

"Britain, if only we realized it, is better off than any of the countries who so kindly have lent us money." Yet, if the Editor of *Time & Tide* would read the entire issue of his magazine, he would see that other articles contradict his statement.

There is plenty wrong with the economy of Britain! British businessmen most Britons still don't see it—"yet, he knoweth it not."

Jeremiah 30:12-14 warns us there will be no "healing medicines" for the peoples of Britain and America—and the rest of modern Israel. Rather, ultimately, all our national "lovers" (our allies) will totally forget us.

"For thus saith the Lord, Thy bruise (Please continue on page 14)

nore the sobering facts! Let Britain quit kidding herself or she will never get out of her economic quagmire!

"I'm All Right, Jack!"

Long ago Almighty God prophesied of this reluctance of the people of Britain to swallow their pride and admit that all isn't well. Such expressions as "I'm all right, Jack!" and "We've never had it so good" are common in Britain today. Even in the face of Britain's severe economic crisis, chauvinistic Britons insist, "There is nothing wrong with the economy of Britain." Ridiculous! If not, then why did Britain recently borrow 4 billion dollars?

Notice how this attitude is prophesied in the Book of Hosea. (And remember, the people of Great Britain today are the descendants of Ephraim—one of the sons of Joseph—who was prophesied to become a multitude—or *commonwealth*—of nations. See Genesis 48:17-19. Also, be sure and read Mr. Armstrong's booklet mentioned earlier in this article.)

"Ephraim, he hath mixed himself among the people; Ephraim is a cake not turned. Strangers [foreigners] have devoured his strength, and he knoweth it not: yea, grey hairs are here and there upon him, yet he knoweth not" (Hos. 7:8, 9).

No "race" of people have mixed so much throughout the nations of the world as have the people of Britain—in Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Africa, Cyprus, and pretty well around the world. Certainly, many Gentile nations today are devouring the assets which Britain built up in her colonies. Britain's strength is waning. Also, the signs of national decadence (the "grey hairs") are everywhere evident. Yet many are so blinded by excessive nationalism that they cannot see the facts. Though the handwriting is on the wall,

Anyone who has lived in Britain any length of time (after having lived in one of the more aggressive countries such as Germany, Japan, Australia or the U.S.) cannot fail to be struck by the slow, snail's pace which seemingly everything moves in Britain. There's *too much red tape!* Too much *indifference!* Too downright *indolence!*



Britain's Pride

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Britain's Indolence!

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Britain's Despisers

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THE FACE OF BRITISH COLLAPSE!

Just twenty years ago, Britain was a leader among nations! Under its capable Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, Britain saw its "finest hour." But today Britons' pride is in their glorious past, which has long since perished. The Great British Empire is almost through.

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"Bingo-happy" Britons!

is incurable, and thy wound is grievous. There is none to plead thy cause, that thou mayest be bound up: thou hast no healing medicines. All thy lovers [allies—Moffatt trans.] have forgotten thee; they seek thee not; for I have wounded thee with the wound of an enemy, with the chastisement of a cruel one, for the multitude of thine iniquity; because thy sins were increased." (See also Hosea 8:9.)

Is it not significant that international newsmen are speaking of "the pound's weakness," "Britain's weakness," and then asking, "But does this heal the deep *British sickness*?"

The time is soon coming when countries such as Germany, Italy and Spain will not be willing to support Britain any further. So says your Bible and so say current news magazines.

The U.S. regards it as a duty to support the pound, but the Continental Europeans may, after a while, not feel the same way.

This same danger was recently expressed by former Prime Minister, Sir Alec Douglas-Home, in a speech to the London University Conservative Association.

The following significant quote entitled "Erhard seeks £ of flesh" appeared in the London *Daily Express*, 5 December, 1964:

"Chancellor Erhard gave a clear hint to Britain today that Germany expects her pound of flesh in return for proping up the £.

"After criticising the 15 percent surcharge in a speech at Bochum, he said: 'The illusion that a country which falls into difficulties can let others do penance for them just does not fit in this era of understanding.

"I agreed to the £180 million operation by the German Bank to rescue the £. In return it is to be expected that Britain will have more understanding for German problems than has been shown in recent speeches by Labour people."

"Erhard was referring to two issues—a German finger on the nuclear trigger, which Mr. Wilson has said he will never support, and the present campaign in Germany to get unification on the international conference table."

What must Britain do, if she is ever



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Utter emptiness! The tracks at London's Waterloo Station lie idle during one of Britain's frequent and varied strikes. Shipping tie-ups slow down Britain's international trade and chip a little more off her diminishing economic stability.

to get her economic house in order? What must she do in order to compete successfully in today's highly competitive world markets?

Solution to Britain's Economic Chaos

Here's the solution:

(1) Britain needs intelligent, dynamic leadership from the top down.

(2) Spiralling prices and wages must be curtailed. Labour costs are too high, forcing Britain's products to be overpriced in today's world markets. Wages and prices must quit playing leapfrog!

(3) Indolence must be replaced with hard work. Diligence must become the rule. People throughout Britain—in every strata of her labour force—must be willing to give an honest day's labour—eight full hours. *Laziness is a sin!* Paul was inspired to write that if any will not work, neither should he eat! (II Thess. 3:10.)

Many Britons work only about half the time while clocked in at work. Yet, they still receive their full paycheck at the weekend. They fiddle away their time puttering around, taking tea breaks, smoking and just wasting time. They often do this so they can work overtime—at a higher wage. Because of this, production levels are kept too low. This, in turn, forces the manufacturer to raise the price of his goods, thereby making his product less competitive in today's world markets.

(4) Labour unions must be brought under control! They must be forced to drop their restrictive practices which are pricing Britain's industries (like the shipbuilding industry) out of the world's markets.

The Unions often support unreasonable demands and practices. Example: a light bulb goes out on a London-to-Bristol train. It could easily be replaced by one of the staff on the train, but the Unions force the issue and make

"an electrician" responsible for installing the bulb. The train is at Paddington Station in London. The electrician boards the train with bulb in hand. The train pulls out of the station and heads for Bristol. The electrician takes the free ride to Bristol and returns later that same afternoon or evening after a "full day's work"—having spent his eight-hour "work" day, changing one bulb en route from London to Bristol and back. Such idiotic "demarkation," who-does-what disputes are crippling British industry. There are many such ridiculous examples of similar practices going on in Britain.

Britain needs dynamic leadership in management-labour relations to insure that labour is provided: a fair wage,

reasonable work hours and proper working conditions.

(5) Many of Britain's factories are obsolete. She must be willing to install the latest, most efficient machinery and equipment—if she really wants to get things moving. Britain must increase automation, and then find other ways of employing those men who become redundant.

(6) Britain's salesmen must vigorously push sales of British commodities—on a world-wide basis. It has been said: "Ask an American manufacturer about his product, and he will send you a catalog. Ask a Briton, and he will tell you that he can order it for you, though it may take a few months to deliver. Ask a German, and he'll turn

up with his product on your doorstep asking, 'Where do I put it?'"

(7) Every facet of British industry and her transport system must be geared so that Britain can deliver the goods on time. In the business world, Britons have become notorious for not meeting delivery dates. There are few exceptions.

(8) The Government must decrease the heavy tax burden, both on the individual and on British industry, as an extra incentive to spur production.

(9) Britain must reform her social or welfare programme so that all those who can, must support themselves. That is one way taxes can be reduced.

A number of foreign nations now say they will not continue to bail



Wide World Photo

Aerial view of idle ships lying alongside London's Royal Victoria and Albert docks while 21,000 dock workers were out on strike. Export cargoes are piled up in pier sheds while Britain's sagging economy desperately cries for more exports.

Britain out of her pound difficulties unless she will curtail her doles to everyone—via social “benefits.” Increasingly, Britons are looking to their welfare state social system to take care of them, from the cradle to the grave. Effect? Many take “advantage” of this and let the Government do their thinking, planning—and their work—for them. They expect the Government to do just about everything for them. Many able-bodied Britons malingering in order to get certain welfare benefits; and still others will not work because of just plain laziness. Why work, when you often can receive more by not working—from the Government!

(10) Britons must spend a smaller percentage of their incomes on luxuries—liquor, entertainment, betting and gambling, hire purchase (credit-buying) especially of expensive homes, cars, furniture and other items which they do not really need.

Pleasure-minded Britons

If private individuals and also business and industrial establishments will curtail their luxury spending and put more of their money into savings or back into the business to build it up, then Britain can begin moving forward. “He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man” (Prov. 21:17).

As long, however, as the average Briton insists on getting lost in “the Bingo age,” the local pub, or permits himself to become hypnotized daily before his TV set, he cannot expect to compete in world markets. Such forms of dissipation syphon away the time, energy and money of many Britons, with little left over for productivity. If a large proportion of money which now goes for pleasure could be put in savings, or invested in something worthwhile, then Britain’s economy would begin to thrive.

Too many Britons are “lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God” (II Tim. 3:4). Church attendance is very low and the average Briton is little concerned about giving anything to God (Mal. 3:8-12). “Let us eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die” seems to be the attitude of so many. (See Luke 12:19.)



Wide World Photo

Superimposed here, with Parliament buildings and Big Ben's tower in the background, are a few of the colorful names of typical London pubs. Britons flock to their pubs in a vain effort to enjoy personal pleasures and forget the crying needs of the nation.

Work Hard, Save—Prosper!

Yes, if we in Britain ever expect to get back on our economic feet, we must “work, make money, pay our debts, stop the borrowing, restore confidence . . .” (*Time & Tide*, 3-9 December, 1964).

If Britain isn't willing to *work hard, produce, save and invest further* so that she can increase her capacity to produce still more, then she is going to sink further and further into the quagmire of economic stagnation! She will continue to be squeezed out of world markets! And, if Britain goes down, she will undoubtedly help to drag the Commonwealth countries and the U. S. down with her. “Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep; and an idle soul [or nation] shall suffer hunger” declares God's Word (Prov. 19:15).

“He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand; but the hand of the DILIGENT maketh rich” (Prov. 10:4). Britain must repent of her indolence—and show that repentance by *hard work!*

Britons need a stiffening of the vertebrae—a firm determination to work hard and change the British image from that of indolence and indifference to that of a forward, progressive

and thereby a very prosperous nation.

The real answer to Britain's sagging economy is found in Ecclesiastes 9:10, “*Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, DO IT WITH THY MIGHT*; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.”

In the economic field, Britain's plight is underscored by the fact that it has fallen behind most industrial nations in almost every category—rate of growth, productivity, industrial efficiency, technological progress and expansion of exports.

Unless diligence replaces indolence, Britain's economy is headed for “the grave.” Creeping paralysis is gripping Britain's production, and consequently, her economy is suffering. More mental and physical effort is needed to get Britain really moving again. Mental massage and elbow grease—that's the solution. *Each one* is responsible before God for doing *his own part*.

Yes, the answer to Britain's economic chaos is relatively easy to understand. But the big question is: “Will Britain take the necessary steps to put her economic house in order?”

Make sure you do your part so you will be delivered, personally, from the ultimate consequence.

HOW YOUR PLAIN TRUTH SUBSCRIPTION HAS BEEN PAID

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

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

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

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

Thus the living dynamic Christ Himself enables us to broadcast, world-wide, without ever asking for contributions over the air; to enroll many thousands in the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course with full tuition cost *already paid*; to send your PLAIN TRUTH on an *already paid* basis. God's way is GOOD!

The Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong

Continuing the Middle East and Holy Land tour of 1956; visiting Damascus, where the Apostle Paul was baptized, Tyre and Sidon, and the Rose-Red City of Rock—Petra.

INSTALLMENT 68

FOLLOWING OUR six months' experience in telecasting, the need seemed apparent for a visit to the ancient lands of the Bible and its prophecies.

We were still planning ahead for daily television. The production of *The WORLD TOMORROW* for television had utilized a good deal of film stock, illustrating the messages. Our son Dick (Richard David) was in London, having opened offices there to handle the Radio Luxembourg mail response. Dick had planned the Middle-Eastern tour through American Express in London. He accompanied us on the tour.

During this momentous tour, Mrs. Armstrong kept a diary. It was published in *The PLAIN TRUTH* in three installments, in the issues of October, November, and December, 1956. This diary, written on the spot at the moment, provides a far better description of this trip than I could now write, myself, from memory. As stated in the preceding installment, I feel that her diary belongs in the Autobiography at this point.

Installment 67, published in the January, 1965, number reprinted PART I of her diary. This took us from New York to London; to Zurich where I purchased a Bolex motion-picture camera to record pictures for our TV program; on to Rome, across the historic Mediterranean Sea to Egypt, land of the ancient Pharaohs. From Cairo, after visiting historic places in Egypt, we flew across the Red Sea, with Mount Sinai off to our right, across the Jordan River, on east across the Syrian Desert and the Euphrates to Baghdad. After driving to the ruins of ancient Babylon, we flew back west to Damascus, capital of Syria.

At this point, we pick up

Mrs. Armstrong's Diary

PART II

by Loma D. Armstrong

THE CITY of Damascus is a mixture of beautiful modern buildings in the new city and dilapidated, old structures of the old city inhabited by Arabs. The fine apartments are the foreign Embassies and the residences of English, American and other businessmen.

Our American Express guide here in Damascus looked like ex-King Farouk

of Egypt. He met us at the airport and took us to our hotel. The building was beautiful and modern, but the dining room was so filled with fly spray that it was difficult to breathe. We still had Arabian food, some of it very strange. We were served licorice leaves in the hors d'oeuvres.

We went to bed early and arose early the next morning to see the city. Damascus is said to be the oldest continuously inhabited city on earth. And early as it was, the streets of this ancient city were crowded—as they were in Cairo—with people, donkeys, carts,



Wide World Photo

The old and the new share a narrow street in Damascus, Syria.

dogs and cars. The car horns were continually being honked.

We first went through the market place with its narrow streets packed full of people as were the streets in Baghdad. Then we went through the Arch of Jupiter to a large mosque. This mosque has an intriguing history. Centuries ago, after the worshipers of Jupiter were driven from it, the Romans

each room was put to. In one, a woman was portrayed rocking a baby in a low cradle. In another the seamstresses were fitting a bride for her wedding dress.

Each room was beautifully furnished. There were many pieces of furniture inlaid with mother-of-pearl and camel bone with ivory. There were also Persian rugs covering the floors and one room contained the usual Turkish coffee pots in five sizes. They have five pots for this reason: first, the coffee is put into a large pot, then boiled down to the size of the smaller and so on until there is just enough remaining to fill the smallest pot. By that time it is thick and black and very strong!

In the courtyard of the Palace was a beautiful fountain and pool, surrounded by porches and couches where the women of the harem used to lounge. This courtyard is enclosed and kept from view from the outside.

Street Called "Straight"

Later, we were taken to the street called "Straight" where Paul, on his way to persecute the Christians, entered Damascus after he was stricken with blindness by Christ. The old street Paul walked on and the gate through which he entered was 14 feet below the present street and only the gate and a small part of the street have been excavated.

Our guide took us from there to a place underground which he called the house of Ananias where Paul received his sight. It is obviously a fake, for it is only a cave 21 steps down. It is now a very small religious shrine with the usual idols and the usual hands held out for money.

Leading off from this was a smaller, darker cave called the Confessional. It made me think of an evil bird's haunt—and if one were able to see clearly, he surely would have seen bats on the walls!

We were then driven by an Arab to a refugee camp—the most miserable place we had yet seen. We saw one-hundred thousand Arabs living in huts made from old oil cans or anything else they could find. The dust was thick under our feet and the people were filthy and sickly and ragged. They were covered with flies. Most of them were beggars.

We were told that they had been driven out of Palestine by the Jews; but Palestine does not seem large enough to hold the thousands of Arab refugees we saw in all the different places, whom the Arabs claim were driven out by the Jews from Palestine. America had an "Atoms for Peace" display in Damascus while we were there, but there was anything but a feeling of peace toward Americans or English. The clerks in the hotel were sullen and very unfriendly as were those in other cities of the Middle East.

We drove by the old wall of Damascus to the possible place where Paul was let down in a basket and escaped from those who plotted to kill him. After seeing the old part of the city, we were driven up winding streets to the top of a hill. Along these high winding streets were beautiful apartment buildings where the American and English businessmen, oilmen and others, along with ambassadors, live. This area was such a contrast to the part of the city we had gone through.

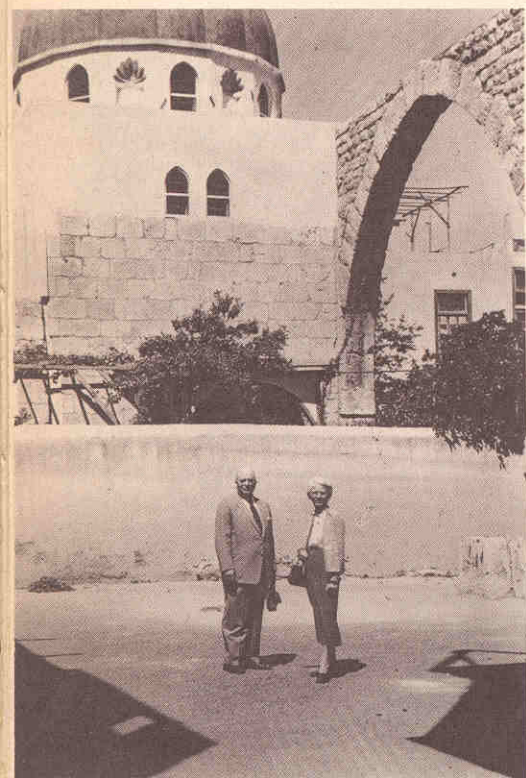
Easter Eggs at Baalbeck

On April 30, we left our hotel at 9 in the morning with another guide who had driven down from Beirut in a car. He was sent to take us through Syria to Lebanon.

It was a beautiful drive through the mountains and fertile plains of Lebanon. We were surprised to see the fields of grain and other lush growth. We drove through a large and well-watered valley where the streams came down from Mt. Lebanon.

We arrived at Baalbeck, a city dating from the 3rd to 1st century B.C. It was the site of the ancient temple of Jupiter, built by Phoenicians, destroyed partially by the Greeks, rebuilt by the Romans, destroyed by them, then rebuilt again, and finally destroyed by God, with far greater devastation, through an earthquake.

Everywhere from Cairo, Luxor, Baghdad, Damascus, and now Baalbeck, we found the pagan Easter eggs carved in the architectural embellishment of buildings and temples. The guides all call them the symbol of fertility. We have many close-up pictures of the Easter eggs on the ruins



Arch of the Temple of Jupiter in Damascus. Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong are in foreground.

made a church out of it. When the Turks took over, it was changed to the present mosque. It is a large building with many, many beautiful oriental rugs completely covering the floor. On or along the east wall were niches to show the people which way to face Mecca when they pray. Many of the people were sitting on the floor in scattered groups bowing with their heads touching the floor. Many beggars were also among them.

We Visit a Harem

We were then taken to the former Palace of the early Turkish rulers and also to the harem of the Sultans. In their different rooms were life-size wax figures dressed in their native costumes and representing the different uses that

of Babylon. They are in the temples of Bacchus, of Venus or Easter (Ishtar), and in the ruins of the temple of Jupiter.

We ate, or tried to eat, lunch at Baalbeck. The food was so bad we left most of it.

After lunch we drove back through part of the beautiful valley, then drove into the mountains where we came to a view of the seaport city of Beirut and the Mediterranean Sea.

When we reached the city of Beirut, capital of Lebanon, we found that most of the people were dressed in western clothes and not in the robes of most Middle Easterners. Very few women were wearing veils over their faces. The streets were crowded but now with hundreds and hundreds of cars. Most of the autos were American.

We Visit Tyre and Sidon

Our first day there, we drove along the Mediterranean Sea to the site of old Sidon and old Tyre. We found old Tyre completely gone and the city the Romans tried to rebuild on the island (now part of the mainland which Alexander joined to the mainland by filling in the channel between with the ruins and topsoil of old Tyre) in complete ruin. We walked over the fallen columns and the walls or foundations of

the ancient buildings excavated many years ago by the Germans. We found among the ruins pieces of shattered pottery which our guide, who lived nearby, let us take with us.

We were not able to take pictures of Tyre, for it is in a military zone and the guards on the highway leading to Tyre took our cameras until we returned from having visited the place. We were very near the Jewish soldiers' machine gun nests.

When we returned through Sidon, we stopped at what looked like, on the outside, a nice spot to eat. It was a large resort hotel on the seashore, called "Grand Hotel de Sida." The lunch had been ordered ahead by the American Express guide who went with us from Beirut. It was *much worse* than the lunch at Baalbeck the day before. We just could not eat it!

We drove past great banana, loquat and orange groves. On our return to Beirut, as in all Middle Eastern cities, we saw the usual beautiful apartment buildings and homes. The most outstanding ones were especially near the city of Beirut.

We were so hungry when we arrived at our hotel that we were ready to eat anything. And we did!

The evening before, when we first entered our hotel at Beirut and asked for mail, we found a telegram from our son-in-law, Vern Mattson—our daughter Dorothy's husband—saying that our little granddaughter had arrived and that the baby and mother were just fine. He also said that their seven-year-old daughter Carol's only comment was "Shucks!" She wanted a baby brother! It was quite a relief to us.

We had expected the baby a whole month before and looked every day on the ship from New York to London, and in every place we had been since then, for a cablegram. Now it had arrived and everyone was all right! We were happy and very grateful to finally receive the news.

That evening, Mr. Armstrong and Dick went down to the office of the American Express to check up on our trip, for we had advanced our schedule several days.

Had Dick Met With Violence?

Around six o'clock, Mr. Armstrong came back to the hotel alone. I asked where Dick was and he said that he was remaining downtown to see the city and that he would be back by 8 p.m. for dinner. Then Mr. Armstrong, worn out from the trip, took a nap.

Eight o'clock came and Dick had not come! Mr. Armstrong was still asleep. I was not worried then, but kept waiting, thinking that Dick would arrive any minute. I was going to let Mr. Armstrong sleep until then.

Nine o'clock came, and ten, and still there was no sign of Dick. Mr. Armstrong was still sleeping. By this time, I could stand it no longer. I was really worried. So I called Mr. Armstrong and told him that Dick had not come back. He was startled. Our room was directly above the hotel entrance, five floors up. He leaned out the window, looking down, and began to listen for and watch for cars as they drove up to the entrance to see if Dick were arriving by taxi. The window ledge was so wide it was difficult to stretch over it far enough to see.

Around midnight, although I had had Dick paged in the lobby with no results, Mr. Armstrong walked down the five flights of stairs (the elevator was not running) to see if he could possibly be in the lobby. I had kept our room door open and had made dozens of trips to look down the stairwell for Dick, but Mr. Armstrong's trip down to the first floor was fruitless.

I had called at Dick's door, adjoining ours, a number of times and knocked, but there was no answer. I had them to ring his room but still no answer.

Mr. Armstrong finally called a bellboy to come up and let us in Dick's room. He was unable to unlock the door. By this time it was one a.m. Three bellboys came up. One came into our room and again phoned or tried to get Dick's room. Still no answer. Had Dick been attacked in downtown Beirut? Had he met with foul play or violence?

The other two men decided to walk
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Blackhawk Photo

The Temple of Bacchus (god of wine) at Baalbek, Lebanon.

RADIO LOG

"The WORLD TOMORROW"

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East

WHN—New York—1050 on dial, 9:00 a.m. Sun.
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 WNAC—Boston—680 on dial, 98.5 FM (WRKO-FM), 8:30 p.m. Sun.
 WIBG—Philadelphia—990 on dial, 94.1 FM, 12:30 p.m. Sun.
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Central States

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 WCKY—Cincinnati—1530 on dial, 7:00 and 9:30 p.m. Sun., 5:30 a.m. Mon. thru Sat., 12:05 a.m., Tues. thru Sun. (E.S.T.)
 CKLW—Detroit-Windsor—800 on dial, 93.9 FM, 7 p.m. Sun., 5:30 a.m. Mon. thru Fri., 6:15 a.m. Sat.
 CKY—Winnipeg, Manitoba—580 on dial, 10 p.m. Sun., 6:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 WJJD—Chicago—1160 on dial, 104.3 FM, 11:00 a.m. Sun., 5:30 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KSTP—Minneapolis-St. Paul—1500 on dial, 5:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KCMO—Kansas City—810 on dial, 7:30 p.m. Sun., 8:15 p.m. and 5 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KXEL—Waterloo, Ia.—1540 on dial, 8 p.m. Sun., 9:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KXEN—St. Louis—1010 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun., 12 noon Mon. thru Sat.

South

KRLD—Dallas—1080 on dial, 92.5 FM, 8:15 p.m. daily.
 KTRH—Houston—740 on dial, 101.1 FM, 8:00 p.m. Sun., 8:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KWKH—Shreveport—1130 on dial, 94.5 FM, 1:00 and 8:30 p.m. Sun., 1:00 and 8:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 11:30 a.m. and 11:30 p.m. Sat.

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WNOE—New Orleans—1060 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun.
 KAAV—Little Rock—1090 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun., 7:30 p.m. daily.
 WGUN—Atlanta—1010 on dial, 4 p.m. Sun., 11 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 *WMOE—Mobile—1550 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun., 7:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 *WINQ—Tampa—1010 on dial, 12:00 noon daily.
 KRMG—Tulsa—740 on dial, 10:00 a.m. Sun.
 XEG—1050 on dial, 8:30 p.m. daily. (C.S.T.)

Mountain States

CFRN—Edmonton, Alta.—1260 on dial, 100.3 FM, 7:30 p.m. daily.
 KOA—Denver—850 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun.
 XELO—800 on dial, 8 p.m. (M.S.T.) 9 p.m. (C.S.T.) daily.

West Coast

KIRO—Seattle—710 on dial, 100.7 FM, 10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat., 5:30 a.m. Tues. thru Sat.
 KGBS—Los Angeles—1020 on dial, 10 p.m. Sun., 5:45 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KRAK—Sacramento—1140 on dial, 8 p.m. daily.
 XERB—Lower Calif.—1090 on dial, 7 p.m. daily, 9:30 a.m. Mon. thru Fri.

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WJRZ—Newark, N.J.—970 on dial, 11:00 p.m. Sat. and Sun., 10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.
 WBMD—Baltimore—750 on dial, 12:30 p.m. daily.
 WPIT—Pittsburgh—730 on dial, 101.5 FM, 11:30 a.m. Sun., 3:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 WHP—Harrisburg, Pa.—580 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.
 WJAC—Johnstown, Pa.—850 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.
 WCHS—Charleston W. Va.—580 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.
 WCYB—Bristol, Va.—690 on dial, 12:30 p.m. daily.
 WWNC—Asheville, N.C.—570 on dial, 4:00 p.m. Sun., 3:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

CJCH—Halifax, N.S.—920 on dial, 10:00 p.m. Sun., 9:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 CFBC—St. John, N.B.—930 on dial, 8:30 p.m. daily.
 *VOCM—St. John's, Newfoundland, 590 on dial, 6:30 p.m. Sun., 7:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 CFMB—Montreal—1410 on dial, 1:30 p.m. Sun., 6:30 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 CKFH—Toronto—1430 on dial, 6:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 CKLB—Oshawa, Ontario—1350 on dial, 9:05 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 10:30 p.m. Sat. and Sun.
 CKCR—Kitchener, Ontario—1490 on dial, 3:30 p.m. Sun., 7:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 WMIE—Miami, Fla.—1140 on dial, 8:30 a.m. Sun., 12 noon Mon. thru Sat.
 WZOK—Jacksonville, Fla.—1320 on dial, 12:30 p.m. daily.
 *WWOL—Buffalo, N.Y.—1120 on dial, 10:00 a.m. Sun., 5:00 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 4:00 p.m. Sat.
 WBET—Brockton, Mass.—1460 on dial, 7:05 p.m. daily.
 WWNH—Rochester, N.H.—930 on dial, 9:05 a.m. Sun., 7:05 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 WDEV—Waterbury, Vt.—550 on dial, 8:00 p.m. Sun., 6:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 WPOR—Portland, Maine—1490 on dial, 9:00 a.m. Sun.
 WCOU—Lewiston, Maine—1240 on dial, 9:30 p.m. Sun.
 WAAB—Worcester, Mass.—1440 on dial, 107.3 FM, 9:30 a.m. Sun.
 WMAS—Springfield, Mass.—1450 on dial, 94.7 FM, 8:30 p.m. Sun.
 WEIM—Fitchburg, Mass.—1280 on dial, 8:30 p.m. Sun.
 WNLC—New London, Conn.—1490 on dial, 8:30 p.m. Sun.

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CFMB—Montreal—1410 kc., 5 p.m., Sat. and Sun.
 CKJL—St. Jerome, Québec—900 kc., 10:30 a.m. Sun.

Central

WSPD—Toledo, Ohio—1370 on dial, 101.5 FM, 9:00 p.m. Sun., 9:05 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 WJBK—Detroit—1500 on dial, 93.1 FM, 9:30 a.m. Sun.
 *CHIQ—Hamilton, Ont.—1280 on dial, 8:00 p.m. Sun., 6:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 *CKSO—Sudbury, Ont.—790 on dial, 8:00 p.m. daily.
 WFDF—Flint, Mich.—910 on dial, 7:05 p.m. Sat. and Sun., 7:10 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.

WBCK—Battle Creek, Mich.—930 on dial, 12:30 p.m. Sat. and Sun., 7:00 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.

*WSLR—Akron, Ohio—1350 on dial, 9:30 p.m. daily.

WJW—Cleveland, Ohio—850 on dial, 104.1 FM, 10 a.m. Sun.

WBRJ—Marietta, Ohio—910 on dial, 12:30 p.m. daily.

WOW—Omaha, Nebr.—590 on dial, 8:25 p.m. Sun.

KRVN—Lexington, Nebr.—1010 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun., 3:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

WNAX—Yankton, S. Dak.—570 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.

WEAW—Chicago—1330 on dial, 105.1 FM, 9:30 a.m. Sun. (also 8:00 p.m. Sun., FM) 8:00 a.m. Mon. thru Fri., 7:30 a.m. Sat. AM and 7:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat. FM.

WAAP—Peoria—1350 on dial, 6:30 p.m. daily.

WITY—Danville, Ill.—980 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.

WIBC—Indianapolis—1070 on dial, 10:30 p.m. Sun.

KBHS—Hot Springs, Ark.—590 on dial, 12:00 noon daily.

KFVS—Cape Girardeau, Mo.—960 on dial, 9:15 a.m. Sun., 6:15 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

KWTO—Springfield, Mo.—560 on dial, 7:00 p.m. daily.

KFDI—Wichita, Kans.—1070 on dial, 12:30 p.m. Sun., 11:30 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

KFH—Wichita, Kans.—1330 on dial, 100.3 FM, 9:30 a.m., Sun., 6:30 p.m. daily.

WMT—Cedar Rapids—600 on dial, 11:30 a.m. Sun.

*KQRS—Minneapolis—1440 on dial, 92.5 FM, 10:00 a.m. Sun., 7:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat., 9:30 p.m. daily. (Not on AM at the 9:30 p.m. time.)

WEBC—Duluth, Minn.—560 on dial, 7:00 p.m. Sun. thru Fri., 11:30 a.m. Sat.

WMIL—Milwaukee, Wis.—1290 on dial, 95.7 FM, 8:00 a.m. Sun., 7:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

KFYR—Bismarck, N. Dak.—550 on dial, 7 p.m. daily except Fri. at 6:45 p.m.

CJNB—North Battleford, Sask.—1050 on dial, 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. daily.

CKRM—Regina, Sask.—980 on dial, 8:30 p.m. daily.

CJGX—Yorkton, Sask.—940 on dial, 7:00 a.m. Sun., 6:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

South

KCTA—Corpus Christi, Tex.—1030 on dial, 2 p.m. Sun., 12:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 4:30 p.m. Sat.

KCUL—Ft. Worth—1540 on dial, 1:00 p.m. Sun., 12:00 noon Mon. thru Sat.

KMAC—San Antonio—630 on dial, 9:00 a.m. Sun., 7:15 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

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RADIO COMUNEROS—Asuncion, Paraguay—970 kc.—8:30 p.m. Thursdays.

RADIO SPORT—CXA19—Montevideo, Uruguay—11835 kc.—4:00 p.m., Sundays.

RADIO CARVE—CX16, 850 kc., and CXA13, 6156 kc.—Montevideo, Uruguay—3:30 p.m., Saturdays.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

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out on the window ledge from our window to Dick's window. His room was next to ours but it was quite a distance to be walking on a window ledge five stories above the street. One fellow reached Dick's open window and yelled and came backing hurriedly to the other fellow. Both came quickly crawling back into our room saying, "There is someone in there all right! He threatened to shove me off the ledge!"

All of us, with that news, ran quickly down the hall to Dick's door and pounded hard on it.

It was Dick! He called out, "What's going on around here?" His father said, "Open the door, Dick," and a tousled, sleepy, but startled Dick opened the door to ask again, "What's going on?" He had come to the hotel before 8 o'clock and had gone directly to bed. He was as tired and exhausted as his father, and so sound asleep that he knew nothing of the excitement he had caused until he saw and heard the two men at his open bedroom window standing on the ledge high above the street! Dick was startled to see a prowler peeking into his room from outside and said, "Shove off!" The bellman on the ledge thought he had said, "I'll shove you off!"

Prior to coming to the hotel, Dick had met a man in downtown Beirut with whom he had talked about conditions in the Middle East. This man told him that if he really wanted to know, he would take him where several men were meeting.

Dick, being an American, was not too welcome. They expressed their views and evidently Dick expressed how he felt about their views of America.

When he saw these two men at his open window late in the night, he thought for a moment they were men who had followed him from that meeting and were there to do him bodily harm. We then learned why they so hurriedly scrambled back through our window into our room. Because Dick was so suddenly roused from his sleep,

he sprang up in bed and yelled, "Shove off!"

They saw that he was startled and that he sounded as if he meant business, so, like scared rabbits they tumbled back through our windows. After all the excitement was over, we finally got to bed and to sleep—but not Dick. He said he got no more sleep the rest of the night.

On Wednesday morning, we went through the Museum at Beirut. All the

museums in all the ancient cities are an education. Although we saw them all, the most outstanding in our memory is the Cairo Museum with its immense amount of loot taken from King Tut's tomb.

We left Beirut after lunch to fly to Amman, the capital of the kingdom of Jordan. Our plane stopped for 20 minutes at Jerusalem, at the filthy airport on the Arab side of the city. I really believe that in order to get rid

of all the dirt they would have to burn the place down.

It is not a long flight from Jerusalem but after all the flying we had done, I still gave a sigh of relief when I felt the first bump of the wheels of the plane touch the runway.

Again, an American Express agent named Yasser met us at the airport and took us to our hotel. Then came a surprise.

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THE BIBLE ANSWERS

Short Questions

FROM OUR READERS

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

"I used to be a very zealous and dedicated Christian. I attended church regularly, and I never smoked, drank or caroused around. I did my best to serve God.

"One evening while I was away from home, my house caught on fire. My five-year-old child suffered first degree burns. She died hours later in excruciating agony. The God I trusted in for protection and deliverance didn't come through when I needed Him.

"Right now I feel the kindest thing I can say about this 'God' is that I don't believe He exists. If He does exist, He is a cold, merciless being, unreliable and unfit to be called 'God.' You may think I'm bitter and blasphemous, but how else can you explain these things? No one has been able to give me a satisfactory answer. Maybe you can."

An atheist, Chicago, Illinois

What? You were away from home? And left your five-year-old child by herself?

What kind of irresponsible parent are you!

And you called yourself a "Christian"? And blame the God of Heaven for failing to perform what are *your responsibilities* as a parent!

You label the Creator "unreliable and unfit to be called 'God' "? It is you who are unreliable and unfit to be called a parent!

Think this through. You are responsible for your child's welfare and protection. You are going to be *judged* for leaving your child unattended, unguided. Judged by the very God you deny exists! If you hadn't been utterly careless and thoughtless, your child wouldn't have perished in that fire. You don't deserve to be a parent until you learn what are the responsibilities of parenthood. What you need to do is write for our free booklet, *The Plain Truth About Child Rearing*—and read it! Then do what it says.

The kind of Christianity you were reared in apparently knows nothing of child rearing. It certainly didn't teach

you responsibility. It probably taught faith without works—just trust God and do nothing, shirk your duties. That kind of faith is dead (James 2:20). "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone" (James 2:17).

It takes *living* faith—faith with obedience. Every one of our readers needs to understand this vital point. The reason many have needlessly suffered tragedy is that they have neglected their part. God, consequently, seems unreal. What you need is living faith. That kind of faith is made plain in our free booklet, *What Kind of Faith Is Required for Salvation?* Write for it immediately.

God gave you — and each human being—responsibilities for the development of character. To shirk these responsibilities is to *SIN*. Sin brings automatic penalties — suffering, sorrow, disease, death. These penalties are to teach us to *repent*—to avoid ever making the same mistake again.

All the heartache, misery, sickness, and death you see in the world today is the result of *sin*—of carelessness—of willful neglect. It's time human beings quit *sinning*—quit breaking GOD'S LAWS which were designed to yield peace, health, happiness, safety—and ultimately eternal life.

That's where your little five-year-old daughter comes in.

The true God has promised He will restore your daughter to life—to resurrect her (Rev. 20:12). Her life is not through forever.

She will be resurrected to live her physical life in a world of peace and happiness—under God's, not man's, rule. Then, if she surrenders her self-will and yields herself to her Maker in faith, she will be *born of God*,

given eternal life in God's Kingdom, His very family. How few know this grand purpose God has ordained for man!

You need to know what the Bible says about the resurrection of your daughter, and why God has permitted such suffering in the world. Ask for the article, *Why Must Men Suffer?* and an accompanying article on *the three resurrections*. These are all free!

"I had always believed it was better to be happy than to be downcast and gloomy. But Ecclesiastes 7:3-4 says, 'Sorrow is better than laughter . . . The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning; but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth.'"

"What's wrong with laughter? Does God want us to be sad?"

S. B., Kerrville, Texas

Let's understand!

There is no scripture that says it's wrong to be happy. One of the proofs of a Christian life is joy, brimful and running over (Galatians 5:22).

Ecclesiastes 7:3 does not say laughter is wrong. It merely says that sorrow is BETTER than this kind of laughter! The context of the passage in Ecclesiastes shows us *what kind* of laughter is wrong.

"It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise, than for a man to hear the song of fools. For as the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of a fool: this also is vanity" (Eccl. 7:5-6).

That kind of foolish laughter is wrong!

Jesus came to give us ABUNDANT LIFE, joyful happiness, filled with the right kind of laughter (John 10:10). That is life FILLED TO THE BRIM—but in the right balance. Jesus said, "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full" (John 15:11).

Yet this same Jesus also said, "BLESSED are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted" (Mat. 5:4).

God wants us to laugh and enjoy life, but at the same time to take life seriously. It takes both laughter and

sorrow to make the whole man. That is, the *right kind* of sorrow.

There is a *wrong kind* of sorrow just as there is a wrong kind of laughter. The wrong kind of sorrow is what prevails in the world today. This world's sorrow leads to frustration and anxiety, and often results in SUICIDE!

II Corinthians 7:10 says *the sorrow of the world works DEATH!* But "*godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation.*" This godly sorrow is better than laughter and mirth because it brings the right results.

"Sorrow is better than laughter: for by the sadness of the countenance *the heart is made better*" (Eccl. 7:3).

Godly sorrow leads to a CHANGE OF HEART!

The sorrow of the world brings discouragement and a feeling of hopelessness. Godly sorrow strengthens your will, your determination to overcome the problems that beset you. You were meant to enjoy a truly balanced, abundant life. Why not find out how! Write in for two free articles, "How You Can Control Your Emotions," and "This Is the Life, Real Abundant Living!" They can change your life!

"Why is Satan the devil named Lucifer in Isaiah 14:12?"

H. H., California

The name *Lucifer* in Isaiah 14:12 comes from the Latin. It is a translation of the Hebrew word *Helel*. This was the original Hebrew name of Lucifer, the cherub or mighty archangel who later became "Satan."

Helel means "light-bringer." *Lucifer* also, in Latin, means "light-bringer." When the Bible was translated into Latin many centuries ago, the translators inserted the Latin, instead of the Hebrew, form of the term "light-bringer." Hence, Lucifer, the Latin form of the name, has been perpetuated in most English translations of the Bible—and the original Hebrew name of Satan, before his fall, has all but been forgotten.

It is the meaning, not the sound, of the name that is important. Lucifer—Helel—was created as a "light-

bringer." His function was to administer God's holy, just government which brought peace and light to those under his authority.

But Helel—or Lucifer—rebelled against God's perfect way of life. He attempted to scale the heavens and seize God's throne. He failed—and fell to the earth in total defeat. Lucifer's name now became Satan, which means "adversary," to fit his changed and corrupted character.

"Does God Hear Sinners?"

E. R., Arkansas

Everyone has sinned and cut himself off from God. "But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he *will not hear*" (Isa. 59:2).

God hears not sinners (John 9:31). He will have no fellowship with those who sin. He hears only those who do righteousness. But if *everyone* has sinned, then there must be a way for sinners to come to God, or else we could never become righteous. How can sinners seek GOD?

The prophet Isaiah tells us *the way* sinners come to God. "*Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near.*" But how do we call upon God? How do we seek Him? "Let the wicked *forsake* his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon" (Isa. 55:6-7). Let him *repent* of transgressing God's law, and accept Jesus Christ as Savior from its penalty. Christ is THE WAY.

That is how you can come to God. *Forsake* the way you have been living, start to *obey* God. Once you *repent* of going the wrong way, YOU ARE NO LONGER A SINNER IN GOD'S SIGHT. He will hear you and give His Holy Spirit to you, *if you obey Him* (Acts 5:32). You must be willing to forsake your ways and thoughts and go the way of God. Then He will hear you because you "keep his commandments and do those things that are pleasing in his sight" (I John 3:22).

Religious MARTYRS in This 20th Century?

Where is the current "Ecumenical Movement" leading us?
Will it bring another religious persecution?

by Roderick C. Meredith

FANTASTIC as it seems, the *greatest religious martyrdom in history* is prophesied for this generation! It lies just ahead! Not in far-off Asia or Africa—but in *Western Europe and America*.

Think of it!

Already in this modern twentieth century, we have witnessed concentration camps like Dachau, Buchenwald, and Auschwitz. And now there looms just over the horizon *far GREATER suffering*—a renewal of religious persecution!

But *how? Why? Where?*

Open Your Eyes

Let's face it. Contemporary Protestantism is *sick*. It has become a weak, insipid and largely meaningless exercise in religiosity.

Its own leaders *admit* that this is true.

"Some hard words are being leveled today at American Protestantism—by its own leaders... 'We have been dried out by the hot winds of secularism,' says Methodist Bishop Hazen G. Werner, Columbus, Ohio. '*We who are to overcome the world have been overcome by the world...*'"

"Similar worried appraisals have come from numerous other Protestant leaders... Says Episcopal Bishop Chandler W. Sterling of Montana: '*We are loath to admit to ourselves that the stern, dynamic and terrifying religion of the Apostles has become more and more a religion of sentimental love*'" (From the *Augusta Chronicle*, September 29, 1961).

Increasingly, the nicey-nice philosophy and "sentimental love" of Protestantism is wearing thin. In this swift-

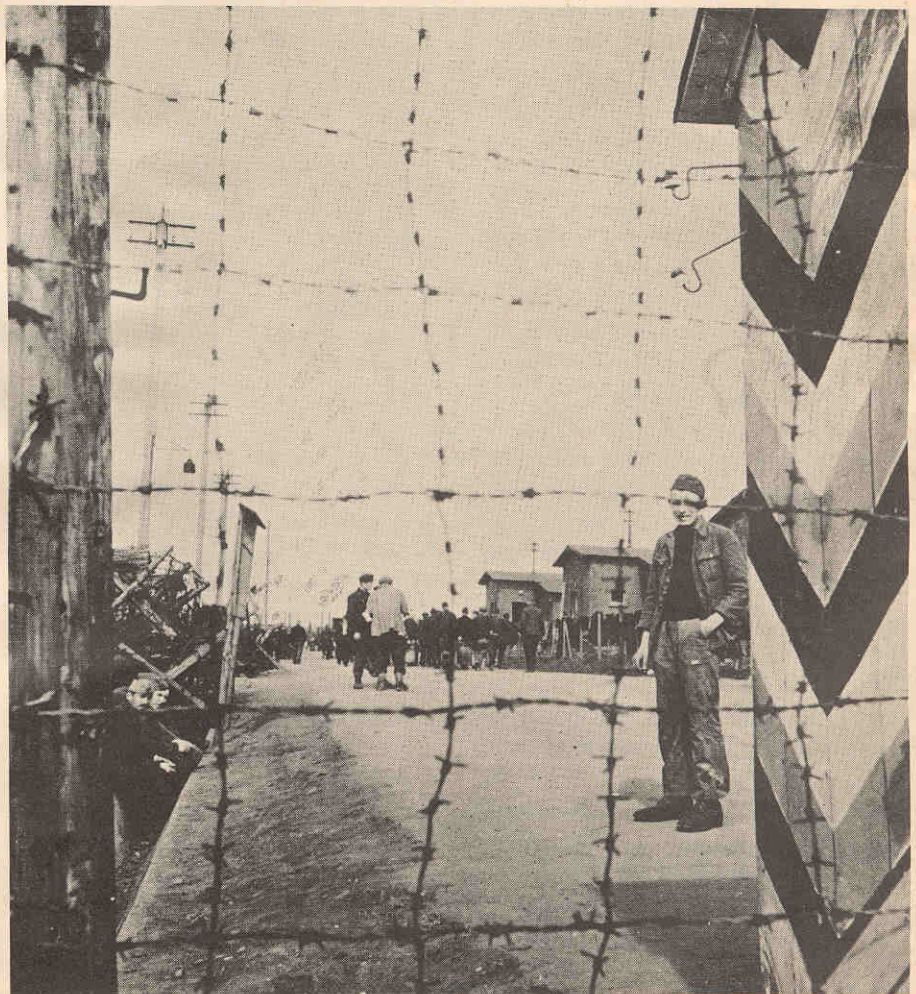
moving, scientific age, people are tiring of religious platitudes. They want *ANSWERS* to life's problems—and to the *whys* and *wherefores* of human existence and purpose.

In the confusing, often contradictory, mouthings and mumblings of modern religiosity, they fail utterly to get these answers.

Besides, this is a "scientific" age, you know. Even most of the professing

"Christian" Western World is, in fact, increasingly *irreligious* in its approach to everyday life and problems. For most people, church attendance is a Sunday-morning tranquilizer or aspirin pill and has very little relevance to everyday life, decisions and problems.

Yet, underneath it all, most men really *long* for some sort of firm direction and *AUTHORITY* to give life real purpose and meaning. Man is increas-



Wide World Photo

This scene from a World War II concentration camp is a picnic compared to the horror of the prophesied future religious martyrdom.

ingly sensitive to the need for real *spiritual leadership* in a world living under the specter of the H-bomb.

Religious AUTHORITY— Where Will It Come From?

United Press International recently reported: "Two leading American scientists made strong pleas Monday for a resurgence of spiritual and religious values in American life. '*Science is not a substitute for religion*,' said Dr. Harold C. Urey, Nobel prize winning chemist and atomic pioneer. 'It provides no guide,' he said, 'to what is morally right or morally wrong and it gives us no purpose in living' . . . Earlier, Dr. Laurence M. Gould, President of Minnesota's Carleton College and a noted geologist, told the distinguished gathering that *American society cannot and does not deserve to survive if it does not right its upside-down sense of values and ideals*."

This longing, even among scientists, for religion to provide the needed *leadership and guidance* in setting definite spiritual standards and purposes is a longing *not easily satisfied*. For theologians and church leaders in Europe and America increasingly *reject* the Bible as a definite authority for life and thought. They turn instead to their own varied and contradictory theories.

This was recently acknowledged by *Christianity Today*, a prominent Protestant publication, in its issue of November 6. They state: "If, moreover, the Bible no longer ranks as an unqualified norm among most European theologians, what has replaced it? . . . '*The norm for me* . . . ' This formula now serves to introduce not simply two, or two dozen, but a VAST VARIETY of 'norms' set up by European theologians today. In fact, as many 'norms' exist today as European theologians espouse for their own purposes and systems . . . On any one seminary campus students usually sample but a part of this *doctrinal smorgasbord*. . . ." (Emphasis ours throughout article.)

But what is the *solution* to this religious confusion? Who will provide the needed spiritual "norm," standard or AUTHORITY in religious matters?

The above-mentioned article continues: "Because of the breakdown of

contemporary Protestant theology, theologians in the old line denominations are increasingly disposed to look to the Ecumenical dialogue with the Eastern Orthodox and Roman Catholic Churches to heal the present dogmatic ailments. Heidelberg theologian Peter Brunner believes such conversations may force a new exploration of scripture and tradition and dogma."

As at the Tower of Babel, man is once again trying desperately to "get together." He is trying to found a unified society—to have "one world."

But the world man envisions and toward which religious and political leaders are working is destined to be founded upon *human theories* and the TRADITIONS of men. These men *reject* the direct statements of Scripture and the *eternal laws* of their Creator.

Fraught with more potential DANGER than most of you can humanly imagine, the current "Ecumenical Movement" and the burgeoning United States of Europe are concurrent forces in our time of which you should become intensely aware. These swiftly unfolding prophesied happenings are movements which you should WATCH and study, pray about and UNDERSTAND.

Religious APOSTASY and PERSECUTION Prophesied

Jesus Christ was the greatest newscaster who has ever lived. He described major world news happenings *before* they were to occur!

Notice His *inspired reply* when He was asked to describe the *events preceding His second coming* and the *end of this age*:

"And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For MANY shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive MANY" (Mat. 24:4-5).

Note that Jesus didn't say these false prophets would say *they*, themselves, were Christ. Rather, they would teach and preach *in Christ's name*—telling people that *He* was Christ, and that they were representing *Him*. These *pretending* ministers of Christ are always described as the "MANY"—the *majority*.

Jesus continued to describe the conditions of war leading to world war,

famine, pestilence and earthquakes which would precede His second coming.

"Then," He stated in verse 9, "shall they deliver *you* [the true Christians] up to be *afflicted*, and shall *kill you*: and ye shall be HATED of all nations for my name's sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And MANY *false prophets* shall rise, and shall *deceive* MANY."

False prophets to arise! True Christians again to be MARTYRED!

Certainly these words are clear, and you need to understand that they WILL have a fulfillment—undoubtedly within the next seven to ten years!

"For then shall be GREAT TRIBULATION, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, nor ever shall be" (v. 21).

The "Great Tribulation"—a time of TERRIBLE PERSECUTION against true Christian believers—obviously and definitely shall take place just before Jesus Christ's second return to this earth. It involves not only persecution against true Christians, but against the remnant of God's birthright peoples—the so-called "lost" Ten Tribes of Israel. If you do not as yet understand this remarkable and historical truth, write immediately for our *free* booklet entitled: *The United States and the British Commonwealth In Prophecy*.

Even *during* this terrible tribulation more false prophets and religious leaders will arise: "For there shall arise *false* Christs, and *false* prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; inasmuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect" (v. 24).

These FALSE religious leaders will be imbued with more power than most of you have realized! For they will perform "real" MIRACLES which will deceive MILLIONS of individuals—apparently all but the true dedicated saints whom it is *impossible* to deceive.

A Great FALSE PROPHET Destined to Arise

But WHO will perform these *false* miracles? WHO will bring about the *persecution* of the true saints of God?

The Apostle Paul warned the early



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Church leaders are acutely aware something is wrong with this world's religious confusion. Meeting of Pope Paul VI and Orthodox Patriarch Athenagoras of Constantinople, above, was just one of many overtures toward church unity. But where will it all lead?

Christians that a great *apostasy* would sweep over the professing Christian world before Jesus Christ's second coming. Here is what Paul wrote:

"Let no man beguile you in any wise; for not unless the FALLING AWAY come first, and the man of LAWLESSNESS be revealed, the son of *destruction*, he that opposeth and exalteth himself against everyone called god or an object of worship; so that he sitteth in the temple of God, *setting himself forth as being God*" (II Thes. 2:3-4; Panin's trans.).

Here is a man to rise up and claim *the very prerogatives of GOD!* Any Greek lexicon will bear out that this

great False Prophet is to be a man of LAWLESSNESS — teaching *disobedience* to God's law, setting himself up as an arbiter to *change* God's holy *commandments* and *instructions*.

Paul said: "For the *mystery* of LAWLESSNESS does *already* work" (v. 7). This false, commandment-rejecting system was ALREADY at work in *Paul's* day!

After a time during which this system was to be restrained from reaching its final culmination, "*Then* shall be revealed the LAWLESS ONE [this great False Prophet he has been speaking of], whom the Lord Jesus shall slay with the spirit of his mouth and bring to

naught by the manifestation of his presence" (v. 8).

Notice that this whole abominable system is to culminate in a great False Prophet who is to be manifest in OUR TIME—*before* Christ's second coming. And he is to be *destroyed* by Christ *when He returns*. This diabolical individual is living TODAY!

This False Prophet is further described as "him whose presence is according to *Satan's* working with all *power* and *signs* and WONDERS OF FALSEHOOD" (v. 9). He is to *deceive* the "perishing" with these *false signs* and *wonders*—FAKE MIRACLES.

Nothing like this has *ever* happened since Paul wrote these words! So this *final* great False Prophet—teaching *lawlessness*, and employing *fake miracles* from Satan—is obviously yet to appear in *our time*, SOON!

A Deceptive Religio-Political SYSTEM Prophesied

The coming *False Prophet* described in such vivid terms throughout the New Testament does not stand alone. He is at the same time the product of, and the motivating force behind, a foul, cruelly deceptive and satanically inspired religious-political SYSTEM.

In *many passages*, your Bible unmistakably identifies this system.

Let us notice first Revelation 13:1-10. Here, the *Roman Empire* is described under the symbolism of a "beast." The "dragon" or SATAN (Rev. 12:9) gave this empire its power and authority (v. 2). The original Roman Empire *fell* in 476 A. D.—receiving a "deadly wound" (v. 3). But in 554 A. D., Justinian *revived* the empire in the West and the "deadly wound" was HEALED.

Then, beginning in verse 11, Christ shows John in vision *another beast*.

"And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed" (Rev. 13:11-12).

Notice that this "second beast" does NOT replace the first—the Roman Em-

pire—but merely exercises its power (v. 12). This beast looks like a lamb [Christ] but speaks as a dragon [SATAN—Rev. 12:9]. And he causes all men to *serve* and *obey* the *first beast* “whose deadly wound was healed”—the “Holy Roman Empire” as it was called during the Middle Ages after its revival by Justinian in 554 A. D.

This “second beast” then, clearly, is a FALSE PROPHET—who looks like a lamb, or Christ, but speaks LIES like a dragon, or Satan—and who exercises power and influence over the Holy Roman Empire. Could anything be plainer?

Now notice verse 13: “And he doeth GREAT WONDERS, so that he maketh FIRE come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, and DECEIVETH them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.”

Here we find this *False Prophet* working great FALSE MIRACLES! God’s Word calls them “great wonders” and says this man will even make FIRE come down on earth out of the skies!

This has never YET happened!

Obviously, since these TREMENDOUS miracles are to take place in the area of the Roman Empire in Western Europe, the complete fulfillment of these things is YET to be accomplished at the final revival of the Roman Empire before Jesus Christ returns!

A PERSECUTING Power

The coming False Prophet not only has the power to perform *fake miracles*—he has the power to PERSECUTE the true saints of God!

“And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast [a religious image or system patterned after the government of Rome], that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be KILLED. And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a MARK in their right hand, or in their forehead: and that no man

might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name” (vs. 15-17).

Here we find that this false leader gives life, “breath” or energy to an image of the Roman Empire and through it causes those who will not worship this false religious system to be killed—MARTYRED!

In addition, he causes everyone to receive a “mark” prohibiting their buying, selling and engaging in business unless they have this “mark” pertaining to the beast. If you have not read Mr. Armstrong’s intriguing booklet entitled, *The Mark of the Beast*, then send for it immediately. It is free, of course.

But note above that the coming False Prophet—through this mysterious “mark”—makes it difficult or impossible for people to engage in business and support their families unless they come under his sway and receive this “mark.” And he causes all those who will not literally WORSHIP the “image of the beast” to be PUT TO DEATH!

The effect of this very prophecy on your life in the next few years will be TREMENDOUS! You need to open your eyes, study—to UNDERSTAND.

The “Beast” of Revelation 17

Compare the first beast of Revelation 13:1-10 with the beast of Revelation 17.

The similarity is obvious. Both are pictured as having seven heads and ten horns. Both are obviously political systems which have their own armies on a scale such as *no church has ever had*.

The “beast” of Revelation 13 is pictured as being given a “mouth.” The “beast” of Revelation 17, however, is pictured as being sat on, dominated and directed by a great fallen woman—a symbolic “whore.” This woman sits astride the beast and directs it—much as a woman would ride and direct a horse. The “beast” has the military strength and power, but the leadership and direction comes from the woman who sits upon it.

The term “woman” is symbolic. And in this very book of Revelation, the true Church of God is clearly described as a woman (Rev. 12:1-17; 19:7-8).

So this great fallen woman—this “whore”—clearly depicts a FALSE CHURCH SYSTEM which will sit astride of and control the revived Roman Empire.

Revelation 17:1 describes this great whore as sitting upon “many waters.” In verse 15, God reveals: “The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.”

This deceptive religious system mis-
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CONGO CRISIS

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various organs” (*Newsweek*, December 7, 1964). Rebel President Gbenye “openly boasted to Kenya’s Prime Minister Jomo Kenyatta that he was planning to ‘fry’ the whites alive in gasoline” (*ibid.*).

One method of execution was that of pouring gasoline down the victims’ throats. They were then cut open and set afire. This savage butchery and cannibalism was carried out by black rebel soldiers wearing “magic charms,” leopard skins, crazed by drugs and drink.

In all, only about 100 whites were massacred, but the toll for the Congolese was much higher. The lives of

hundreds of whites are still in peril in rebel-held Congo territory.

Blacks were slaughtered, as well as whites. It is known that 4,000 Congolese were killed in the Paulis region as the rebels systematically exterminated everybody even slightly opposed to them. Some estimates are that as many as 12,000 Congolese have been slain.

It was in the town of Paulis, population about 30,000, that the pro-Tshombe provincial president was executed as an example to the town’s inhabitants. The rebel soldiers, called Simbas (lions), cut out the president’s tongue, lopped off his ears, feet

and hands, and then began "a slow scrimshaw from the bottom up."

In Paulis the rebels concentrated on slaughtering the town's intellectuals—

the outside world for its very survival—in financial matters, technical know-how and for managerial assistance.

Since the Congo gained its inde-

airplanes. Airports, planes and other facilities are sub-standard.

There are a few small factories in the Congo, producing such commodities as *cigarettes, textiles and beer*.

The real wealth of the Congo, however, lies in her *mineral resources*. The Congo is the world's No. 1 producer of industrial DIAMONDS, and is one of the chief producers of COPPER and cobalt. Gold, tin, zinc and URANIUM are also found in the Congo. Most of these minerals are found in the southern part of the country.

In the north, the area under the blazing equatorial sun, are big plantations which produce *palm oil*. And in the mountainous districts of the east are *coffee and tea* plantations.

There are about 30,000 Belgians still working in the Congo, and approximately 1,800 are employed helping to mine and export copper.

Congo's Greatest Weakness

The Congo's real weakness, however, lies in its backward people. Most of the 15 million Congolese are totally *illiterate*. According to recent reports, only 20 have a college education. Many still believe in *witchcraft* and quite a number are practicing *cannibals*, as was clearly demonstrated in the recent Congo massacres.

The main business in the Congo is government. In fact, at least 80 percent of all the employed persons in a dozen or more of the new African nations work for their governments. *Language barriers* are, at least in this generation, totally insurmountable. There are 80 different languages spoken in the former Belgian Congo.

The fact remains that, because of *illiteracy, language barriers* and hereditary *degeneracy*, the majority of the peoples of the Belgian Congo are not able to become educated, skilled workers, trained leaders or to do very much for their governments—at least in this generation!

Very few can read or write, and the masses seem to be content to be able to knock coconuts out of the trees or to kill a wild boar. Such indolence and ignorance! Notice this typical example:

An American agricultural expert was happy to find an African farmer who



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A man and a tired little boy at Congo's Leopoldville Airport. Their group had just been flown in from Stanleyville by the international rescue mission. But not before some of their loved ones were butchered by cannibals. Some are still in cannibal-held territory.

teachers, clerks, civil servants. Anyone who was well dressed was looked upon as being well educated and was therefore considered dangerous. He was dispatched with immediately.

Vital Statistics of Congo

During the last four years the Congo has often figured prominently in the news. We need to take a much closer look at this trouble spot.

The Congo straddles the equator, in the very heart of Black Africa. It is 905,000 square miles in area—about the size of the United States, east of the Mississippi River. It has over 200 tribes, speaking about 80 different languages.

About one fifth of the Congo is controlled by the pro-Communist rebel government of President Gbenye. The Central Government at Leopoldville has never been able to subjugate and govern all of the Congo since Belgium granted it its independence in 1960.

Though the Congo is politically independent, it is totally dependent on

pendence in 1960 it has received about one billion dollars in economic assistance—half of that coming from the United States.

Even so, France's De Gaulle is "a thousand times more popular" among the Congolese than is President Johnson. Anti-Americanism and anti-Belgianism are rife in the Congo.

The Congo is stagnant, backward, terribly underdeveloped. Less than 3 percent of the entire Congo is under cultivation. It has only a very few railroads, few roads and really no through highways.

The great masses of the population live in the "bush," and have no sanitation, running water, electricity or other Western-style amenities. Many still live in thatched huts, and even in Leopoldville, the Congo's metropolis, Africans live in very flimsy houses and their children run around naked, barefooted, drinking polluted water.

Most of the transportation of the Congo is provided by river boats and

would agree to try his simple new method by which he could double his production. When the agricultural expert returned, after the next harvest, he discovered that this farmer had actually produced about the same as formerly, because he had only sown half as much! The African farmer, however, was delighted because he had only done half as much work. This farmer could see no point in doubling his production, since, had he grown more, he would have had difficulty storing it, the rats might have eaten it, or thieves might have made off with it. In any event, it certainly would have meant more problems for him.

Inefficiency and Corruption

Thus the governing of a country like the Congo is a very difficult task. When one adds to the above-mentioned complications such additional factors as *inefficiency*, *deliberate corruption* and *rebellion*—then the problem of governing the Congo becomes an almost insurmountable “nightmarish business.”

Today, in the Congo, all sorts of people are on government payrolls, who are neither trained nor qualified to do the type of work they are supposed to do. One reporter mentioned that a Congolese immigration official in Leopoldville held his passport upside down when looking for a visa. He obviously couldn't read.

The province of North Katanga has a Department of Technical Education, with a director, a deputy and a corps of inspectors—but there are no technical schools anywhere in the province!

One North Katanga official received 400,000 francs to pay his staff. But he spent the money on himself and lived royally for three months while his staff got nothing.

Who's to Blame?

Now let us return to the question: “Who is responsible for the continued chaos, bloodshed and massacres of the Congo?”

Firstly, *the Belgians are primarily responsible*, because they granted independence to the Congo—long before it was capable of managing this “freedom.” It was the responsibility of the Belgians to survey the situation and to

make sure that the Congolese peoples were properly qualified to run their own country—before giving them independence! They should not have pulled out of the Congo at least until government machinery was set up to ensure security. Had the Belgians relied on God, they need not have left at all!

This, Belgium utterly failed to do. The Belgian government should not have bowed to outside pressures.

It was God Almighty who gave to the peoples of Belgium, Britain, France and Holland their tremendously rich colonies. These colonies were to be one of the blessings devolving upon modern-day Israel—as a result of Abraham's obedience (see Gen. 17:1-8). God also prophesied that, because of sin, He would strip these birthright blessings from these Israelitish colonial powers. If you have not read Mr. Armstrong's interesting and authoritative booklet entitled *The United States and The British Commonwealth in Prophecy*, write for it immediately.

During the recent British elections, I was privileged to hear Mr. Harold Wilson, now Prime Minister of Great Britain, speak at a Labour Rally in Watford, just a few miles from Ambassador College. After the speech, an irate African gathered a number of Britons around him outside the hall and discussed points relative to Britain's foreign policy. He asked, “Why have you [Britons] given away your *birthright* [referring to Britain's colonies in Africa]? It was you who developed the colonies—who built the modern cities, the industries, railroads, highway systems, airports, and who *established law and order* over those territories in Africa. *Can you tell me WHY you gave away your BIRTHRIGHT?*” We were speechless! Here was an African telling us Britain had African colonies by right of birth!

Yes, why have Belgium, Britain and others given up their God-given colonies? The world would be a safer, happier place if these former colonies were still under the control of their lawful heirs.

Secondly, *the Communists* (backed primarily from Peiping and Moscow) are also greatly to blame for the continued chaos in the Congo. They are

doing everything possible to stir up more trouble and strife in the Congo. As long as the Communists continue to supply the rebels with propaganda, guns, munitions, and finances—it will be difficult to bring tranquillity to the troubled waters of the Congo!

Thirdly, *the United Nations* has been weighed in the balance and found wanting. It tried to govern the Belgian Congo with an army of 25,000 men. It, too, pulled out before law, order and prosperity were established in the Congo. It stands guilty. It, also, miserably failed.

Fourthly, the *United States* must bear its share of blame for chaos in the Congo. Here's why. It has been the persistent (and often pernicious) policy of U.S. foreign policy makers, especially since World War II, to bring massive pressure to bear on the colonial powers (Britain, France, Belgium, etc.) to get them to give all of their colonies complete “freedom” to govern themselves. This policy has been foolishly pursued even though such colonies were not always fully qualified to govern themselves.

American foreign policy shapers reasoned thus: The struggling 13 colonies in America threw off the tyrannical yoke of England in 1776, thus paving the way for America's unprecedented greatness. If America can only persuade the colonial powers to grant self-government to their colonies, then these liberated colonies may also become great like the U.S. But such short-circuited reasoning fails to take into account the fact that the thirteen colonies were inhabited and led by people who were far more civilized than the Congolese masses and leaders of today.

Fifthly, *the Congolese leaders* are themselves responsible—at least in part—for their predicament. Perhaps the illiterate masses cannot be held strictly accountable, but many of the educated leaders succumb to graft and corruption, instead of governing for the good of the people.

Important Lessons

Newly freed African countries too often fail to realize that the Europeans who have established and developed the colonies have been a great blessing to

them in spite of some of their exploitation. True, the colonial powers fell short in not educating the peoples in their colonies, and they only compounded their colonial problems by often exploiting them. They could have built up their colonies much more than they did. They should have done much more to educate their colonial subjects.

But don't forget that the colonial powers did put a stop to tribal butchery, and to a certain extent, to cannibalism, witchcraft and other degrading practices in those African colonies. They did help to develop the colonies—to build highways, railroads, airports, modern cities, and developed their mines and a number of industries. They also began to better the education of at least a few natives. For these things the African people should be eternally grateful. But, alas, these benefits from the whites are often forgotten in today's troubled, Communist-agitated Africa.

The general tendency today, however, is for colonies to revolt from the Mother country and take over government, industry and *everything*. The Africans seem to think that if they can only drive out their white masters, all of their problems will evaporate. They will then automatically become heir to their wealth, and happiness and peace will automatically ensue.

They used to think all they had to do was to sign their names on little pieces of paper, give them to the bank, and presto-mago!—they could have a new car, a new home or anything they desired. It was just that simple—or so many thought! They did not realize that, before one could write a check, he must first *think, plan, work hard and produce*—otherwise his check would be worth no more at the bank than the paper it was written on.

And, sure enough, the Congolese have had to learn these lessons—the hard way—that *they are not properly trained to run their country!* They still need the Belgians and other Europeans to run their mines and industries. They still desperately need more educated, college-trained teachers, technicians, and staff to run the business and industry of the Congo. The simple fact is, there are not nearly enough educated people



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In airport at Brussels, Belgium, friendlier hands assist the feeble and the children who were rescued from rebel cannibals. They were flown in from Stanleyville, where they were grabbed from the jaws of certain death.

in the Congo to run it—without the aid of the Europeans.

Worldwide Race Violence to Intensify

Another important lesson which should be learned from the Congo massacres of the Europeans: Race hatred continues to sweep the whole world. During the November Congo massacres, virtually all of the African nations lined up with the rebels—against the whites—and never so much as censured the brutalities, rapes, cannibalism, and wanton massacres of the whites by the Congolese rebels. Thus today we see racial strife in all parts of the world—in America, Russia, in Cyprus, in Africa and wherever different races live side by side.

The prophecies reveal that this worldwide racial strife is going to intensify in the years just ahead. Jesus Christ foretold that these very days, immediately preceding His Second

Coming, would be characterized by violence—racial violence—just as in the days preceding the cataclysmic, worldwide Deluge of Noah's day (see Luke 17:26-28, Gen. 6:1-13).

According to the prophecies of God's Word, racial conflicts and virtual annihilation of certain peoples is destined yet to occur in this 20th Century! Such race hatred will pale into insignificance Hitler's mass slaughter of Jews and Poles. So says your Bible (Ezek. 5:1-17, Matt. 24:21, 22).

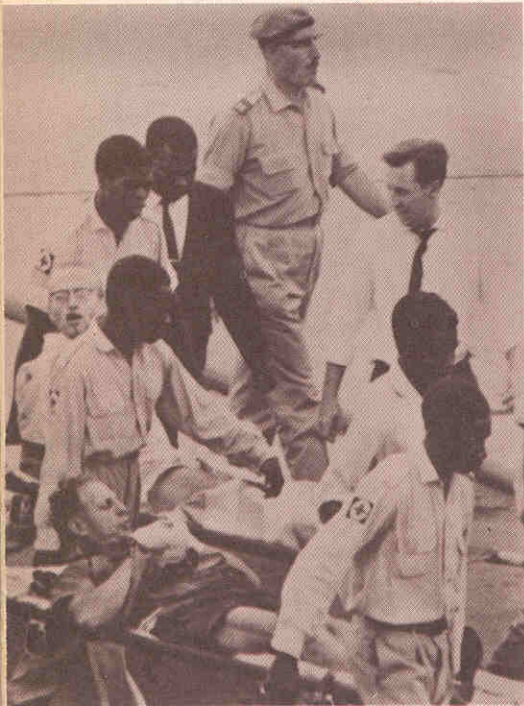
The Only Lasting Solution

What is the real solution to the problems, headaches and nightmarish fears which haunt all of those living in the Congo today?

The Belgians don't know the way to bring peace to the Congo. The Americans or the British don't. The Chinese or the Russians don't. And neither does the dis-United Nations know how to restore peace in the Congo. The simple

answer is that, "The way of peace they [meaning every nation on earth] know not" (Rom. 3:18).

Why is the United Nations doing



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Medics at Leopoldville Airport carry wounded on stretchers from rescue plane that brought them from Stanleyville.

nothing at all in the Congo? It is supposed to take care of threats to peace and to bring about collective action when there is serious disorder in the world. . . . *The United Nations is no longer an effective international instrument and never will be*, as long as its principal members are unwilling to speak frankly about *the paralysis of the organization* and act courageously in pressing for solutions.

The only way to have peace in the Congo, and peace in the whole world, is for the nations to learn and abide by the laws of Almighty God! There is no other way to achieve true, lasting peace! It is only when the nations quit killing, stealing, coveting and quit breaking all of the laws of God, that true peace can be established. And this applies doubly so in the Congo.

The sad truth is that most of the three and one-half billion people living on this earth today still do not believe that God's law is the way to real health, happiness, peace, prosperity and eter-

nal life. They've got to learn the hard way. That's why God Almighty continues to let wars, massacres and bloodshed run rampant throughout the whole earth (and it's going to intensify!!).

God wants man to eventually get his "belly full" of bloodshed and sin—to learn his lesson! He wants mankind to learn through cold, cruel experience—the way mankind insists on learning—that sin does not pay. Violations of God's law always boomerang right back on the transgressor! "The way of transgressors is hard" (Prov. 13:15). Why can't man learn that lesson?

It is both saddening and utterly horrifying to read of continued butchery in the Congo. Any who are wise enough to discern the terrible times in which we are living should get out of the Congo before it is eternally too late!

There were many ominous rumblings preceding the massacres, rapes and humiliations which both blacks and whites suffered in the Congo. Most of the blacks could not leave the Congo even if they wanted to. Fortunately, however, the Belgians, Britons, Americans and others can leave.

Jesus Christ warned the Christians of His day to flee from Jerusalem when they saw the black clouds of war gathering (Luke 21:20-22). Likewise, the Europeans should have fled from the Congo before the terrible massacres, abductions, rapes and plundering began. They were not without warnings! Those who stayed took their lives into their own hands, and a number of them had to pay the price—with their own blood! And yet others will continue to die because of their own folly.

Christ Will Rule Congo Wisely

A few well-meaning missionaries of the "gospel" have tried to change the Congo. But they, too, miserably failed. The so-called Christian missionaries cannot change the Congolese, because these missionaries deny the very gospel which Jesus taught—the only gospel that would save them (Rom. 1:16). They have taught the Africans a pagan counterfeit gospel (see Gal. 1:6-9, II Cor. 11:4, 13-15). God's Word says,

"Be not deceived: God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Gal. 6:7). The harvest of massacres and violence in the Congo proves that the wrong seeds have been sown! "By their fruits ye shall know them," said Christ (Matt. 7:20). No, this world's missionaries do not have the answer. They, too, have failed!

But this Work, the very Work of Jesus Christ, is reaching the Congo and Southwest Africa, over Radio Elizabethville, with the real solution to the continued Congo "mess." And yet prophecy shows that few will believe the message which God's true ministers proclaim to the world—as a witness (Matt. 24:14, Mark 13:10).

But here is good news! Even though things are going to get much blacker in the Congo and throughout the entire earth in the coming decade, your Bible clearly reveals that Jesus Christ is soon going to return to this earth "in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory" (Matt. 24:30). It is then that "The kingdoms of this world [including the Congo—and every other nation] are [to] become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever" (Rev. 11:15).

At His Second Coming, Christ will "smite the nations: and He shall rule them with a rod of iron" (Rev. 19:15). (See also Ps. 96:13, Ps. 98:9, Dan. 7.) Revelation 2:26, 27 also reveals that any who overcome—the true Christians — will be given by Christ "power over the nations: and He shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers . . ."

The chaotic conditions in the Congo truly reveal not only the "mess" existing in that country, but an inherent weakness in the governments of this world. Chaos in the Congo is merely symptomatic of a decadent civilization—a dying civilization! But thank God *Jesus Christ will soon change all that!* He will show the nations how to be happy in accordance with obedience to God's divine laws. It is only then that we shall have true peace, prosperity and happiness in the Congo—and throughout the whole world (Isa. 2:2-4; 9:6, 7; 11:1-9) !!!

The Bible Story

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CHAPTER SEVENTY-SIX

"YOUR PEOPLE ARE MY PEOPLE"

THE ARMY of the eleven tribes of Israel had divided into three parts.

After setting the Benjamite city of Gibeah on fire, they managed to bottle up the people who had escaped from the city—plus the whole Benjamite fighting force. (Judges 20:29-41.)

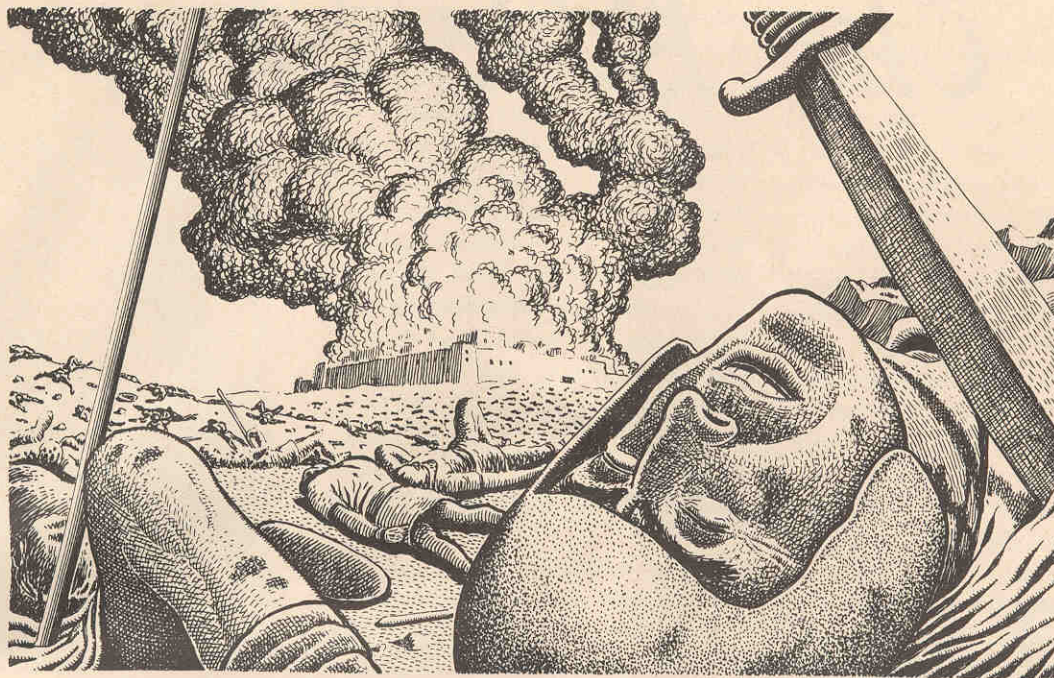
Unrestrained Slaughter

In the furious battle that followed, about eighteen thousand soldiers of the tribe of Benjamin died. With so many troops involved in such close action, a few thousand Benjamite men managed to escape. Most of these took to the roads leading northeast, hoping to reach a certain mountain hideout.

A part of Israel's massive army hadn't yet been very active that day. These soldiers set off in pursuit of the weary Benjamites, easily overtaking them. About five thousand of the fleeing men were killed in their race for freedom. Another two thousand or so were overtaken and slain in another engagement a few miles farther on.

About six hundred succeeded in reaching a place in the mountains called Rimmon Rock. This was in such a rough, cliffy area that the pursuers gave up the chase. (Judges 20:42-47.)

Very few Benjamites had been killed in the first two battles. The almost-complete army of the Benjamites, still numbering almost twenty-six thousand, came to an end in one day. But the action against the rebel tribe that approved homosexuality didn't end there. After a night's rest the Israelite troops moved over all the ter-



The plains close to the burning city of Gibeah were littered with the dead and dying bodies of thousands of Benjamites left after the attack of the superior Israelite army.

ritory of Benjamin to burn all the cities and kill all the people. (Judges 20:48.)

This destruction was so thorough that the only men left were those who had escaped to Rimmon Rock. This near-death of one of the tribes was a terrible thing.

Some might ask: "Why did God allow it, as well as the deaths of at least forty thousand other Israelite soldiers?"

The answer: because of the near-universal disobedience of the people.

God was letting Israel learn from bitter experience that doing as *they* thought best was the *worst* way to live. If the people hadn't fallen away from obeying the laws of their Creator, who constantly warned them against sin, this wretched civil war would never have happened.

Not long after these miserable events, the people of the eleven tribes began to be sorry that they had dealt so harshly with the tribe of Benjamin. The leaders of the tribes met to discuss what could be done to make amends, and to express to God their hope that the tribe wouldn't be wiped out. This was indeed a change in attitude.

To show that they regretted their extreme actions, they went to their meeting place at Shiloh. There, to gain God's favor, they made burnt offerings and peace offerings. (Judges 21:2-4.)

When they had met at Mizpeh before the battles to decide what to do, they had sworn that they would never allow any of their daughters to marry a Benjamite. (Judges 21:1.) This seemed to make it impossible for the tribe to survive as pure Israelites. What could they do about the six hundred soldiers who were safely holed up at Rimmon Rock? They had no wives. And if they couldn't marry Israelites, they might marry into Canaanite tribes.

The leaders carefully looked for a loophole out of this discouraging circumstance. At their council of war at Mizpeh, they had decreed that if any part of the eleven tribes failed to help with the war against Benjamin, those people would later be punished by the sword. (Judges 21:5-7.)

So many things had been taking place that there had been no opportunity to check for any family, region or city that might have failed to supply soldiers. An inquiry was made. It disclosed that the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead, a city east of the Jordan in the territory of Manasseh, had not joined in the civil conflict.

Wives Gotten by Violence

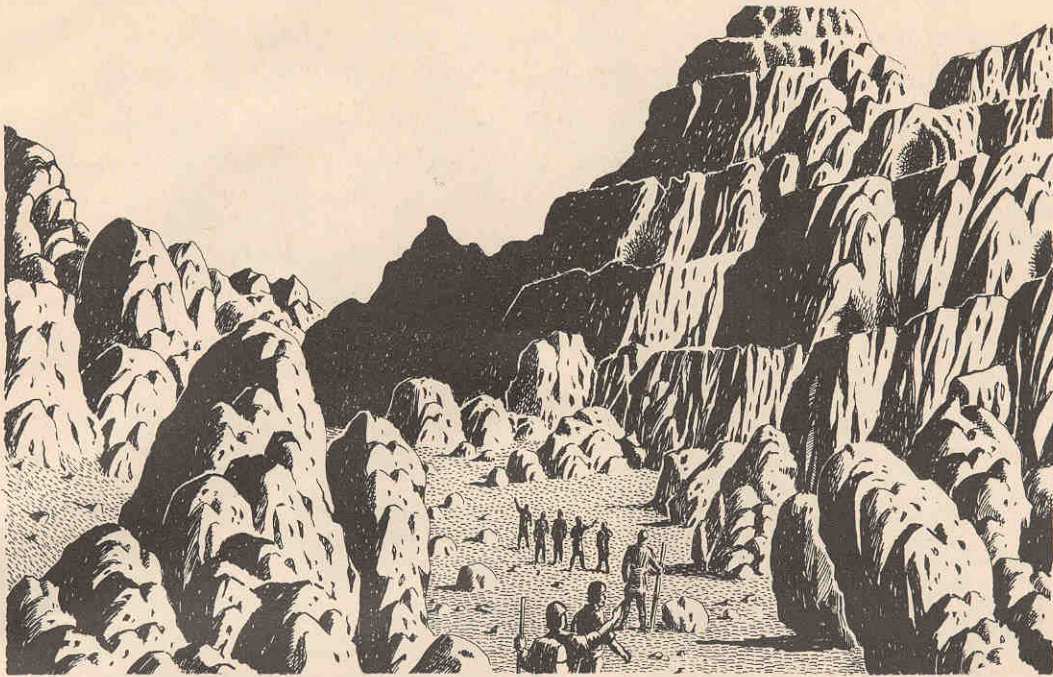
This seemed to present an answer to their problem. Twelve thousand troops were picked to march on Jabesh-gilead and punish the inhabitants by killing everyone except unmarried women. Following so soon after the regretful attitude toward the men of Benjamin, this was an abrupt switch by the Israelites back to their mania for rash action.

After the new senseless slaughter—which wouldn't have occurred if the people had stayed close to God—all the spared women and teen-age girls were carefully questioned. The questioning soon revealed those who weren't married and those who had not committed fornication. Four hundred such females were acquired. Others who didn't pass the requirements suffered the fate of the rest of the people of Jabesh-gilead. (Judges 21:8-12.)

Even though their lives had been spared, these four hundred virgins were anything but happy to be dragged away against their will so quickly. They didn't even get to attend the mass burial of their relatives and friends. They were brought to Shiloh and kept there under guard to await the outcome of a trip to Rimmon Rock by Israelite scouts.

This visit to this rugged area was a dangerous one. Those who entered it could easily be picked off by men hiding in the caves and among the rocks. It turned out that the scouts were allowed to come very close. Then a voice coming from some uncertain source commanded them to stop and state their business.

The hiding Benjamites expected to be asked to surrender or expect a mass attack



Scouts were sent to Rimmon Rock to take a message to the hundreds of hiding Benjamite soldiers, who at first imagined that they preceded an army to come in and flush the Benjamites out if they refused to surrender.

by their Israelite brothers, and so were quite surprised to hear words on quite a different topic.

"Listen, men of Benjamin," one of the scouts shouted in a voice that echoed and re-echoed from one cliff to another. "We are not here to ask you to surrender. You are the only remaining men of the tribe of Benjamin. All the rest of your people are dead because they approved of sex vices.

"But because the leaders of Israel want you to continue as one of the tribes, we have come to make an offer of peace. At Shiloh we have four hundred virgins from whom you may choose brides. If you want them and want to rebuild your tribe in peace, come to Shiloh. First there will have the best choice! Don't be afraid to come. No harm will come to you as long as you are peaceable!"

At first the Benjamites thought that this was a ruse to get them out in the open where they could be attacked. They made no reply. Finally the scouts left. Benjamite lookouts reported that no enemy troops were in sight on the adjoining plains or behind nearby ridges. The six hundred survivors then began to believe that perhaps their Israelite brothers were telling the truth.

They crept in small groups to the Shiloh area. There, by cautious spying, they

found out that there were indeed four hundred women being held to give them as wives.

Up to this time, it wasn't known by the eleven tribes just how many Benjamites had escaped to Rimmon Rock. When six hundred men suddenly put in an appearance to claim wives, the competition became somewhat heated. The two hundred Benjamites who emerged empty-handed complained so bitterly that the Israelite leaders felt obliged to produce two hundred more virgins. (Judges 21:13-15.)

Violence on Top of Violence!

This wasn't such a simple task, though finally someone came up with another extreme and violent plan. At this time of year there was a religious festival about to be observed near Shiloh. A part of its social life included dancing in a nearby field by a large group of young women.

It was suggested to the two hundred wifeless Benjamites that they stay at Shiloh until just before the dance was to be performed and hide in adjoining vineyards. Then they might be able to rush forth and seize two hundred of the young women when they came out to dance. (Judges 21:16-21.)

This scheme was even more fantastic than the one by which the four hundred wives had been obtained, though certainly not as bloody. Anxious as they were for wives, the Benjamites questioned the plan.

"This idea sounds good up to a point," they told the Israelite leaders, "but won't the families of the girls create trouble for us if we succeed in taking away their young women?"

"Don't be concerned about that," the leaders advised. "Probably the fathers and brothers of the girls will be angry at first, but we'll stop them from any rash action. We will persuade them to let you keep their daughters and sisters without causing trouble because we took the lives of all your women. We swore that none of us should give our women to you men of Benjamin. But if you take them forcibly from us, that is another matter. The fathers will not be guilty of breaking their vow and you will have your wives."

The Benjamites considered this explanation somewhat odd. Nevertheless, they went to where this dance was about to take place and successfully concealed themselves in surrounding vineyards.

When the several hundred young women came to the field to perform, the hidden men had sufficient opportunity to observe and choose. At a planned signal, the Benjamites rushed out of the vineyards and swarmed into the mass of leaping, swaying femininity.

Shrieks filled the air as the girls realized that they were being set upon by strangers. Two hundred struggling dancers were whisked off the field and away into the vineyards almost before anyone could comprehend what was going on.

The rest of the screeching girls fled into the stunned crowd that had come to watch the dance. By the time the men in the assemblage realized that the kidnapping wasn't a new part of the dance, it was too late to rescue the young women.

The six hundred surviving Benjamites lost no time in returning to their territory with their brides. Whether or not their women were ill-gotten seemed of no great matter. No one seemed to care. The war with Benjamin was over, and the tribe was saved from extinction.

Even so, the troops of the eleven tribes didn't disband and go to their homes until the Benjamites were again safely settled in their territory and had started to repair their cities.

In this whole episode, which occurred shortly after the death of Joshua, wisdom and good judgment were rather rare. Everyone did what *he* thought best, in-



After the civil war was over, the Benjamites worked hard to repair their damaged towns and cities.

stead of obeying God. (Judges 21:25; Deuteronomy 12:8.) This was a prime example of how death and suffering came to the people when they fell away from God and into idolatry. (Judges 21:22-24.)

Not All Rebelled

But even at such times there were a few Israelites who were loyal and obedient to God. Their lives were rich, meaningful and without violence, though not always without trouble and tragedy.

The story of Ruth depicts that sort of life—the happy result of obeying God. Ruth was a Moabite, a descendant of Lot, the nephew of Abraham. She had been reared a heathen, but was converted after seeing how God's laws benefited others. She left her land and pagan training to become an adopted Israelite and obey the laws of the God of Israel. She became one of the ancestors of David and of Jesus Christ. Ruth was a type of the New Testament Church which is to come out of the world and be joined to Christ.

During the early years of the time of the judges, there was a drought which made crops especially poor in many parts of Canaan. Besides, the neighboring nations carried off much of the produce, thus helping to create a state of famine for many Israelites.

A man by the name of Elimelech lived in the town of Bethlehem, where Christ was born over thirteen centuries later. Elimelech decided to leave Canaan and try to find an area where there was more rain to help him grow a better supply of food.



Elimelech and his family left Bethlehem for the land of Moab, about a week's journey away.

He reasoned that if he could migrate to one of the adjoining nations, he might stand a better chance of having good pasture and produce.

To move out of Canaan and into a heathen land was not the best thing for

Elimelech, his wife, Naomi, and his two sons, Mahlon and Chilion. In fact, not long after he was settled in the pagan-populated land east of the Dead Sea, his life ended. (Ruth 1:1-3.)

Later, Elimelech's two young sons married Moabite women. About ten years later both men died. Their wives, Orpah and Ruth, had become greatly attached to Naomi, their righteous mother-in-law. Although they had been taught to worship pagan gods, they had great respect for Naomi's beliefs and her desires to go according to the ways of the God of Israel.

Life in Moab, without their husbands, became increasingly difficult for the three childless widows. Not only were they very lonely, but they soon became very poor. It was evident that something would have to be done to improve their welfare. That something was sparked when Naomi heard that living conditions had been greatly improved by good weather and abundant crops in many parts of Canaan, including the territory of Judah. Immediately she decided to return to her native land.

Naomi didn't ask her daughters-in-law to return with her, but they helped pack three burros and willingly set off with her to the west. After they had gone a few miles, Naomi stopped to tell them what was on her mind. (Ruth 1:4-7.)

"Much as I want both of you to go with me back to Canaan," she explained, "I feel that it is unfair to you to move to a nation that is strange in your sight. You have been reared to believe in many things in which I cannot believe. If you go to Bethlehem with me you will probably find things so different that you will regret having left your own country.

"For this reason I'm asking you to turn back to your people and to the homes of your parents. You are yet young, and you should be married to men of your nation. I can return alone to Bethlehem. Go back, and I pray that my God will take care of both of you because you have been good wives and good daughters-in-law!"

Ruth and Orpah were distressed at Naomi's words, and especially when she kissed them goodbye as though to finally dismiss them forever from her life.

Each Must Decide Whom to Serve!

"We don't intend to leave you," they assured her after recovering from their tears. "We want to go back with you to your people!" (Ruth 1:8-10.)

Naomi was moved by their display of loyalty, but she felt that they really preferred to stay in their own country, though they were willing to make this sacrifice for her. She tried to make it easier for them to decide to stay, by pointing out that she had nothing more to add to their lives.

"Even if I had another husband and were to bear more sons," she told them,

"you wouldn't want to wait till they are grown to marry them. You would seek other husbands long before that, so you can see why it would be wise to go back to your people. I am very sorry you have lost your husbands."

This last little speech by Naomi convinced Orpah that her mother-in-law was right. She sadly kissed Naomi and Ruth farewell and turned back with her burro and possessions toward the place where her parents lived in Moab.



Orpah decided not to go on with Naomi and Ruth to Canaan, and tearfully turned back into Moab.

"Your sister-in-law has wisely decided to return to her people," Naomi pointed out to Ruth. "You would do well to try to catch up with her." (Ruth 1:11-15.)

"Why try to talk me into doing something I don't think is right?" Ruth asked. "I want to stay with you. Wherever you go I will go. I will stay where you stay. *Your people shall be my people. Your God is my God.* I want to die in the place where you die, and be buried where you will be buried. If I fail in any of these things, let God deal with me as He chooses."

Naomi was so moved by these remarks that she said nothing more to Ruth about parting. She was convinced that her daughter-in-law was converted and meant all that she said, for which she was very happy. (Ruth 1:16-18.)

The two women arrived at Naomi's run-down house in Bethlehem a few days later, fortunate not to have been bothered by roving bandits. Naomi was glad to

see the familiar places and faces, though at first she wasn't recognized because she had changed in appearance. When a neighboring friend realized who she was, however, a crowd of acquaintances quickly gathered about her and Ruth.

"Can it really be Naomi?" some of them asked.

"Yes, it is I, returned from Moab with my daughter-in-law, Ruth," Naomi said to them. "But perhaps it would be well not to call me any longer by that name. It means *beautiful* and *pleasant*, and I am not now beautiful and my life is no longer pleasant. I have aged, mostly because of losing my husband and two sons. It would be more fitting if you would call me Mara, which means *bitter*."

"No! No!" some of the bystanders exclaimed. "All of us have aged, Naomi, but you are still a beautiful woman. We are sorry to hear that God has allowed your loved ones to be taken, but we are happy to have you back among us."

Naomi's many friends showed their concern by pitching in on the house-cleaning so the two women would have a suitable place to live. They were comfortable for the moment. But their meager amount of money was practically gone, and Naomi wasn't the sort to prevail on the goodwill of her friends and neighbors for her needs.

Something had to be done right away, or the two widows would run out of food.

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What our READERS SAY

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cattle was lost from the storm. Many more may die yet as they have frozen feet. Many ranchers will be out of business because of the storm. A person can only make out by following God's laws and having His protection."

Couple from South Dakota

- *Winter's first storm was one of the U.S.'s greatest natural catastrophes.*

Atheists in Sunday School

"I would like some advice on how I can help my seven-year-old daughter to believe there is a God. I am shocked to learn that children in Sunday school class, and her schoolmates, discuss with

her that there isn't a God. I feel so helpless trying to explain when she asks me, 'How do you know, Mom?'..."

Reader from Ohio

- *Why not ask the teacher if he can find Sunday Schools commanded anywhere in the Bible!*

Tithing

"I began tithing about six weeks ago and now I have just been informed that my salary was to be increased by over \$200.00 per year. I have learned that it pays to tithe."

Man from Georgia

- *Who said tithing doesn't pay?*

Does This Happen to Your Plain Truth?

"When I have finished *The PLAIN TRUTH* I put it on my drugstore magazine rack. When someone picks it up

and asks to buy it, I give it to them. It is surprising to find so many people who have heard of the magazine but have never written for it."

Reader from Mississippi

"I thought you would enjoy learning what happens to *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine each month. Each month after I read it, I put it out in my waiting room for my patients to read. Several times it has been torn after only a few days—other times it weathered the storm for a few weeks and then suddenly it disappears."

Doctor from Ohio

Heard on Radio London

"Many thanks for your inspiring talk which I luckily and accidentally heard over Radio London on my car radio during a journey home from business."

Businessman, Essex, England

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

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When we were in Baalbek, a number of tourists were there walking over the ruins of the temples and among them was a tall, austere, gray-haired American lady with a cane, traveling alone. A guide was showing her around—and with such a *torrent* of complaint!

How American Tourists Cause Other Nations to Hate Us

She scolded him because there was no railing built on the steep stair leading to a lower level and she criticized the people of his nation and everything else she could think of. When we reached the hotel in Amman, *here was the same woman*. She came up to us and our guide and loudly complained about the staff there in the hotel. Yasser asked her what they had done to displease her. She replied they had heckled her.

All the clerks were sullenly listening to her and we had felt the antagonism to Americans in a most direct manner. We noticed this in a number of places. We became quite concerned listening to her tirade, but all we could do was to walk away and leave her.

On to the Rose-red City of Rock

Yasser soon followed us and we made our plans for the next day—our longed-for trip to Petra.

Yasser told us we would leave the hotel at six in the morning by car. We went to sleep until 3 a.m. when, from the minarets of the mosques of the town, the Koran was read over loud—(and I mean *loud*) speakers.

Why at that time in the morning they read the Koran, I'll never know. I got no more sleep.

On our way to Petra, I asked Yasser if anyone ever listened to the reading at 3 a.m. in the morning? He said that the Koran used to be read by the Priests, but now it was on recordings and was automatically read every so often and sent out over loud-speakers from the minarets.

We were ready to leave, with our lunches all packed, by 6 a.m. Our driver was also an Arab in robes and

a cloth over his head. Yasser was dressed in a suit.

It was quite cool when we started out at sunrise, but as the sun grew higher, it warmed up as we drove over the plains of Moab.

We drove almost due south from Amman, along the plains to the east of Mt. Nebo. This whole area east of the Dead Sea is a hilly plateau. Here the Israelites camped before entering the Promised Land. It was in this locale that King Balak ordered Balaam (Numbers 23:13) to curse the advancing Israelites and where, instead, God caused him to give them blessings rather than cursings.

I do not remember the order of all the towns through which, or around which, we passed, but all were on the ancient trail of the Israelites, where Moses, as their leader, suffered their grumbling and rebellion against God and against him.

However, one of the towns was Madaba. In this small town there was a Greek Orthodox church that was built in 1896 on the site of an ancient Byzantine church. On the floor, which was a part of the ancient church, was a map made in mosaic. It covered a large area and depicted Biblical Palestine as well as the northern regions of Damascus and Byblos; Memphis and Alexandria in the south; the Mediterranean Sea in the west; and in the east were Amman and Petra. It is said to be the oldest map of Jerusalem in existence. (I believe they said it was constructed in the 6th century.) Also on the map were depicted vegetable and animal life. Among the animals shown were lions, which prove that these animals were inhabiting the region of Moab until that late date.

This land was where Moab and Ammon, the sons of Lot's daughters, settled in the days of Abraham. It was so level, here, that the grain waving in the wind could be seen for miles. However, the grain fields thinned out as we neared the Wady Arnon.

Actually, the Wady Arnon is a river at the bottom of a deep canyon. As we approached the fords of Arnon by way of the flat plateau country to the north, we could not see the Arnon until we arrived at the canyon rim. It looked

like the Grand Canyon as it had a sudden drop of four thousand feet.

We descended to the bottom over the narrowest winding road we had ever been on. No car could possibly have passed us.

Looking down on my side of the car, it seemed as if we were in space. It was hours, it seemed, before we reached the bottom of Arnon. Yet, on that lonely barren road, which was very high and miles from an inhabited place, we would meet a lone Bedouin walking. A few miles later there was another one riding a donkey.

We had passed many Bedouin tents before we reached the fords of Arnon. All of their tents are made of black goat hair. They are open on one side, and all are surrounded with herds of black goats and camels.

We also passed many herds of camels feeding on the hillsides and along the road. Our car had to slow down to make way for them in many places.

The gorge of the Arnon, however, was barren until we reached the bottom. There we found a small stream with the most beautiful and luxuriant oleanders lining its banks. All were in full bloom. We took color pictures of them.

After a few minutes rest, we started on the long climb up the opposite side. When we reached the top, we passed through another area of green fields. Feeding in one of the fields was a flock of eight storks. We tried to get pictures of them but they were startled by the car and flew away.

When I expressed how thankful I was that all that climbing was behind us now that we were on level ground, our guide informed us that we would have still another deep canyon to cross.

Between these two canyons we drove up to the ancient city of Karak to refill the gas tank of the car. It was built with adobe or mud on top of a dry, desolate, dusty hill, inside the ruins of a high, ancient wall.

The agricultural lands surrounding Karak are rich and green; but the city itself, with a population of 5,000, is desolate, dirty and built of stone and adobe. We saw the green trees and fields below the city and we marvelled at the choice that the people had made



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Karak, Jordan, a walled city built by the Crusaders in their attempts to wrest Palestine from the Moslems. It is about 1000 years old.

for their city and their homes. The guide, however, explained that the city had been built on the hill as a protection from other tribes; and that the people used to leave their homes and work in the fields, always returning to the safety of the city in the evening.

This city is the ancient city of Kir-Moab of the Bible (Isa. 15:1); also called Kir-Haresh (Isa. 16:11) and Kir-heres (Jer. 48:36).

The people of the city today seem about half Roman Catholic (or Greek Orthodox) and the rest Muslim.

We reached the bottom of the next canyon safely, however, and found a larger stream flowing across the road. We had to drive through this one.

It was now noon and we ate our lunch under the ancient fig trees that grew along the banks. Nearby was a Bedouin camp and, as we walked up the stream to eat, there followed several children, peeking shyly from behind large boulders or trees.

Our guide handed each of us a sack which contained a sandwich of hard coarse bread with beef, also one of cheese, and one with butter. There was also an orange and a tiny banana. I gave part of my sandwiches to a little Bedouin girl, but I felt safe in eating the cheese, a hard-boiled egg and the fruit. I had learned by this time to eat only what I could peel or to drink only what had been boiled.

Approaching Petra

At the small town of Shaubak built within the walls of an ancient fortress,

we descended to Ain Musa (the Spring of Moses), the traditional site of the rock which Moses struck to bring forth water for the Israelites. However, this is *not* the true spot. It is merely the story of the local inhabitants. We stopped at the spring where there was a green and cool garden.

From Ain Musa the road descends to Wady Musa and to the Police station at Eljy. When we arrived, we found all arrangements had been made by our guide for our horses to ride into Petra. It was mid-afternoon when we arrived—dusty and tired. What a relief it was to leave the car and mount the horses.

Our bags were piled on a small

donkey (poor thing—he was almost hidden, with luggage for four people). I wondered if he would ever make the trip, but he did—allowing only one suitcase to fall.

A bridle path leads from Eljy to the entrance of the Siq—the narrow ravine leading into Petra. It was rough going over rocks and rills to the Siq. Then we entered the winding path of the ravine itself. It is a dry stream bed of rocks and boulders with sheer cliffs of 200 to 300 feet in height on each side. At no place in the ravine is it wider than ten or twelve feet. The walls are of fantastic shapes and colors and in places appear almost to meet high above. We often brushed by oleanders in full bloom growing in the Siq in every crevice. It was such an inspiring and interesting trip through the Siq. My horse stumbled several times and I lost my hat a time or two but it was recovered by the Arab boy who led my horse. We had to go single file all the way and the little overloaded donkey plodded along behind.

It is impossible to express the feeling that one receives from going on the trip to Petra. It was a different world altogether—as if someone had turned back thousands of years and we were living in history.

Suddenly we came to the end of the



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A grand view of the craggy mountains surrounding Petra. The fertile valley in foreground is near Eljy.

narrow part of the Siq and there before us, carved out of the mountain-side, was the immense Khazneh—a temple to Isis (Easter). It is called the Treasury of Pharaoh by the local people, and is the best preserved temple in Petra. Some believe that it was hewn out of the rock by some Nabataean King.

As we passed the Khazneh, the valley widens a little with great tombs or caves on either side. Further, on the left, were the remains of an ancient theatre—a sort of amphitheatre cut out of the mountainside. There were half-circular rows of stone seats for the audience. We could see how the Romans had sliced away many tombs in constructing this amphitheatre.

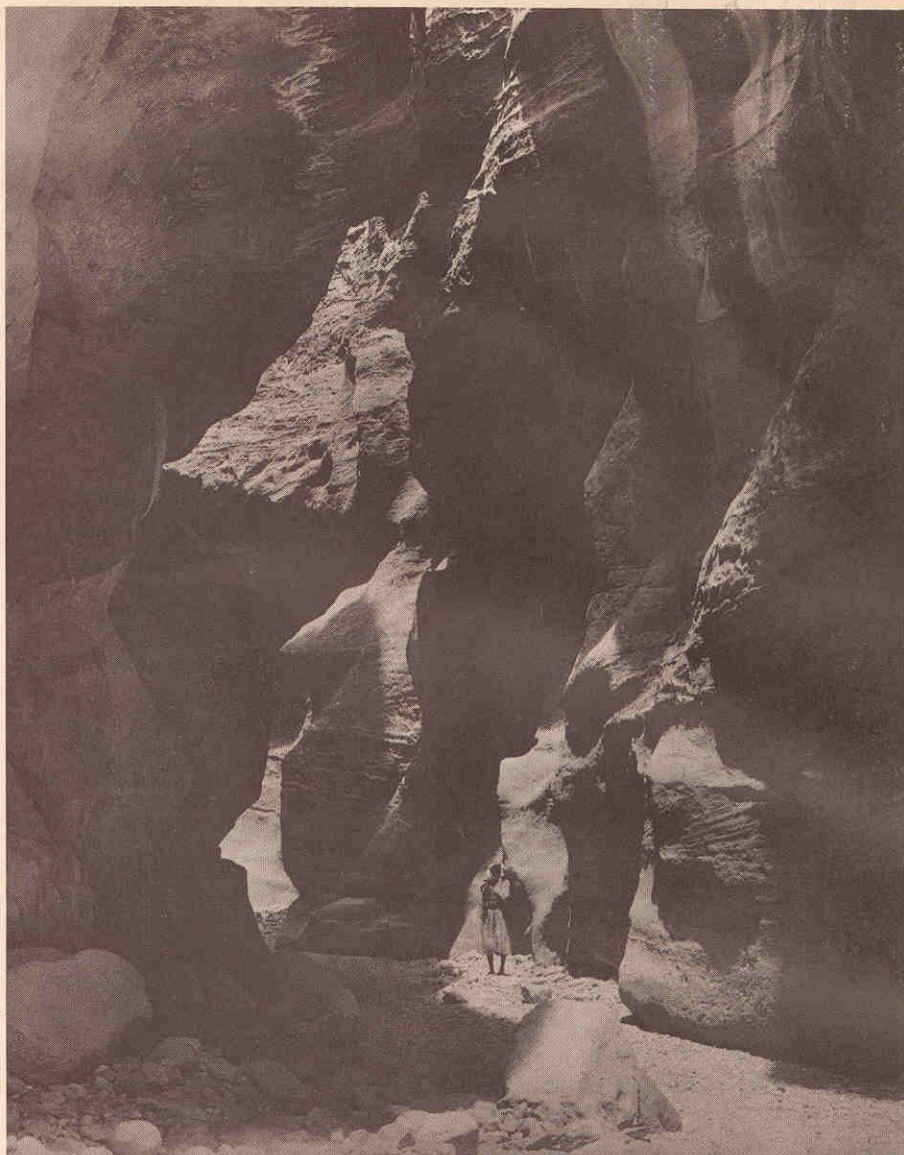
From here on, the valley widens and we soon saw the ruins lining an ancient paved street. As we started to go north on this street, I could hardly help but think of some of the history of this great city.

This was the ancient city of the family of Esau and later of the Nabataeans. Five hundred years before Christ, this place, now in ruins, was occupied and was a hustling, thriving city. Then came the Romans who built some of the buildings and constructed some paved streets. (One of these streets we later walked on.)

Along the way we saw the walls of the only real building standing in Petra. It was formerly a Roman Temple to a pagan god. We also viewed hundreds and hundreds of caves and facades of temples carved out of the mountains, but not a one of them could be called a building.

As we came to the north end of the ancient street, we saw many white tents. It was a camp for tourists that was called Nazzal's Camp. In the center was a large dining tent. On the north side of the camp and sheltering it is the great rock mountain el Habis. The whole side of this mountain is dotted with caves.

We had the choice of a tent or a cave in which to sleep. Because a cold, stiff wind was blowing, we chose the shelter of one of the caves. It looked as if the tents would not be able to stand in the wind. So we climbed up a



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Proceeding toward Petra through the rose-red walls of Es-Siq. Through the overhanging cliffs sunlight filters into the rift canyon.

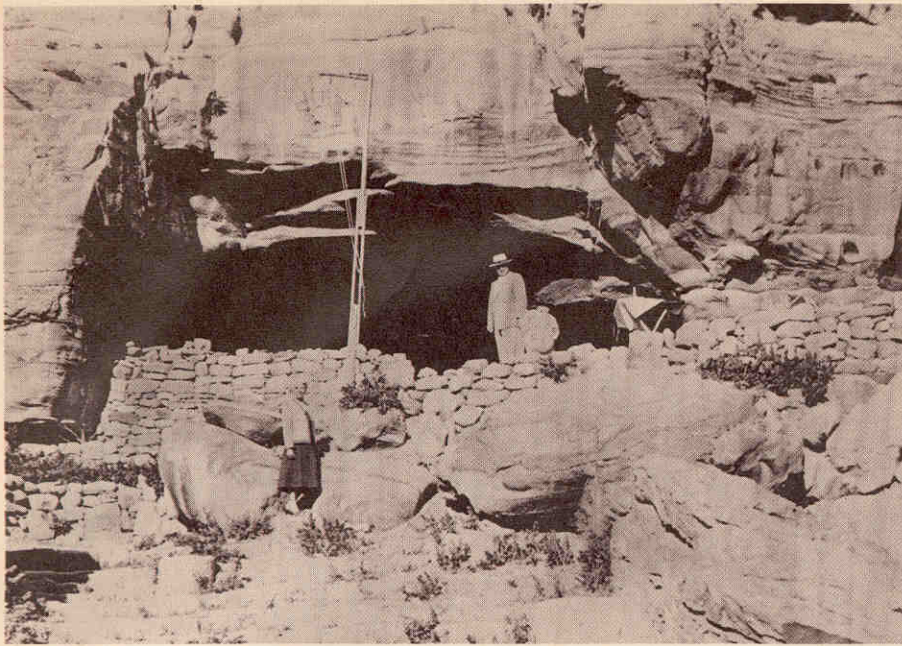
stairway cut in the side of the mountain to a large cave. It was sectioned off into rooms by canvas sheets. There were two cots in each section and a large room in the center space.

I was so thoroughly chilled that I went right to bed. Soon, though, I found that I had to get up and put on part of my clothes and call for an extra blanket.

The Arabs cooked for the other guests in a cave below our tier of caves and served the food in the dining tent. I had learned by this time *not* to eat, so I tacitly ate an orange that our guide had given me before and then went to bed. With hunger and cold I began to see that Petra was no bed of roses but a place to really *rough* it.

I had gone to bed quite early and despite the hunger and cold was sound asleep when suddenly I was awakened by a crowd of twenty-eight people who had just arrived from Eljy, who had come into the cave to hear a lecture by an English woman archeologist who was here from the English Antiquities Society. She, with a number of Bedouins, was carrying on excavations in Petra. It seems it was too cold in the dining tent to hear the lecture so she brought them to the large cave where we were. It must have been after ten o'clock when she completed the lecture and all was quiet in the cave again.

Soon after everything had settled down, I heard other occupants of the cave, including my husband, Dick and



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Above, the campsite of Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong and Dick in Petra. It is a cave of immense proportions hewn out of solid rock. Right, a ten-year-old Bedouin girl standing with Mrs. Armstrong in Petra. The girl's herd of goats is partly visible in the background.



our guide, come in and go to their cots. Once more quietness prevailed until all in the cave were sound asleep, except me.

Suddenly I was startled by frightening sounds. A number of dogs began barking, which startled a number of donkeys so that they began to bray. That, then, started the jackals and the hyenas to yelping and screaming. I never heard such bedlam before. I was certainly thankful that I was in the cave and not in a tent.

Next morning I learned that the animals were scattered over Petra and not near the camp. In fact, as we walked throughout Petra, we saw none of them save the donkeys.

After having tea and an orange, we started the climb to Petra's famous "high altar." We began the climb behind the ruins of the ancient Roman temple.

Soon we came across a little Bedouin girl about ten years old, herding a flock of black goats. I gave her some money to have her stand beside me and have her picture taken. She was dressed in black robes with a piece of black cloth over her head, a ring in her nose, beads around her neck and bracelets on her arms. All were made of cheap materials.

After she had stood for her picture, she called in an ordinary tone of voice to someone way across the valley, and in her Arabic tongue told them of the coin she had received. The incredible acoustics of Petra carried her voice as if by a super loudspeaker. She held her hand high, with the coin, to show it as she called. I am sure that their sight is not as clear in Petra as the sound, for many of the Bedouins have diseased eyes. But we were amazed at being able to hear sounds so clearly over great distances.

One evening Dick was across from our cave on another hilltop quite a distance from us. Mr. Armstrong tried out the carrying power of his voice and in a quiet tone asked, "Can you hear me, Dick?" Dick answered, "Very clearly."

There are very few of these Bedouins in Petra. Children were more in evidence than adults. They are the ones that herd the black goats over the hills and even up the sides of the mountains. We were surprised to see them no more than nine or ten years old skipping around from rock to rock on a steep mountainside as nimble, almost, as the goats.

After getting the little Bedouin girl's picture, we continued on our climb to the "high altar." The going

became more difficult and we had to stop and rest often. It was quite frightening to look down and we began to wonder whether to go on further. Our guide told us that it would be dangerous to try to descend now. He said if we would just keep climbing we could go down on the other side of the mountain. The climb was difficult. In some places we had to crawl on all fours.

As we ascended, we came face to face with a sculptured lion cut in the face of the rock. We rested here and took pictures of this beast which had been carved out of the stone many centuries ago. It was not in the best of condition for the weather had almost erased his head.

At last we reached the top. Here were two giant obelisks. They had been made by hewing away of the whole top of the summit of the hill. These were two of the gods of the ancient Nabataeans.

Ascending to another high point we came to the ruins of a temple situated high above the whole rock city of Petra. A wonderful view!

Yet still higher up was the "high altar." By this time Mr. Armstrong and I were perfectly willing to sit and rest by the temple ruins and let Dick and Yasser, our guide, who had been with

us all the trip, and the native Bedouin guide, go on up to the "high altar."

The "high altar" is a platform with an altar hewn out of the rock. It is forty-seven feet by twenty-one feet. On one side, a bench was cut in the rock for those who brought their sacrifices.

As we sat on the mountain-top, we looked across to a mountain called Jabel Haroun—on the top of which Aaron, according to tradition, is buried.

When Dick and Yasser and the Bedouin rejoined us, we started our precarious descent to camp. The going was not too difficult, that is, until we came to a large boulder much taller than any of us, down which we had to go. The Bedouin hopped down to a ledge below. Yasser, too, hopped down but not too easily—the Bedouin had to help him. There was not too much room left for us on the ledge, but I was finally lifted down by the two of them and was placed at a little distance away. Now the problem was, how was Mr. Armstrong going to get down?

On the sheer side of the rock there was nothing to hold onto. If he slid down and did not land on the narrow ledge, he would fall a great distance. Dick had gone on far ahead of us. We called to him but he was too far below to return. Finally, the Bedouin bent his back and encouraged Mr. Armstrong to step on him. Yasser stood near to steady him. We spent some time getting out of this predicament and were very thankful when we got out without accident.

The descent was not so difficult from this point.

Dick had waited for us and we stopped often to view the city of caves, temples and tombs. Far across we could see Bedouin children here and there with their herds of black goats. We marvelled at their ability to climb around on the steep places with seemingly no difficulty at all, while we had to be so careful.

We continued down, finally coming to a narrow stairway hewn out of the rock. Here we saw and photographed an exquisite blue lizard with the most beautiful amber eyes. I hope that the picture comes out good.

We finally emerged near the Roman



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An ancient monastery, called ed Deir, overlooks the Wadi Musa, which means "Valley of Moses" in Arabic. It is an hour's climb into the mountains from Petra. Mrs. Armstrong stands at shadowed entrance.

theatre and then walked back to camp.

Dick explored much more of Petra than we did—at least in the higher mountains. One mountain climb was enough for us.

We spent the afternoon in the lower hills, photographing a number of the colorful natural caves as well as many that were man-made.

We were rather weak from lack of food, most of our stay in Petra. We drank tea because the water had been boiled. Perhaps the water as it came from the spring was good, but it was brought to camp in square tin cans slung over the back of a donkey that was led by a very dirty Bedouin.

We could not see far into the "kitchen" cave, but what we saw did not look too clean. However, Mr. Armstrong and Dick both ate dinner. I stuck to the tea and as a result spent the next night in wakefulness. Even without the tea I would have not been able to sleep because the same bedlam of the night

before broke loose. The blood-curdling sounds of wild animals seemed to continue for hours.

Early the next morning, we arose and found that our horses had already arrived from Eljy and along with them had come our faithful little pack donkey.

We left the camp before sunup and soon reached the Khazneh. It was still too dark to take pictures so we waited until the sun began to shine on the marvelous carved temple. We obtained some clear pictures of it.

Once more we mounted our horses and bade farewell to Petra. We rode single file through the Siq on our way back to civilization—that is, Arabic civilization.

Next month's installment will continue Mrs. Armstrong's diary through Palestine—Jordan and Israel—and into Europe through Greece and Rome.

Religious MARTYRS?

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leads MANY nations speaking MANY different languages!

Her name is given in verse 5: "MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."

Note that this false system is described by God as being a great "mother" church. Yet she is a great "mystery" religion—as her ancient Babylonian-Chaldean ancestors were. And the whole system—the mother with her daughters and other vile offspring — is characterized as BABYLON THE GREAT. Literally, this means GREAT CONFUSION.

Although this false religious system may look good on its surface, is it a pure, helpful and innocent religious endeavor?

God answers in verse 6: "And I saw the woman drunken with the BLOOD OF THE SAINTS, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration."

Clearly, then, this is a PERSECUTING CHURCH! It is prophesied to MARTYR the true saints of God before Jesus' second return.

It is prophesied to sit upon the "beast"—the revived Roman Empire whose FINAL resurrection is taking place NOW in Central Europe!

God's Prophecy Is SPECIFIC

For over thirty years, *The PLAIN TRUTH* and *The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast have been warning the world about this final revival of the Roman Empire in Europe. We have been ALONE in giving this warning, but now it is taking place in *specific detail*.

Most people—even most religious leaders—do not YET really grasp what is taking place. Those who do, refuse to understand the MEANING of what they see.

They have "pious hopes" that it will all turn out for good somehow. There will be much weeping and gnashing of teeth when they find out how horribly WRONG they have been!

Beginning with Justinian, there have

been exactly six resurrections of the so-called "Holy Roman Empire" system in Europe. The symbolic "woman"—or false church system—has sat on all six of these heads. This is a matter of historical record. You may wish to verify it further by writing for our free booklet, *Who Is the Beast?*

The time setting when this prophecy was to be unveiled to understanding is given in Revelation 17:10: "And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space."

This is describing the five "Holy Roman" systems from Justinian to Mussolini, and the brief Hitler-Mussolini system which reared up its ugly head for a short space—and roots of which STILL REMAIN in the unrepentant Nazis and Fascists of Western Europe!

Growing out of this bitter root will be a seventh and FINAL resurrection of this foul system. It is the *eighth* Roman system—counting the original Roman Empire which fell in 476 A.D. However, it is "of the seven" resurrections of the Holy Roman Empire upon which the fallen woman was to sit (v. 11).

The "ten horns" which John saw on this final resurrection "are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast" (v. 12).

Thus, the final Hitler or military dictator in Europe will take power with the subservience and active co-operation of *exactly* TEN other dictators or kings in Central Europe! "These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast" (v. 13).

The Time Is VERY SOON!

But how do we know WHEN this takes place?

"These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful" (v. 14).

Notice! The time setting is immediately prior and leading up to the *second coming of Christ to earth as King of kings!*

Frankly, literally *dozens* of prophesied events indicate that this final revival of the Roman Empire in Europe—and its bestial PERSECUTION of multitudes of Bible-believing Christians—will take place within the *next seven to ten years of YOUR LIFE!*

The PLACE for the coming persecution of true Christians is not only Western Europe—but America and Canada as well!

How and why will this come about? Because, as Jesus said, "INIQUITY shall abound"—and is *abounding with shocking intensity throughout our entire so-called "Christian" civilization* (Mat. 24:12). Because we are like the religionists of Jesus' day, of whom He said: "Howbeit in VAIN do they worship me, teaching for doctrine the commandments of men. FOR LAYING ASIDE THE COMMANDMENT OF GOD, you hold the *tradition* of men..." (Mark 7:7-8).

God is going to SPANK! He is going to speak to rebellious men in the only language they will heed—PHYSICAL PUNISHMENT.

As part of this punishment, He is going to *allow* Satan the Devil to inspire rebellious political and religious leaders to perpetrate the greatest "Holy War," persecution and MARTYRDOM against the saints of God in all human history!

God describes this final religious-political system as "*the habitation of devils*" (Rev. 18:2). He shows that "ALL NATIONS" have been deceived by the deceptive wine of her false doctrines (v. 3).

He commands: "*Come OUT of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues*" (v. 4).

Will you *listen* if God's servants tell you that *your house is on fire*? Will you *seek God* with your whole BEING and come OUT of a godless human society which is *heading to its tragic doom*?

If you don't, and if you are still living, the words of this article *will soon BURN in your ears!*

These Men Led the First Six Revivals of the Roman Empire

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IMPERIAL RESTORATION
by Justinian, 554 A.D.
Recognized
supremacy of Pope.



FRANKISH KINGDOM
Began 774. Charlemagne
crowned by Pope
800 A.D.



HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE
(German head),
Otto the Great crowned
by Pope, 962.



HAPSBURG dynasty
(Austrian head),
Charles the Great
crowned by Pope, 1520.



NAPOLEON'S KINGDOM
(French head),
crowned by Pope,
1805.

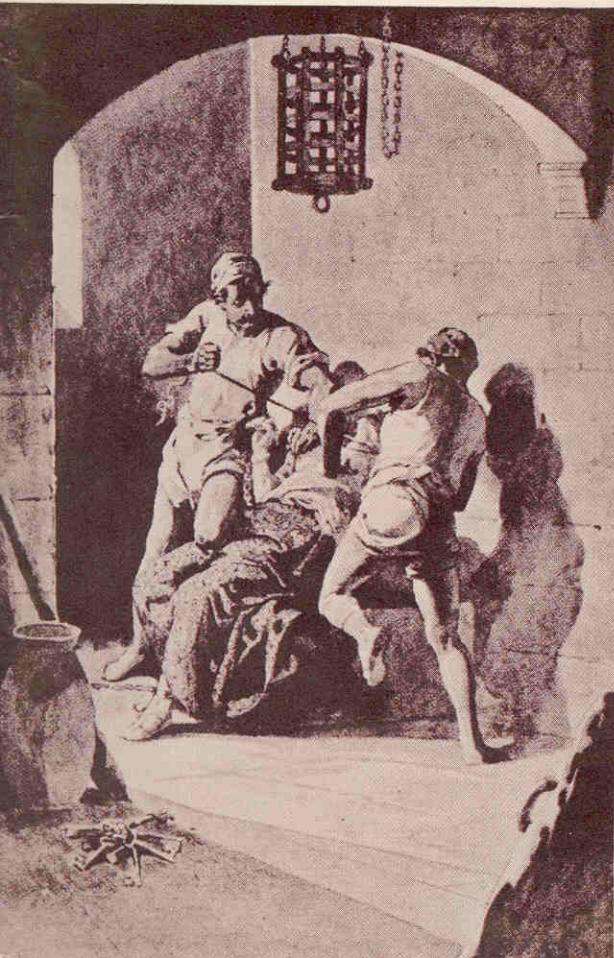


ITALY, united by
Garibaldi, was
proclaimed "Roman
Empire" by
Mussolini.

BUT WHO will usher in the seventh revival of the Roman Empire?

Already the plot is far advanced to unite Europe politically, the world religiously—and to restore the diabolical Middle Age system of religious persecution! Read the accompanying article for the astounding facts!

Spanish prisoner of Inquisition strangled to death.



Mass burial of slave laborers at end of World War II.



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