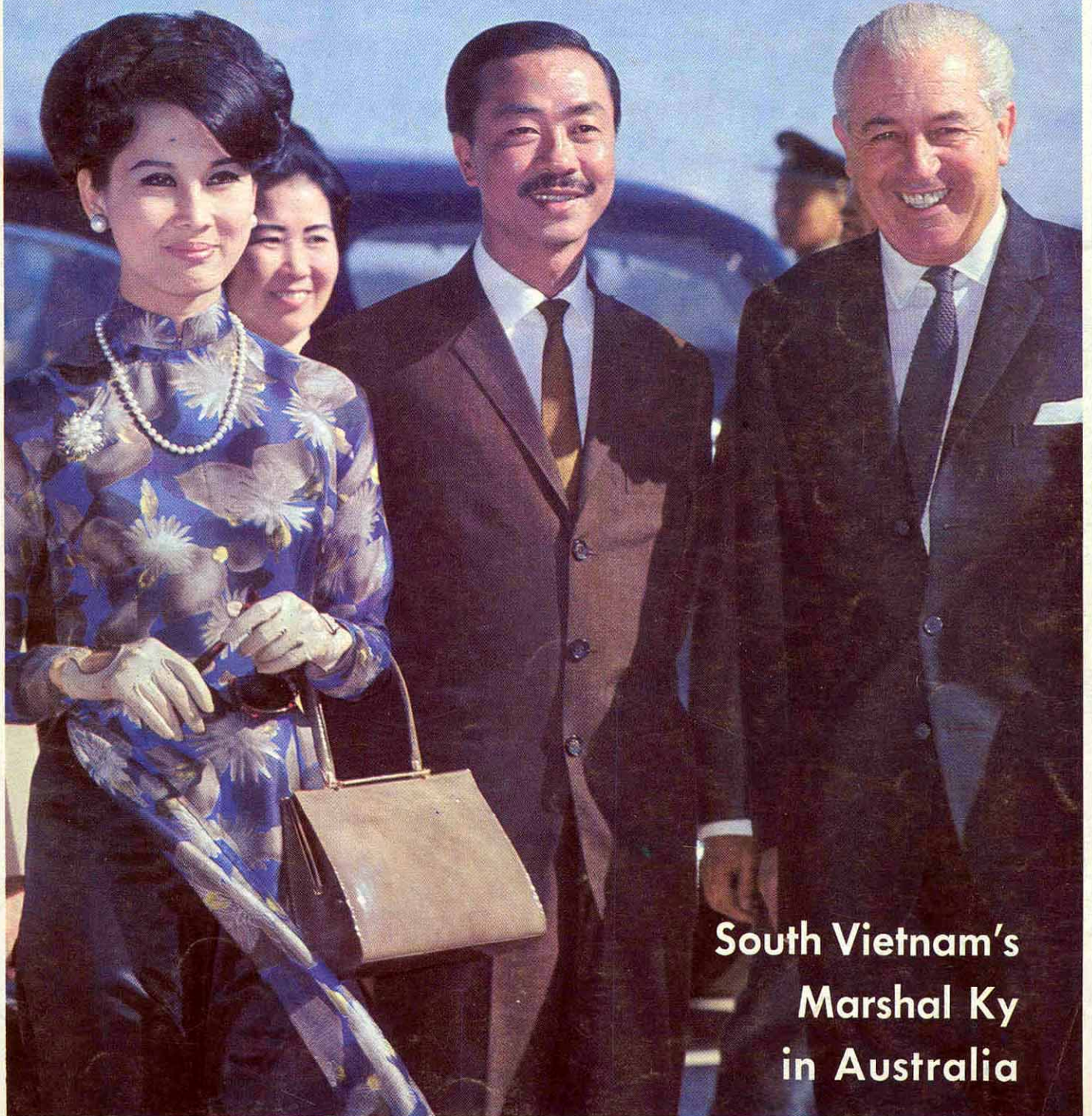


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South Vietnam's
Marshal Ky
in Australia

What our READERS SAY

Real!

"I would like to know, are the letters you print in *The PLAIN TRUTH* from real people? They seem so real. Some people tell me that the people there make them up and print them. I say they are real but my best girl friend says they are not. Please let us know."

M. T., Chapmanville,
West Virginia

• *When the two of you read your own letter in print, you'll know!*

Mental Mastery

"The article in the November *PLAIN TRUTH*, 'Seven "Keys" to Mental Mastery' has given me more courage to face coming trials. Thanks for the letter you sent me."

Mrs. Charlotte M.,
San Diego, California

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"... I have always considered myself an atheist. It is easy to be one today and quite fashionable I might add.... Most [others] wave the cross at you and offer Love and Peace or Hell and Brimstone. I still hold a great many doubts. But if you can present evidence that can prove the existence of God, I would be a fool not to read it. So anything you could spare to send me would be greatly appreciated."

Ralph D. C.,
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• *If you'll really PROVE all things you read, we know the outcome—in advance.*

The PLAIN TRUTH

"In recent weeks your periodical has come to my attention through the hands of a doctor who is one of my colleagues. At that time I was doing work on the living conditions of the American middle class family and I was greatly depressed by what I found. It was then that he handed me *The PLAIN TRUTH*. Now, he is not the type of person who would try to force his beliefs upon another. On the contrary, he is a very quiet and reserved gentleman. After I read part of *The PLAIN TRUTH*, I no

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"... You profess to expound truth in the decline of the British Empire, but have nothing to say about how the almighty U. S. A. sat back making huge profits while Britain was bled white in wealth and human sacrifice in two World Wars. The beatniks you depict are a small, but I admit shameful, minority, but you have similar problems in America."

Mr. B. D., Coventry,
United Kingdom

• *And we've never denied it! This magazine is not seeking to whitewash ANY peoples. Lethargy, laziness, lust for profits are not confined to any one nation—but are a HUMAN sin.*

Evolution

"Recently I listened to *The WORLD TOMORROW* over Radio Barbados, in which Garner Ted Armstrong spoke on the theory of evolution and the existence of God. In my opinion, the points put forward shattered the theory of the evolutionists and proved con-

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Personal from the Editor

IN THIS TALK WITH our readers I want to say something about the flood of letters now flowing in from those of you who have just read the exciting new booklet, *The WONDERFUL WORLD TOMORROW — What it Will Be Like*.

All but ONE so far — from approximately two hundred thousand booklets already mailed out (and another hundred thousand now being mailed) — have been enthusiastic, elated, inspired to know what a WONDERFUL world is soon to be ours.

Of course there had to be one who appeared angry — “Bosh and Rubbish!” he wrote. He sincerely thinks *we* are wrong — instead of himself. He reminds me of Mrs. O'Reilly's son Dennis, a war veteran, marching down 5th Avenue in New York, in the Victory Parade at the close of World War II. Mrs. O'Reilly beamed with pride, saying, “An 'd'ya know, I was *so proud* of Dinney — they were all out o' step but him!”

I want to answer his letter — for the enlightenment of ALL our readers.

But first, a comment or two inspired by all these other appreciative letters.

I wish ALL OF YOU could realize that this wonderful coming world is REAL — *and most of you will be in it* — I hope as one of its changed IMMORTALS. It's not only REAL — it is coming SOON. Possibly (I do not set dates) in less than ten years! Yes, *very possibly* that soon!

But what I am most concerned about is WHAT IT MEANS TO *YOU* — as an *individual*! Each of you! I wish all of our readers could think — as one wrote me — wondering what *YOU* will be doing, then!

I wish all our readers could be reminded, at this point, of that very *first* of the LAWS OF SUCCESS! There are seven *laws* that will produce success. The very first one is to have the

RIGHT GOAL — to be fired with ambition to achieve that goal — *to keep that goal constantly uppermost in your mind!*

Have a definite, inspiring PURPOSE in life. Realize, as Winston Churchill said, there is a PURPOSE being worked out here below! Mankind was placed on this earth FOR A PURPOSE. That means *YOU*, as an individual, were born and given the breath of life for a PURPOSE!

In this world's colleges and universities they teach nothing about that purpose. They know nothing of the real MEANING of life. They leave students without a goal. They don't know where they are going — or *whether* they are going anywhere.

But the all-intelligent, all-knowing Creator who *designed* the human mind and body, created the human race, and supplies the air, water and food to sustain it, had a PURPOSE! And, through the apostle Paul, He reveals to us that GOAL — in Paul's words, that “I might attain unto the RESURRECTION...” and, further, “...this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the MARK for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 3:11, 13-14).

The MARK — the PRIZE — the GOAL toward which Paul pressed forward is THE RESURRECTION to immortality, in the Kingdom of God!

In this newest booklet we tried to paint in simple words — as revealed in the Bible — the WONDERFUL world which this Kingdom of converted, changed IMMORTALS, under Christ, will produce.

But is BEING THERE, as a changed, immortal person *YOUR* goal? Is that one overriding LIFE'S OBJECTIVE constantly before your eyes — constantly dominating your thoughts?

Many have written to tell me how

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OUR COVER

Marshal Ky, South Vietnam's Prime Minister, and Madam Ky are greeted by Prime Minister Holt of Australia. The Kys' 10-day visit, beginning January 17, was precipitated by a continuing political crisis in strife-torn South Vietnam. Ky's image at home and abroad was enhanced despite organized demonstrations by Australia's Labour Party.

exciting — how interesting and inspiring — to see just WHAT such patriarchs and prophets and men of God as Abraham, Joseph, Job, Daniel, Moses and others will be doing — how they will be brought back to life, immortal, in glorified POWER — and the high executive positions in the new WORLD GOVERNMENT they will occupy.

Interesting? Exciting? WONDERFUL? Yes, I should say it is! But, as I said above, I wish all of *YOU* were *terribly concerned* by asking yourselves where *YOU* will be — what *YOU* will be doing then!

I don't mean that you may decide for yourselves what precise position may be assigned to *YOU*. Yet, in general, *I can tell you* what position will be assigned you! It will be the position *you are training for, qualifying for, RIGHT NOW — in this life!*

WHY will Abraham, David, the apostles Peter and Paul, be assigned the positions either directly named — or at least indicated — in the Bible? Simply because they prepared for, and qualified for those positions DURING THEIR MORTAL LIVES!

YOU — if you have been called to conversion now — are being JUDGED for your future position in God's Kingdom right now!

Few understand this — I know. But see if I can make it plain enough that at least *some* of our readers may UNDERSTAND. A number of "JUDGMENTS" are revealed in the Bible. Most people get all mixed up and confused by such theological terms as "judgments," "covenants," etc.

Understand, first, being "saved" — that is, being born into the Kingdom of God — given God's GIFT of eternal life — is altogether by GRACE, as God's free GIFT. *You can't earn it!* I have ALWAYS taught that! In spite of the false accusations of persecutors, who try to make you believe I teach "salvation by WORKS" (and they know better!!!) I have NEVER taught that — I do not believe that! — I have always taught that salvation — what religious people call "being saved" — inheriting Eternal life — being born into the Kingdom of God — just *getting there* — comes ONLY by GRACE (which means undeserved pardon) and as God's FREE

GIFT. *You CAN'T earn it!* All your OBEDIENCE — all your good WORKS — won't buy it!

BUT — and here is where the persecutors are in confusion — you shall be REWARDED with whatever OFFICE you shall be placed in according to your WORKS! Check for yourself. Don't believe me because I say it — check for yourself.

When the glorified Jesus Christ returns to earth, in all the supreme POWER and GLORY of God, as KING of kings to rule all nations, He will then assign the positions in His Government — the "reward" — to those who already — then — "ARE SAVED!" to those who have, through grace, received God's GIFT of eternal life — then already made IMMORTAL. These shall have been resurrected to immortality, and have risen to meet Him in the air, as He is returning.

Now notice: Jesus says, "And behold, I come quickly; and *my reward is with me*, to give every man *according as his work shall be*" (Rev. 22:12).

Notice the parable of the pounds: When Jesus returns, having been coronated KING of kings, He will call to Him those He had given "the money" — that is, His Spirit and salvation. The one who, in this mortal life, had gained "*ten pounds*" is made mayor over ten cities. The one who gained, in his Christian life in this time *five pounds* is made mayor ruling over five cities. He qualified for only *half* as much, during this mortal life, so his REWARD in the Kingdom — the POSITION to which he is assigned — is only half as much.

Notice this picture of Christ's Coming, and establishing of the Kingdom of God over the nations: "And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven saying, 'The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign forever'... And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, *that they should be judged*, and that thou *shouldest give reward* unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints..." (Rev. 11:15-18).

One of the Judgments is the "Great

White Throne Judgment." Notice that REWARD — *rank* in God's Kingdom — is according to WORKS! Not *getting into* the Kingdom, but rank, or reward, or office, once there: "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God [in a resurrection]; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead *were judged out* of those things which were written in the books, *according to their works*" (Rev. 20:12).

Peter taught that God JUDGES (*not "saves"*) according to WORKS: "... the Father, who without respect of persons *judgeth according to every man's work*" (I Pet. 1:17). Paul taught that God "will render to every man *according to his deeds*" (Rom. 2:6).

Jesus said, plainly, "no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father" (John 6:65). And again, "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6:44). But, to you whom God has called at this time — to you who have repented, believed, received God's Holy Spirit and thus been converted, *YOU ARE BEING JUDGED RIGHT NOW* (I Peter 4:17). And if you say: "I'm already 'saved'; and there are 'no works' to salvation," and then you fail to go on *overcoming, and growing spiritually* (see II Pet. 3:18), you not only will BE JUDGED by your *lack* of spiritual works to qualify for a higher office in God's Kingdom — but, far worse, you may be in the position of the servant to whom (parable of the "pounds" — Luke 19, quoted above) — Jesus took away from him the very salvation he thought he had! It takes a LIVING faith to save!

So — I just wanted to say to those who have read this newest booklet — read it AGAIN, and let it be REAL to you. Recognize the *connection* with what you read there *to your own life, NOW!* STUDY God's Word daily! Realize you must learn to *live by* its every Word! So LIVE BY IT! And pray, earnestly, daily, and OFTEN! Put into practice in your life what God teaches you in His Word! *And get your heart in HIS WORK!* Pray for it!

HOW the U.S. Can END the Vietnam WAR... NOW!

There is no end to the war in Vietnam in sight. Rather, the only visible prospect is accelerating escalation. Yet there is a SURE way the United States could end it IMMEDIATELY! This surprising article is the conclusion of the article, "1966 — THE YEAR OF VIOLENCE," in the January number.

by Herbert W. Armstrong

THERE IS A WAY by which the United States could successfully END the war in Vietnam at once!

There is a way — a *tried and proven way* — a SURE way — to put an end to the harassment of the COLD WAR, and end all fear of any all-out nuclear hot war with either Russia or China.

What a pity that the Government and the PEOPLE of this nation remain blinded to THAT WAY! And it is so SIMPLE!

Treating Effect — Ignoring CAUSE!

It's just as simple as this: There is a CAUSE for every EFFECT — yet our whole society and way of life today is based on treating the *effect*, IGNORING the CAUSE! Our people do it in treating sickness and disease. They do it in dealing with crime. They do it in WORKING FOR PEACE!

Everybody *wants* PEACE — or at least, so we profess! We WORK for peace! President Johnson works for PEACE! The Pope pleads for PEACE! Prime Minister Wilson strives for PEACE! Yet *there is no peace!*

WHY?

The very NEWS of all this "working for peace" was reported millenniums ago in Biblical prophecy! But, it was also reported, "The WAY OF PEACE they know not..." (Isa. 59:8).

So, the nations and world leaders CRY for "peace" — *work* for "peace," while they endorse, sanction, and continue the way of WAR! They follow the way that is the CAUSE of WAR,

trying to STOP war by dealing with the *effect*, ignoring the CAUSE!

WHY Must There Be WARS?

Many ask, "Well, if there *be* a God, WHY does God *allow* wars?"

They argue: "If God is LOVE, He surely wouldn't *want* all this suffering. And if God is ALL-POWERFUL, He could *prevent* wars! So why doesn't He?"

The answer is, certainly God *could* stop it — and in very few years *will!* But, why in the future? Why did He *ever* allow it?

Because a PURPOSE is being worked out here below! Man was put here on earth to develop righteous CHARACTER! That purpose *necessitates* free moral agency in man. It is absolutely *necessary* that man be given both the prerogative and the ability to *make his own choice*, and exercise *his own will!* Otherwise, — NO CHARACTER!

There *is* a way that will prevent WAR, and produce PEACE — a way to happiness, and abundant well-being for everybody!

The ETERNAL offered mankind *that way* — and let mankind *choose!* The ETERNAL created and set in motion inexorable *laws* that *work* — not only laws of chemistry and physics — but also a basic SPIRITUAL LAW, which is *the way* to peace, happiness, abundant well-being! That LAW is the basic CAUSE of peace. Its violation is the CAUSE of war!

Yes, it's just that simple!

But a rebellious humanity — priding itself on its rational processes of "in-

tellekt" — willingly blinds its mind to simple TRUTH, and embarks on a system of complicated and nonsensical ERROR!

Human nature is basically rebellious against God, and the inexorable Laws of God (Rom. 8:7).

The Creator laid before man the KNOWLEDGE of His Law — the knowledge of HOW TO AVOID WARS! But yielding to human nature — vanity, greed, *self-centeredness* — rebellion against God's Law of PEACE — *that is the CAUSE* of WARS!

Nations Never Needed Go to War!

In respect to war, the basic point of God's Spiritual Law is the Sixth Commandment. It says, simply, "*Thou shalt not kill.*"

If all nations OBEYED that Command of God, and followed *the way* of LOVE and PEACE there would be no war!

But, an objector argues, "That's a pretty platitude — but it's not practical. It would never work! Any nation that would follow that Command would be attacked and beaten by some other nation that was more practical."

Oh, but that way WOULD WORK! That way is practical!

The Creator understands human nature better than we humans do! He provided for that!

Do you think the Almighty Creator is so impractical that He leaves those who OBEY HIM — who accept His GOVERNMENT over them — helpless? Understand this! God Almighty is SUPREME! He created the UNIVERSE —

and He RULES SUPREME over the entire vast UNIVERSE. He RULES over the earth—and whatever men do in their politics—their wars—their setting up of their own forms of government—is done ONLY BECAUSE GOD ALLOWS IT!

God is SUPREME in GOVERNMENT! A prime responsibility of GOVERNMENT is to PROTECT its own subjects!

So open your eyes, now, to the FACTS!

God did take a people—a family of some two to three million SLAVES, children of God's friend Abraham—and offered to set them up as a nation UNDER HIS GOVERNMENT!

To any people—whether an individual, a nation, or even all nations—who will voluntarily subject themselves under God's GOVERNMENT, God says the SAME THING—He is no respecter of persons! What He said to these Israelites, He says to ALL:

He said, "...if thou shalt indeed obey His voice, and do all that I speak, then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries... and I will cut them off" (Exodus 23:20-23).

God promised supernaturally to fight any invading enemy to protect the nation and people under His Government. God, ONLY, has *the right* to take human life! He *created* human life. All lives BELONG to Him.

But, did you notice—there were CONDITIONS to God's promise of divine and supernatural protection. During the first six thousand years of man's sojourn on earth, it is not in God's Master Plan to *force* any nation, or individual, to come under His GOVERNMENT. That is left to man's free CHOICE!

But these freed slaves—the Israelites—accepted God's offer, and became His Nation. They AGREED to obey Him and His laws—His Government—and He agreed to give them PEACE, *as long as they obeyed and trusted Him*.

But human nature is human nature—and facts are facts.

Human Nature at Work

And HUMAN NATURE? Yes, these Israelites were full of it!

These Israelites, even while being

blessed and delivered by God with MIRACLES, still were rebellious. After the MIRACLES God had performed in FREEING them from slavery in Egypt, these people began to gripe, grumble, complain and DISOBEY God.

These people—600,000 men, beside women and children; perhaps two to three MILLION of them—came to the Red Sea. There were no ships, no bridges. They could not swim such a distance. They could not walk on the water. They were STOPPED by this obstacle beyond their own power.

They looked, and within eyesight, Pharaoh's ARMY was coming after them.

Right here, God *demonstrated* He would preserve His people from having to undergo military service, or fighting in war, or taking human life!

In spite of their faithless complaining in this initial EXAMPLE of God's faithfulness, He was determined to fight *this* battle and save them.

"And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Eternal, which HE WILL SHOW YOU today... *The Eternal shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace*" (Ex. 14:13-14).

The Israelites were not to fight—but STAND STILL! God would fight their wars for them! They were to remain at PEACE!

How GOD Fights for Us!

"Moses stretched his hand out over the sea; Then the Eternal swept the sea along by a strong east wind, all night, till the waters parted; the bed of the sea was dry, and the Israelites marched through the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall to the right and left. Thus did the Eternal save Israel that day from the Egyptians. Israel saw the mighty action of the Eternal against the Egyptians.

After this miraculous delivery from disaster—from a WAR—a whole army of a then great nation destroyed—those Israelites murmured against Moses and Aaron... and said "... 'Would to God we had died by the hand of the ETERNAL in the land of Egypt...' " (Ex. 16:2-3).

Again and again, "...they tempted the ETERNAL, saying, 'Is the ETERNAL among us, or not?' " (Ex. 17:7.)

Repeatedly, God had given these people awe-inspiring and miraculous demonstrations of His intention *to fight their battles for them*. After all of this OVERWHELMING PROOF, these people DOUBTED God's faithfulness—DOUBTED His Power—even DOUBTED His very existence. They disobeyed. They went *the way of SIN*!

Moses was distraught, his nerves shattered, his patience about exhausted. After all, Moses was only human!

"What shall I do unto this people?" Moses appealed to God, "they be almost ready to stone me"! (Exodus 17:4.)

At this juncture, Amalek, a Gentile King, came against the Israelites in great strength with an invading army. This time God ALLOWED the Israelites *to write the lesson of experience*. He allowed them to SIN. God does not forcibly prevent humans from sinning.

Moses, at the end of his patience trying to induce these stubborn, rebellious people to believe in and TRUST God, said to Joshua, "Choose us out men, and go out, FIGHT with Amalek" (Ex. 17:9).

It was altogether unnecessary for these Israelites to arm themselves and wage WAR. It was WRONG! It was SIN. But God let the decision be theirs!

This incident was the *turning point*.

God's PURPOSE Stands!

Even though God ALLOWS humans to make their own decisions—nevertheless God's PURPOSE must stand! His PURPOSE was to settle these descendants of Abraham in the land He had promised Abraham—"the PROMISED LAND."

God's faithfulness demanded that He plant these people in that land, regardless of their conduct!

These descendants of Abraham had *made their decision* to be a fighting, war-waging nation. That decision was theirs to make. And since they had made it, God used *them* to do the fighting in driving out the inhabitants illegally possessing the land God had allotted to Abraham's descendants. Consequently God gave orders for *them* to do what fighting—and killing—was necessary to accomplish God's PURPOSE of putting them in the land of Promise!

But that did not make war RIGHT.

Whether to DO right or wrong — that is MAN's decision! These Israelites did not need to fight.

God ALLOWED them to SIN by taking up arms.

Now you know WHY the nation Israel went to war — WHY God Himself even *commanded* them to go to war, driving out the pagan nations from the Promised Land.

Many people have wondered WHY, if God's teaching is that WAR IS WRONG, He actually commanded His own nation to fight in war.

The answer is that God made man with FREE MORAL AGENCY — God not only *allows* humans to have a CHOICE — He compels us to choose!

God alone determines WHAT is sin. God *does not allow* MAN to decide WHAT is sin, or WHAT is righteousness. But He does allow man — He actually *compels* man to decide WHETHER to sin.

God made it PLAIN to ancient Israel that they need never go to war. He guaranteed complete protection from outside enemies. He guaranteed PEACE — if they would trust Him and obey the laws of His Government! He demonstrated His ability — and His POWER! But the Israelites chose WAR. Just as ALL nations have chosen WAR! Just as *our* nations do — needlessly — today!

Case History No. 2

The preceding article (January, 1967), gave the first actual case history showing, in detail, how the ETERNAL God, by supernatural miracles, did deliver the Israelites at the Red Sea from the army of the then greatest nation on earth, the Egyptians.

Notice, now, Case History No. 2.

This concerns King Asa of the Kingdom of Judah. The King of Ethiopia came against the Jews with 300 chariots and an army of ONE MILLION soldiers. They had major size armies in those days, strange as that may seem.

In those days the Jews also had a sizable army — but not nearly large enough to withstand an invasion of a force of a million troops.

Perhaps, had the Ethiopians come with a smaller army, Asa might have gone to war with them relying wholly

on his armed force, instead of on God. But, regardless, the FACT is that in this instance this King *did* rely on God for his defense!

"And Asa cried unto the ETERNAL his God, 'O ETERNAL, it is nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have NO POWER: help us, O ETERNAL our God; for we rest on thee, and in thy name we go against this multitude. O ETERNAL! Thou art our God; let not man prevail against THEE!' So THE ETERNAL smote the Ethiopians before Asa, and before Judah; *and the Ethiopians fled!*" (II Chron. 14:11-12.)

But there is an unhappy sequel to this tremendous event — where reliance on GOD put A MILLION ARMED MEN TO FLIGHT!

In the 36th year the King of ISRAEL, Baasha, came with an armed force against the Jews. Incidentally, note carefully, the Kingdom of ISRAEL was here fighting against the JEWS of the Kingdom of JUDAH! They were two altogether *different nations!* The people of the Kingdom of ISRAEL *never* were called Jews!

This time Asa neglected to rely on God to fight off the attacking military force! This time he did PRECISELY WHAT THE UNITED STATES AND BRITAIN ARE DOING TODAY! He *hired* an ALLY — the Kingdom of Syria (II Chron. 16:1-3).

"And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa King of Judah, and said unto him, 'Because thou hast relied on the King of Syria, and *not* relied on the ETERNAL thy God, therefore is the army of the King of Syria escaped out of thine hand. Were not the Ethiopians and the Lubims a huge army, with very many chariots and horsemen? Yet, because thou didst rely on the ETERNAL, He delivered them into thine hand. For the eyes of the ETERNAL run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself STRONG in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him. Herein thou hast done foolishly:'" — JUST LIKE THE UNITED STATES AND ALL NATIONS TODAY! — "'therefore from henceforth THOU SHALT HAVE WARS'" (II Chron. 16:7-9).

If you wonder why OUR NATIONS are continually having WARS, *there is your answer!*

Case History No. 3

The next case history involves Asa's son, Jehoshaphat, the next King of Judah.

Three allied armies came against Judah, with a mighty military force.

"And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the ETERNAL, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. And Judah gathered themselves together to ask help of the ETERNAL. . . .

"And Jehoshaphat stood in the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the ETERNAL, before the new court, and said, 'O ETERNAL, God of our fathers, art not thou God in heaven? and RULEST NOT THOU OVER ALL THE KINGDOMS OF THE HEATHEN?' — that is, over all Gentile nations, as well as Israelitish?

Continue: "'and in thine hand is there not POWER and MIGHT, so that none is able to withstand thee? Art not thou our GOD, who didst drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Israel? . . . And now, behold, the children of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir, whom thou wouldst not let Israel invade . . . Behold, I say, how they reward us, to come to cast us out of thy possession, which Thou hast given to us to inherit. O our GOD! wilt thou not judge them? for WE HAVE NO MIGHT AGAINST THIS GREAT COMPANY that comes against us; neither know we what to do: BUT OUR EYES ARE ON THEE!' " (II Chron. 20:3-12.)

Could God *be* GOD, and fail to heed a heartrending prayer like that — coming from helpless people who were obeying and TRUSTING Him?

Immediately God answered through one of His prophets:

"Thus saith the ETERNAL unto you, 'Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of the great multitude; *for the battle is NOT YOURS, BUT GOD'S* . . .

"Ye shall *not need to fight* in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the ETERNAL!' . . . And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground: and all Judah and the inhabitants of

Jerusalem fell before the ETERNAL, worshipping the ETERNAL...

"Jehoshaphat stood and said, 'Hear me O Judah... *Believe in the ETERNAL* your God, so shall ye be established: believe His prophets, *so shall you prosper.*' And... he appointed SINGERS unto the ETERNAL, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, 'Praise the ETERNAL; for His mercy endureth forever.'

"And when they began to sing and praise, the ETERNAL set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab and Mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten. For the children [soldiers] of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of Mount Seir, utterly to slay and destroy them: and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, every one helped to destroy another. And when Judah came toward the watch tower in the wilderness, they looked unto the multitude, and, behold, they were dead bodies fallen to the earth, and none escaped" (II Chron. 20:15-24).

But would not most Americans, and British, hoot and jeer in sarcasm, if one suggested that "The Great and powerful United States" TODAY humble itself — and trust in the INVISIBLE God — and WORSHIP Him, bowing our heads to the ground? Couldn't you just hear the snorts and raucous ridicule of stiffnecked proud "Great" Britons at the suggestion that they send before an armed enemy an army of SINGERS, saying, "PRAISE the ETERNAL!" — instead of relying on the nation's MILITARY strength?

Yes, WOULDN'T it seem RIDICULOUS to suggest that OUR proud nations do this — BELIEVE God's prophets (*not* the numerous *false* prophets who are NOT the clergy of the true *living* CHRIST), and march to war SINGING praises "to the beauty of holiness"?

Well perhaps so! But that kind of "foolishness" turned out to be *mighty* PRACTICAL for Jehoshaphat and those Jews!

Someday — and in not more than six to nine more years at that — America and Britain will be forced to WAKE UP to the sobering REALIZA-

TION of *which* way is *truly* the "foolish" way! And God's true Minister is *telling you*, as you read this, that *you'd* better make the right choice NOW, before it's too late! For indeed *it is* later than you think!

Case History No. 4

Several years later, "Sennacherib, King of Assyria, came and invaded Judah... And when Hezekiah [King of Judah] saw that Sennacherib had come and intended to fight against Jerusalem, he... gathered [the people] together to him in the square at the gate of the city, and spoke encouragingly to them saying, 'Be strong and of good courage. Do not be afraid or dismayed before the King of Assyria and all the horde that is with him; for there is One greater with us than with him. With him is an arm of flesh; but with us is the ETERNAL our God, to help us and to *fight our battles.*' And the people took confidence from the words of Hezekiah King of Judah" (II Chron. 32:1-8 RSV).

Supposing President Johnson, and Prime Minister Wilson — IF the Kremlin warned that Russia and the Red Army hordes were going to attack our countries in 24 hours — first by HYDROGEN BOMBS hurled by guided missiles on New York, London, Birmingham, Manchester, Washington D.C., Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Detroit, Chicago, Los Angeles, and all our major cities — supposing these two leaders of ours broadcast words like those to all the people of America and Britain — saying we would not counterattack — we would not attack with nuclear force *first*, before the 24-hour ultimatum was up — but we would RELY ON THE ETERNAL OUR GOD to fight this battle FOR US!

Have our EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS so deceived and drugged the minds of our people with "German rationalism" — with agnosticism, atheism, and the entire evolutionary philosophy — that the people would ridicule our leaders as cowardly mollicoddles, and would crowds surge into the White House, and Number 10 Downing Street, to assassinate our leaders, and would our WAR Departments instantly give the signal to unleash the full all-out NU-

CLEAR destruction of our vast arsenals RAINING DOWN NUCLEAR DEVASTATION on Moscow, Russian cities and military centers *before* the 24-hour ultimatum could expire?

Of course, the Kremlin — IF they were minded to attack — would give no such ultimatum! This is just a hypothetical question. But YOU answer it! — and I think you'll realize that OUR PEOPLES have gone SO FAR away from the ETERNAL our God that, in most minds today, He seems nonexistent! Yet He is *just as REAL* — and as POWERFUL — as in Hezekiah's day!

Continue: "After this Sennacherib, King of Assyria... sent his servants to Jerusalem to Hezekiah King of Judah and to all the people of Judah that were in Jerusalem, saying, 'Thus says Sennacherib King of Assyria, "on what are you relying, that you stand siege in Jerusalem? Is not Hezekiah misleading you, that he may give you over to die by famine and by thirst when he tells you, "The ETERNAL our God will deliver us from the hand of the king of Assyria?"... Do you not know what I and my fathers have done to all the peoples of other lands? Were the gods of the nations of those lands at all able to deliver their lands out of my hand?... How much less will your God deliver you out of my hand?"'

"Then Hezekiah the King, and Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, prayed because of this and cried to heaven. AND THE ETERNAL SENT AN ANGEL, who cut off all the mighty warriors and commanders and officers in the camp of the king of Assyria. So *he returned with shame of face* to his own land. And when he came into the house of his god, some of his own sons struck him down there with the sword. So THE ETERNAL SAVED HEZEKIAH AND THE INHABITANTS OF JERUSALEM from the hand of Sennacherib King of Assyria and from the hand OF ALL HIS ENEMIES; and HE GAVE THEM REST [PEACE] ON EVERY SIDE" (II Chron. 32:9-22 RSV).

War is *so needless*!

War is WRONG!

Yes, the United States *could* put an END to the Vietnam war IMMEDIATELY — IF not only our leaders at Wash-

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A THEORY FOR THE BIRDS

Did the MIRACLE OF FLIGHT come from frayed, loosely hanging FISH SCALES? Did the myriads of birds EVOLVE from ungainly, hulking caymans and crocodiles? Evolutionists say they did. Reason, logic, common sense, TRUE science and the Great Creator God say they DIDN'T! Here's the PROOF!

by Garner Ted Armstrong and
Paul W. Kroll

BIRDS CAME from reptiles — according to the theories of Evolution.

The closest living relatives to modern birds, say evolutionists, are the *crocodiles*. There could be no more shocking statement than to say the closest living relatives to men are houseflies, or that the butterfly evolved from a rhinoceros!

But is there any real PROOF?

Can evolution really PROVE birds came from reptiles?

Last month, we saw the amazing escapades of "Archy," the "almost" Archaeopteryx, who never existed, and the Fable of the First Fatal Flight.

Evolutionary theory points to "Archaeopteryx" (ancient wing), a fossilized creature, as a link between *reptiles* and *birds*. But of all the UNScientific theories you've ever heard — the theory of "Archy" must rank near the most incredible!

Birds are *amazing* creatures — *fantastically* designed — each for a different specific *purpose*.

What Does it Take to Fly?

If I told you our modern jet airliners EVOLVED, what would you say? Would you believe it *credible* that these huge, roaring monsters of metal, with their complex, power-driven control systems, their hydraulic systems, intricate electronics navigational gear, and dizzying array of instruments just PUT THEMSELVES TOGETHER?

If you read of how, over millions of years, a "near-airplane GREW a cabin, fuselage, fin, rudder, ailerons and navigational equipment" — you'd doubt the sanity of the author, wouldn't you?

"But," one may answer, "that's a man-MADE, *manufactured* piece of

equipment, and we're talking of *living creatures*."

That's just it! We're talking of LIVING CREATURES — amazingly complex creatures of FLIGHT. Little creatures with dozens of different *types* of specialized airframes, wingfoils, "rudders, ailerons, and stabilizers," with such amazing navigational equipment a modern jet aircraft can't COMPARE with their remarkable accuracy. We're talking of a fantastic array of *different kinds* of "landing gear," sea and air "search" equipment, and birds that hover (like helicopters), take off *straight up* (like VTOL aircraft), FLY BACKWARD (like some helicopters can ALMOST do — but in nowhere near so accurate a fashion as a hummingbird), SOAR (like gliders), fly in complex formations (like military bombers), and migrate over mysterious courses for thousands upon thousands of miles to reach the SAME TINY NEST, year after year!

And all this EVOLVED?

Ridiculous! And, in this article, and others to come, you'll see just HOW really RIDICULOUS it is to believe the *breathtaking* array of creatures around you could have evolved without the limitless intelligence of a CREATOR GOD, a Great DESIGNER of all life, and all living things!

What it Takes to Fly

But what about birds themselves? What does it take to *fly*?

"Thousands of papers have been written on the AERODYNAMICS OF BIRD FLIGHT, but a bird's wing with its many flexible moving parts which twist and bend under the pressure of the air, particularly in flapping flight, DEFIES

the sort of critical analysis to which we can subject the rigid wing of an aircraft. Wind tunnels, smoke screens, streams and mathematical formulas *fail to give* us more than an INKLING of the answers. Perhaps electronic computers may someday help us define the forces acting on the wing of a bird in flight" (*The Birds*, LIFE Nature Library, page 39).

Yet, we admit airplanes couldn't have evolved. But Evolutionists say BIRDS evolved. Does it really make sense?

No, it's NONsense.

A bird's wing serves in the capacity of wing AND propeller. Both bird and airplane rely on the identical laws of physics. High-speed photography has shown that the mechanics of bird flight are tremendously complex. That our man-made, machine-driven airplanes and jets are rather primitive in comparison.

Let's analyze some parts of the anatomy of the birds — their feathers, respiratory, skeletal, digestive and nervous systems — their bills and nest-building techniques. These are only a few of the marvelous aspects of bird biology.

The Fantastic Feather

Take a bird's flight feather. Is it complex? Is it an engineering masterpiece? Let an ornithologist answer.

"The feather is a marvel of NATURAL ENGINEERING. It is at once extremely light and structurally strong, much more versatile than the rigid structure of an aircraft's wing — and far more readily repaired or replaced when damaged.

"The *intricacy of the design* that allows this can be appreciated by putting the feather under a microscope. It

will be seen that each parallel barb, slanting diagonally from the shaft, is not hairlike, but appears as a miniature replica of the feather itself, with numerous smaller side branches, or barbules, that overlap those of the neighboring barbs in adhering to one pattern. These in turn have tiny projections called barbicels, many of which are equipped with minute hooks that neatly hold everything in place. The single pigeon feather under scrutiny may have several hundred thousand barbules and MILLIONS of barbicels and hooklets.

"How did this structural marvel evolve? It takes no great stretch of imagination to envisage a feather as a modified scale, basically like that of a reptile—a longish scale loosely attached, whose outer edges frayed and spread out until it evolved into the highly complex structure that it is today" (*The Birds*, LIFE Nature Library, pages 33, 34).

No great stretch of the imagination? That's stretching it clear beyond the breaking point!

Notice! First comes a marvelous description of the intricacy and perfection of a bird's FEATHER! Then you are assured such INTRICATE MARVELS

developed from a loose, hanging, frayed SCALE!

But, as was pointed out in last month's article, there ARE NO SUCH "scales" anywhere in the fossil record! And, IF ungainly creatures, slowly developing "frayed, loosely attached" half-scales and half-"feathers" dejectedly stomped to and fro over the earth—they would have been found in GREAT ABUNDANCE in the fossil record.

First—loosely hanging and frayed scales would have meant they were no longer "equipped" to survive in their natural habitat! Secondly, they would have been leaping to their deaths from precipices, slippery limbs, rocks and bushes, feebly fluttering their loosely attached, frayed "scales" which were desperately trying to become "feathers."

But notice again! It is carefully pointed out how a feather is PERFECT! INTRICATELY DESIGNED! Then you're told this is all the result of an ACCIDENT—the FRAYING of a loose SCALE!

What is the answer? Where did the feather come from?

There's only ONE logical answer. It was created by a Master Designer, a great God that created the bird family, and everything that exists.

Notice, how perfectly engineered feathers are to perform the EXACT JOB that is required of them. This isn't blind, purposeless, supposed evolution.

This is great engineering, masterful design, directed purpose of a Creator God.

A Marvel of Engineering

"Among the many engineering accomplishments that birds have achieved, the development and muscular control of feathers stands out as one of the major keys to their success. No other animals possess these remarkable structures. Feathers are both light and flexible and can be controlled with precision and agility.

"Yet, each feather possesses the strength required for the stresses imposed by flight, there being no stronger substance of equivalent size and weight in nature.

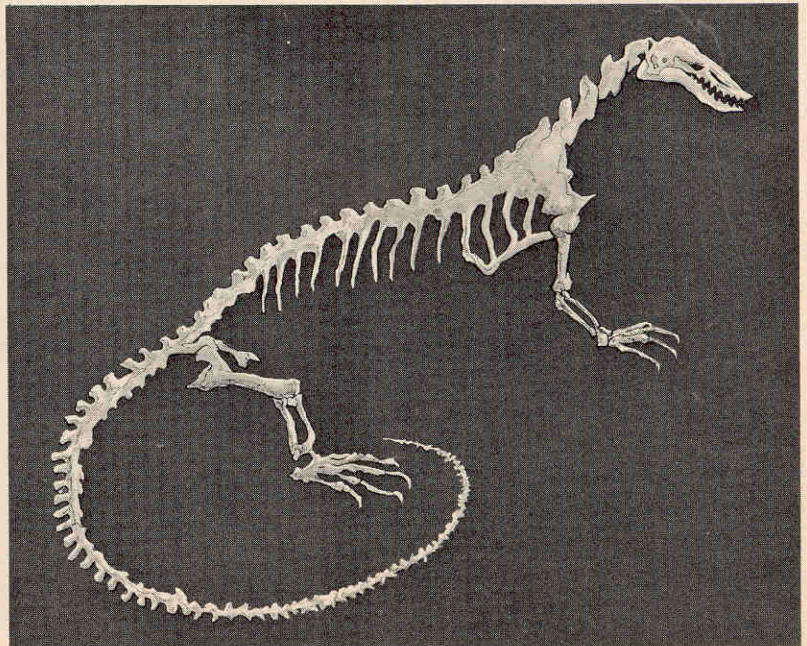
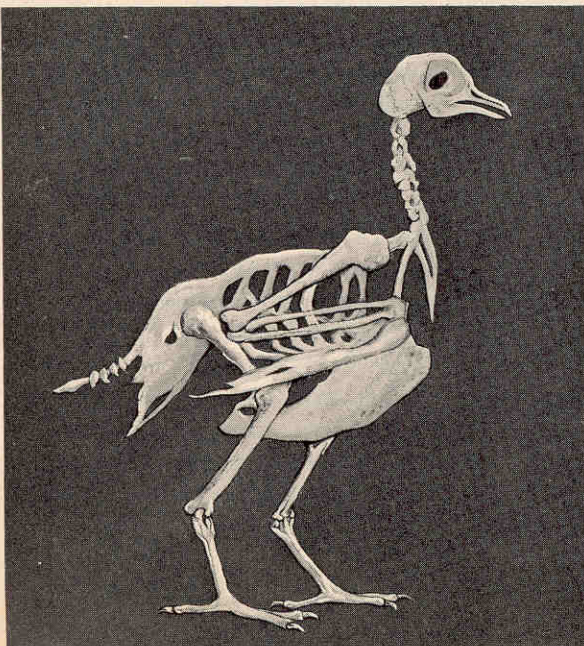
"Feathers provide smooth and streamlined body contours which are essential for reduction of air friction and turbulence and, when properly groomed, are completely waterproof. They form one of the most efficient types of insulation known, because of the profusion of dead air spaces that they enclose, and thereby aid in maintaining the bird's high body temperatures. Feathers also play important roles in courtship and sex recognition" (*Biology of Birds*, Wesley Lanyon, pages 17, 18).

"In most birds only a few of these flight feathers are replaced at one time and the sequence of replacement is such that there is no loss of ability to fly"

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Skeleton of pigeon (left) and reptile (right). Notice, many structural differences — each necessary for different mode of life.

Ambassador College



Build the Personality of a KING!

The readers of this magazine should become LEADERS! Do you have the capacity to inspire — to influence — to lead others for good? Here are vital KEYS to building a powerful and effective personality — and to making your life more abundant!

by Roderick C. Meredith

SOME fifteen years ago, my boss ordered me and a partner to make a long and grueling trip back to the head office — *immediately!* We were already tired and sleepy from the long and difficult road trip we had been making. But now, just when we hoped to slow down and rest a while, we were ordered to drive over a thousand miles within the next thirty-six hours.

An important meeting was to be held, and *we were to be there.*

All the way back, I became more conscious than ever of how tired we really were. As we groggily rolled over plain and desert, I began to feel more and more sorry for myself. Sure, he wanted us back for an important meeting — and I should have been flattered that he did — but all I could think about was how tired I felt, and how he had insisted that we start back “immediately.”

“Doesn’t he know how tired we are?” I muttered to myself. “Can’t he realize that an extra day or two wouldn’t make all that much difference — besides, we’re so tired we might get in a wreck and be KILLED!” I thought.

Exhausted, sweaty and with tousled hair and two nights’ growth of beard from our long “straight-through” drive, we stalked into the building to check in and to find out when and where the meeting was to be held that afternoon. I walked a little stiffly, with set jaw and a chip on my shoulder.

They said the boss was coming, so we waited for a few minutes in the hallway. Soon we heard him coming around the corner.

The Boss Appears

“Hi, fellows!” the familiar voice boomed out with resounding warmth and enthusiasm. “Boy! It’s good to see you guys here!” He gripped my hand warmly and put another friendly hand on my shoulder. “I know you’re tired, but you look great. This meeting would just not have been the same without you fellows being here. Say, I really *appreciate* your driving straight through the night to get here in time! I think I’ll line up a long weekend recuperation period over at a very *special* resort I know about as soon as this meeting is over. It’ll all be on me. How about it?”

“Oh, that’s all right, sir,” I found myself saying, “It wasn’t so bad a trip, and we’re sure glad to be back here on the job again.”

The warmth in his voice and his smile, the sincere love and concern in his eyes and manner — it melted me like butter out under a tropical sun!

“Yes, *me,*” I thought to myself later as I was alternately puzzled and glad at the sudden, unforeseen shift in my entire mood upon encountering the boss. For — as a former Golden Gloves boxing champion — I had thought I was “tough.”

What changed my attitude so VIOLENTLY — so *suddenly*?

It was simply the force of a sincere,

dynamic and *powerful* PERSONALITY. It was the *boss's* personality. And, as I have realized more with each passing year, that personality is at least *one* of the important reasons why he became the “boss” over a large and growing organization!!

Now, what about YOU? Do you know the “keys” or the *building blocks* of this kind of personality?

What Kind of LEADER Are You?

A new age is coming. And the *right kind* of LEADERS are going to be needed. Those who have *proved* the Word of God — who know that the Bible *says what it means, and means what it says* — realize that Christians are now *in training* to be those leaders. Notice Revelation 2:26, 27: “And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: And he shall RULE them with a rod of iron...”

Again: “To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me *in my throne*, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my father in his throne” (Rev. 3:21). And Jesus directly promised the twelve apostles: “I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me; that ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging [RULING] the twelve tribes of Israel” (Luke 22:29-30).

But in the World Tomorrow, as today, you can either *lead* people, or you

can DRIVE them. You can cause them to *want* to follow you, or you can MAKE them.

Which is it going to be?

When Jesus spoke, the people were *warmed* and *inspired*. The jealous, bickering religious leaders of His day were fearful lest the whole nation begin to follow Him (John 11:48). His teaching *and His personality* had a profound effect on people. His disciples remarked: "Did not our hearts BURN within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?" (Luke 24:32.)

Here are those "keys" Jesus had — five of them — to help build a powerful personality — *the personality of a KING*.

I. Develop an Outgoing Interest and Warmth For Others

What is the thing that strikes you most about those who easily win your love and respect?

Chances are, it is the sincere warmth and affection they show. It may be the light in their eyes or their smile. It will often include the pleasant, friendly sound of their voice. For people who possess a great deal of personal charm really "*like*" their fellow human beings and are genuinely interested in them.

Learning to love and enjoy others — to "give" of yourself to them in personal relations is certainly the foremost key to building a radiant personality. Jesus Christ — the greatest personality of all times — stated this *universally applicable* spiritual principle: "It is more blessed to GIVE than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

If you can *sincerely* learn to share your warmth, your love, your plans, hopes and dreams with others — to "give" kindness, encouragement and a sense of being loved and appreciated to them — you will build bonds of friendship that will endure many a trial. And *you yourself* will be the one most blessed in the end.

All of us should learn to SMILE more! We should put more warmth and enthusiasm in our voices and in our handshakes. We should build a sincere feeling of empathy or "at-oneness" with our fellowmen — having

THEIR welfare and THEIR happiness at heart as much as our own.

Sincere LOVE Is The Basis

Remember that sincere LOVE is one of the rarest of commodities in this fighting, squabbling, envious, fiercely competitive world of ours. Several years ago, the *Reader's Digest* magazine ran a magnificent article entitled, "The Awesome Power of Human Love." It described case histories — based on *hundreds* of other similar cases — showing that only a half century ago the MAJORITY of infant children admitted to hospitals and children's institutions *never emerged alive*! Gradually, they found that if a young child were picked up, amused and "mothered" several times a day, his chances of survival were *dramatically* increased.

The article concludes: "Scientists are today discovering that to live as if *live* and *love* were one is an indispensable condition — because this is the way of life which the innate nature of man demands."

Yes, to *live* is to LOVE! And — within the guidelines expressed by the Ten Commandments — *you can never give away too much love*.

The Proverbs state: "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine; But a broken spirit drieth the bones" (Prov. 17:22). This inspired statement shows the powerful effect of a happy, positive frame of mind not only on one's self, but *on others as well*.

"A man that hath friends must show himself friendly; and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother" (Prov. 18:24). To inspire love and loyalty in your friends and associates, GIVE of these qualities yourself in a spontaneous, wholehearted and sincere manner.

This quality of *outgoing interest* and *warmth* toward others is the BASIS for the type of personal charm and magnetism we all desire. It is, of course, based on sincere LOVE toward God and fellowman — the kind of love that cannot be mimicked or "put on." So *don't try to*. But DO exercise the faith and courage to freely and cheerfully *express* the love you do feel — and go to Almighty God and ask Him for more!

Learn to think of love and warmth as something you GIVE, not *get*. For, to quote a popular song, love is more real "*when you GIVE it away*."

II. Build Zest and Humor into Your Life

One of the most endearing qualities in a man — especially a leader — is the ability to see the humorous side of things, even about himself. Mr. Armstrong has told about one of the great American bank presidents he knew many years ago who had a sign hung up on the wall behind his desk proclaiming: "Don't take yourself too seriously!"

This is excellent advice. For most men of ability are, alas, too busy building up and protecting their "image" of greatness and grandeur to maintain their childhood zest for small occasions and their ability to laugh at and enjoy many things in this temporal life, even themselves.

A number of this world's outstanding leaders and statesmen have maintained the hearty zest and humor of younger days — and it has even increased their stature as leaders.

Although many disagreed with his political theories, overwhelming millions of Americans were charmed and inspired by President Franklin D. Roosevelt's personality. When his rich, resonant voice came over the radio, "My fellow Americans . . .," millions of his insecure countrymen were warmed and reassured. His full, vibrant laughter and engaging smile made him a popular companion even apart from his political life.

One of his close associates and a counsellor of many presidents, Bernard M. Baruch, describes his feelings after news came that President Roosevelt had died. "Now that the President was dead, I remembered with particular force his ZEST for living. He used to enjoy the pleasures of the children's hour . . . and the convivial conversation of his friends.

"His sense of HUMOUR was always, evident. I recalled many of the amusing messages he had sent me, such as the one I received when I turned

seventy-three. 'Keep right at it,' he wired. 'Someday you will grow up.'"

Churchill's Example

This flair for humor and occasional jokes also characterized Sir Winston Churchill. During the war, he wore a varied and obviously funny assortment of uniforms, hats and paraphernalia. Alan Moorehead wrote: "There was an immense love for Churchill in England through these years. The crowds knew every one of his uniforms and hats, his siren suits, the bow tie, the shoes with zip fasteners, the walking stick, the watch chain. Nothing apparently could ever weary them of the V-sign or the cigar, and the first sound of the grumpy, reassuring voice on the radio silenced all conversation in any pub or public place."

Once, at the White House, President Roosevelt was wheeled into Churchill's room and found him, surprisingly, still drying himself after a bath. Roosevelt began to apologize and started to leave. But Churchill protested it was quite all right: "The Prime Minister of Great Britain has nothing to conceal from the President of the United States."

So learn to laugh even at yourself — and at the many funny things that happen in life. Of course, always try to laugh *with* people, not *at* them. Learn also to preserve, or recapture, your youthful zest for the right kind of upbuilding fun and games — and for the new and different things and experiences that help make life interesting!

III. Learn to be Patient, Compassionate and Modest

Perhaps the thing that irks others most about many so-called "important" people is that they are so impressed with SELF that they seem blind to the needs and wishes of others. They are pompous and vain. They are impatient and demanding — cutting other people off in conversation and expecting super-human efforts of their subordinates that even they themselves would not be able to accomplish. They utterly lack real

compassion — the ability to share in the plans, hopes, dreams and suffering of others.

Like many a politician, they can put on a grand show in public — "demonstrating" by some pompous act or gesture that they care, after all, for the "common man."

But, sooner or later, they get found out. For, as Abraham Lincoln is reputed to have said: "You can fool some of the people some of the time, but you cannot fool all the people all the time."

Indeed, one of the characteristics which made Lincoln great was his *sincere* compassion for the slaves and the downtrodden — plus his personal modesty and profound humility. Perhaps you have heard the story of the little old lady who was impatiently waiting outside her apartment house or hotel for a buggy to take her to the train station. Although the station was only a few blocks away, she had a large trunk too heavy even for an average man to want to carry for that distance. Finding her in distress — in fact almost at the point of tears over the prospect of missing her train — and with no buggy or help in sight, President Lincoln picked up the large trunk, placed it across his strong shoulders which had split so many rails back in Illinois, and said: "Follow me!"

The little old lady, and her trunk, were personally placed on board the train by the President of the United States!

For a far greater example yet, it is very enlightening to read the life story of the greatest Personality of all times — looking as you read for the word "compassion."

"And Jesus, moved with *compassion*, put forth his . . ." (Mark 1:41).

"And when the Lord saw her, he had *compassion* on her . . ." (Luke 7:13).

"But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with *compassion* on them . . ." (Mat. 9:36). Etc., etc.

Genuine *outgoing concern* for others — as Jesus had — will be expressed in hundreds of little ways. Tact, courtesy, consideration — we have many different names for such small attentions. Yet it is often through these acts of thoughtful kindness that we demon-

strate to people the depth of our concern, our friendship and our love.

Again, learn to "give" yourself to others with sincere love and outgoing consideration for them. Have empathy — express compassion for them when they are suffering, or when they are down and out. Become more *patient* and *tolerant* of the mistakes of others — realizing your own human frailty. And be *loyal* to your friends and loved ones — not expediently "throwing them aside" when you think you have become "important."

Do *all this* — and you will inspire the love, confidence and personal devotion of others in a manner that will enrich your life beyond measure.

IV. Be Strong, Confident and Courageous

Strength of will and personality, infectious optimism and raw courage are qualities all of us admire. The greatest leaders and personalities of all time have had, at least in measure, these qualities.

To be this way, you must, of course, have a *purpose* in which you fervently believe — and *for which you are willing to die if necessary*.

Again, Churchill — the Man of the Century — is a moving example. In England's darkest days of the Second World War, he was constantly encouraging and uplifting the spirits of the British nation and the entire free world by his resolute conduct and his magnificent speeches. As President Kennedy stated: "He mobilized the English language and sent it into battle."

In the critical period just after Dunkirk — when invasion by Hitler's legions seemed imminent — Churchill's ringing voice proclaimed to Britain and the world: "*We shall not flag or fail. We shall go on to the end. We shall fight in France, we shall fight in the seas and oceans . . . we shall defend our island whatever the cost may be. We shall fight on the beaches and landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills. . . . We shall NEVER surrender.*"

Courageous? Indeed it was, under the circumstances. But more, the weight of sincerity and truth, the infectious

optimism and confident manner, the unbounding determination and WILL to win—all these things lifted and inspired the British people so that this was, indeed, "their finest hour."

Real Courage Involves FAITH

The greatest examples of faith and courage are found in the Bible. In Acts 5:17-42, we read the account of the Apostles of God being put in prison and threatened by the Jewish hierarchy of the time. The Jews had almost decided to kill them until Gamaliel, a wise counsellor spoke. "And to him they agreed: and when they had called the apostles, and BEATEN them, they COMMANDED them they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go" (verse 40).

After being threatened for their very lives—and their backs raw and bleeding from a cat-o'-nine-tails beating—you would certainly think they would at least slack off in their preaching, or perhaps go "underground."

Quite the contrary!

"And they departed from the presence of the council, REJOICING that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name. And DAILY in the temple, and in every house, they CEASED NOT to teach and preach Jesus Christ" (verses 41-42).

They had *absolute confidence* in the LIVING God, and plenty of RAW COURAGE to go through terrible trials and suffering often necessary in His service.

The man who has this type of courage and confidence, the man who is bold and SURE of his convictions will inspire the admiration and respect of his friends and associates. Any real leader of men must have this bold *power of decision*, this sense of "captaincy" in storming the beaches of life, scaling the mountains and conquering all obstacles.

Learn to cultivate and build *courage* and *absolute confidence* into your life! Practice these qualities when the *little* trials and tests come along—then it will become second nature to exercise them on the great occasions. Most important of all, *surrender your life* to your Creator and to His PURPOSE—then you can in faith ask Him for His strength, confidence and courage!

V. Enthusiasm, Drive and PURPOSE

No matter what his other faults, a person or a public speaker will always capture at least our momentary attention and interest if he has an abundance of just one quality—ENTHUSIASM. For if the poorest speaker in the world is *on fire*—completely GIVEN to his message—he is going to speak, gesture and perhaps shout with such ringing conviction and force as to wake up even the sleepest audience.

But most people seem only HALF ALIVE. They have no goal or purpose. They have lost their youthful zest for living and doing. They are often dull, boring and uninteresting. But the interesting person is *lively* and *enthusiastic*—and he usually makes life more interesting for others.

Discussing the colorful personality and zeal of Sir Winston Churchill, even in his private life, Bernard Baruch tells us: "I often wish people could look in on him as he walks through his garden with his dog, pausing to admire the beauty of a rose or to lecture the goldfish in the pond as he feeds them. I wish people could read the cables I have received from this master of English prose, cables in which he expressed his ENTHUSIASM over some development with a brisk 'O boy!'"

The very word "enthusiasm" comes from the Greek *en theos*, or "God in us." We often speak of one as being "inspired" in his cause if he portrays great *enthusiasm*.

"Eloquence," said the great orator, William Jennings Bryan, "may be defined as the speech of one who knows what he is talking about, and means what he says—it is *thought on fire* . . . Knowledge is of little use to the speaker without earnestness. *Persuasive speech is from HEART to HEART*, not from mind to mind."

Find the Real Goal

To sincerely be enthusiastic and driving ahead in all your activities, you must have a *goal*, or PURPOSE. So learn to set goals for yourself and cultivate enthusiastic DRIVE and ZEAL in all that you do. In your voice, your face and your actions, show that you are excited

and thrilled about the opportunities and challenges of life.

God says: "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" (Eccl. 9:10). So be zealous for those things that are right and good in this life, and put your whole BEING into seeking your Creator and HIS PURPOSE in giving you life and breath. Then you will REALLY have something to be "ENTHUSIASTIC" about!

As His servant and His begotten son, become more outgoing and warm to all those about you; build zest and humor into your life; be patient, compassionate and modest toward your fellow human beings; with God's help become strong, confident and courageous; and finally, with God's supreme PURPOSE in mind, build *drive* and *enthusiasm* into all you think, say and do.

Do these things!—and you will have a richer and happier life, you will extend additional happiness and courage to others, and you will have made great progress toward fulfilling the great *purpose* of your loving Creator.

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 themselves wish to receive it. Each must, for himself, *subscribe*—and his subscription has thus already been paid.

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"The WORLD TOMORROW"

MAJOR STATIONS

East

WOR—New York—710 kc., 11:30 p.m. Sun.
 WHN—New York—1050 kc., 9 a.m. Sun.
 *WHAM—Rochester—1180 kc., 10:30 a.m. Sun.
 WWVA—Wheeling, W. Va.—1170 kc., 98.7 FM, 10:30 a.m., 8:30 p.m. Sun., 8:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
 WNAC—Boston—680 kc., 98.5 FM (WRKO-FM), 8:30 p.m. Sun.
 WIBG—Philadelphia—990 kc., 94.1 FM, 12:30 p.m. Sun.
 WBAL—Baltimore—1090 kc., 8:30 a.m. Sun.
 WPTF—Raleigh, N. C.—680 kc., 94.7 FM, 9:30 a.m. Sun., 10:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

Central States

WLAC—Nashville—1510 kc., 6:30 a.m. Sun., 5 a.m. Mon.-Sat., 7 p.m. daily.
 WSM—Nashville—650 kc., 9 p.m. Sun.
 WCKY—Cincinnati—1530 kc., 7, 9:30 p.m. Sun., 5:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat., 12 midnight Tues.-Sun.
 WLW—Cincinnati—700 kc., 11:05 p.m. daily.
 WJJD—Chicago—1160 kc., 11 a.m. Sun.
 KSTP—Minneapolis-St. Paul—1500 kc., 8 a.m. Sun., 5 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
 KXEL—Waterloo—1540 kc., 8 p.m. Sun., 9:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 KXEN—St. Louis—1010 kc., 10:30 a.m. Sun., 12 noon Mon.-Sat.

South

KRLD—Dallas—1080 kc., 8:10 p.m. daily.
 *WFAA—Dallas—820 kc., 10:45 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 KTRH—Houston—740 kc., 101.1 FM, 8 p.m. Sun., 8:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 WOAI—San Antonio, Tex.—1200 kc., 10:15 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 KWKH—Shreveport—1130 kc., 94.5 FM, 1 p.m., 9:30 p.m. Sun.-Fri., 11:30 a.m., 11:30 p.m. Sat.
 WNOE—New Orleans—1060 kc., 9:30 a.m. Sun.
 KAAY—Little Rock—1090 kc., 9:30 a.m. Sun., 5:15 a.m., 7:30 p.m. daily.
 WGUN—Atlanta—1010 kc., 4 p.m. Sun., 11 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
 WAPI—Birmingham—1070 kc., 8:30 a.m. Sun.
 WMOO—Mobile—1550 kc., 10:30 a.m. Sun., 6:55 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
 WINQ—Tampa—1010 kc., 12 noon Mon.-Fri., 12:10 p.m. Sat., Sun.
 KRMG—Tulsa—740 kc., 10 a.m. Sun.
 XEG—1050 kc., 8:30 p.m. daily. (CST)

Mountain States

KOA—Denver—850 kc., 9:30 a.m. Sun.
 KSWs—Roswell, N. Mex.—1020 kc., 6:30 a.m. daily.
 XELO—800 kc., 8 p.m. daily. (MST)

West Coast

KIRO—Seattle—710 kc., 100.7 FM, 10:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat., 5:30 a.m. Tues.-Sat.

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*XERB—Lower Calif.—1090 kc., 7 p.m. daily.

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 WPEN—Philadelphia—950 kc., 7 a.m. Sun., 10:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 WPIT—Pittsburgh—730 kc., 101.5 FM, 11 a.m. Sun., 12 noon Mon.-Fri., 1:30 p.m. Sat.
 WMCK—Pittsburgh—1360 kc., 12:30 p.m. daily.
 WHP—Harrisburg, Pa.—580 kc., 7:30 p.m. daily.
 WJAC—Johnstown, Pa.—850 kc., 7:30 p.m. daily.
 WSAN—Allentown, Pa.—1470 kc., 8:30 p.m. Sun., 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 WCHS—Charleston, W. Va.—580 kc., 7:30 p.m. daily.
 WCYB—Bristol, Va.—690 kc., 12:30 p.m. daily.
 WWNC—Asheville, N. C.—570 kc., 4 p.m. Sun., 3:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri., approx. 5 p.m. Sat. following Metro. Opera and/or football game.
 WPAQ—Mount Airy, N.C.—740 kc., 9:30 a.m. Sun., 1:05 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 WEVD—New York—1330 kc., 97.9 FM, 10 p.m. Sun., 10 p.m. Tues.-Fri., 10:30 p.m. Sat.
 WAAT—Trenton, N.J., 1300 kc., 9:30 a.m. Sun., 6 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
 WWOL—Buffalo, N. Y.—1120 kc., 10 a.m. Sun., 12:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 4 p.m. Sat.
 WFAS—White Plains, N.Y.—1230 kc., 103.9 FM, 9 p.m. daily.
 WWNH—Rochester, N. H.—930 kc., 9:05 a.m. Sun., 7:05 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 WTSL—Hanover, N. H.—1400 kc., 9:30 p.m. Sun.
 WDEV—Waterbury, Vt.—550 kc., 8 p.m. Sun., 6:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
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 WPOR—Portland, Me.—1490 kc., 9 a.m. Sun.
 WCOU—Lewiston, Me.—1240 kc., 9:30 p.m. Sun.
 WRYT—Boston—950 kc., 7:30 a.m., 10 a.m. Sun., 6 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
 WBET—Brockton, Mass.—1460 kc., 7:05 p.m. daily.
 WAAB—Worcester, Mass.—1440 kc., 107.3 FM, 9:30 a.m. Sun.
 WMAS—Springfield, Mass.—1450 kc., 94.7 FM, 8:30 p.m. Sun.
 WACE—Chicopee, Mass.—730 kc., 12:30 p.m. Sun., 7 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
 WSAR—Fall River, Mass.—1480 kc., 9:30 p.m. Sun.
 WOCB—Hyannis, Mass.—1240 kc., 8:30 p.m. Sun.
 WEIM—Fitchburg, Mass.—1280 kc., 8:30 p.m. Sun.
 WHMP—Northampton, Mass.—1400 kc., 8:30 p.m. Sun.

WHAI—Greenfield, Mass.—1240 kc., 8:30 p.m. Sun.

WARE—Ware, Mass.—1250 kc., 8:30 p.m. Sun.

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WJAR—Providence, R. I.—920 kc., 6:30 p.m. daily.

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WTOR—Torrington, Conn.—1490 kc., 8:30 p.m. Sun.

Central

WSPD—Toledo, Ohio—1370 kc., 101.5 FM, 9 p.m. Sun., 9:05 p.m. Mon.-Sat. or before or after basketball.

WIXY—Cleveland, Ohio—1260 kc., 11 p.m. daily.

WJW—Cleveland, Ohio—850 kc., 10 a.m. Sun.

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WBNS—Columbus, Ohio—1460 kc., 8:30 p.m. daily.

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

WBCK—Battle Creek, Mich.—930 kc., 12:30 p.m. Sat., Sun., 7 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

WJBK—Detroit—1500 kc., 5:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat.

KRVN—Lexington, Nebr.—1010 kc., 10:30 a.m. Sun., 3 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

KMMJ—Grand Island, Nebr.—750 kc., 4 p.m. daily.

WNAX—Yankton, S. Dak.—570 kc., 7:30 p.m. daily or after basketball.

WEAW—Chicago—1330 kc., 9:30 a.m. Sun., 8 a.m. Mon.-Fri., 7:30 a.m. Sat., 12 noon daily (105.1 FM, 8 p.m. Sun., 7 a.m. Mon.-Sat.).

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WJOB—Hammond, Ind.—1230 kc., 8 p.m. Sun., 7 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

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KFDI—Wichita, Kans.—1070 kc., 10 a.m. Sun., 10 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

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 WJPG—Green Bay—1440 kc., 5 p.m. Sun., 6:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 WSAU—Wausau, Wis.—550 kc., 7 p.m. Sun., 7:05 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
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 WBAP—Ft. Worth—570 kc., 8 p.m. daily.
 KEES—Gladewater, Tex.—1430 kc., 12 noon daily.
 KTBB—Tyler, Tex.—600 kc., 12 noon Mon.-Sat.
 KMAC—San Antonio—630 kc., 9 a.m. Sun., 7:15 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
 KTBC—Austin—590 kc., 9:30 a.m. Sun., 5:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
 KTLU—Rusk, Tex.—1580 kc., 1 p.m. Sun.
 KGNC—Amarillo—710 kc., 9 p.m. daily.
 KWFT—Wichita Falls—620 kc., 4:30 p.m. Sun., 8:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
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 KOME—Tulsa—1300 kc., 12:30 p.m., 10 p.m. daily.
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 KWAM—Memphis—990 kc., 10 a.m. Sun., 11 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
 WMQM—Memphis—1480 kc., 1 p.m. Sun., 6:25 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
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 WSHO—New Orleans—800 kc., 12 noon daily.
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 WCOV—Montgomery—1170 kc., 6:30 p.m. daily.
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WFLA—Tampa—970 kc., 7:05 p.m. daily.
 WINZ—Miami—940 kc., 9:30 p.m. daily.
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 WZOK—Jacksonville, Fla.—1320 kc., 5:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. daily.
 WEAS—Savannah, Ga.—900 kc., 12 noon daily.
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 KTFI—Twin Falls, Idaho—1270 kc., 7:05 p.m. daily.
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West Coast

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 KVI—Seattle—570 kc., 8 a.m. Sun.
 KBLE—Seattle—1050 kc., 12 noon daily.
 KMO—Tacoma, Wash.—1360 kc., 8:30 p.m. daily.
 KARI—Bellingham—550 kc., 6:30 p.m. daily.
 KWJJ—Portland—1080 kc., 10 p.m. Sun., 9 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 KEX—Portland—1190 kc., 9 a.m. Sun.
 KGAY—Salem—1430 kc., 9 a.m. Sun., 6:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
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 KBLF—Red Bluff, Calif.—1490 kc., 6:30 p.m. daily.
 KSAY—San Francisco—1010 kc., 8:30 a.m. Sun., 12:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 KERC—San Francisco—610 kc., 106.1 FM, 7 a.m. Sun.
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 KFOX—Long Beach—1280 kc., 100.3 FM, 7 a.m., 9:30 p.m. Sun., 8:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 KACE—San Bernardino-Riverside—1570 kc., 92.7 FM, 9:30 a.m. Sun., 7:05 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
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 KOGO—San Diego—600 kc., 8:30 p.m. Sun.
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 CJCH—Halifax, N. S.—920 kc., 10 p.m. Sun., 9:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
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 CKOY—Ottawa, Ont.—1310 kc., 5:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
 CJET—Smiths Falls, Ont.—630 kc., 10:30 a.m. Sun., 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 CKFH—Toronto, Ont.—1430 kc., 10 p.m. Sun., 6 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
 *CHIN—Toronto, Ont.—1540 kc., 11:30 a.m. Sun., 8 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
 CKLB—Oshawa, Ont.—1350 kc., 10:30 p.m. Sun., 9:05 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 CHIQ—Hamilton, Ont.—1280 kc., 9:30 p.m. Sun., 7 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
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CJVI—Victoria, B. C.—900 kc., 6 a.m. Mon.-Sat.

CKLG—Vancouver, B. C.—730 kc., 7 a.m. Sun., 6 a.m. Mon.-Sat.

In French—

CFMB—Montreal—1410 kc., 5 p.m. Sat., Sun.

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RADIO CAROLINE NORTH—199 m. (1500 kc.) medium wave, 8 p.m. daily.

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RADIO MANX—188 m. (1594 kc.) medium wave, 2:45 and 7:45 p.m. Sun., 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.; 89 mc. VHF 7:45 p.m. Sun., 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

In French—

RADIO LUXEMBOURG—1293 m., 5:30 a.m. Mon., 5:15 a.m. Tues. and Fri., 5:10 a.m. Thur.

EUROPE No. ONE—Felsberg en Sarre, Germany—182 kc. (1647 m.), 1 a.m. & 6 a.m. Sun., 5:45 a.m. Wed., Sat.

In German—

RADIO LUXEMBOURG—49 m. (6090 kc.) shortwave, 208 m. (1439 kc.) medium wave, 6:05 a.m. Sun., 5:30 a.m. Mon., 5:15 a.m. Tues., Fri.

ASIA

Formosa

RADIO TAIWAN "The 3rd Network, B.C.C."—

BED23 Taichung	1380 kc.;
BED55 Taipei	960 kc.;
BED78 Tainan City	1540 kc.;
BED79 Kaohsiung	1220 kc.;
BED82 Chiayi	1460 kc.;
—18:00 T.S.T. Wed., Fri.	

Guam

RADIO GUAM—KUAM—610 kc., 6 p.m. Sun.

Okinawa

RADIO OKINAWA—KSBK—880 kc., 12:06 noon Sun.

Philippine Islands

DZAQ—Manila—620 kc., 8:30 p.m. daily.

DXAW—Davao City—640 kc., 9 p.m. Sun.

DYCB—Cebu City—570 kc., 9:30 p.m. Fri.

DYBC—Cebu City—660 kc., 9 p.m. daily.

DYKR—Kalibo—1480 kc., 8 p.m. daily except Tues. 7 p.m.

DZAL—Legaspi City—1230 kc., 8 p.m. daily.

DZGH—Sorsogon—1480 kc., 8 p.m. daily.

DZLT—Lucena City—1240 kc., 9 a.m. daily.

DZRB—Naga City—750 kc., 9 p.m. Sun.

DZRI—Dagupan City—1040 kc., 9 p.m. Sun.

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

DZYB—Baguio City—670 kc., 9 p.m. daily.

DYHF—Iloilo City—910 kc., 9 p.m. daily.

DXMB—Malaybalay—610 kc., 7 p.m. daily.

AFRICA

RADIO LOURENCO MARQUES, MOZAMBIQUE—3301 kc. (92 m.), 4925 kc. (60 m.), 10 p.m. Mon., Wed., Sat., 10:30 p.m. Tues., Thur., Fri.

RADIO UFAC, ELISABETHVILLE—OQ2AD—4980 kc. (60 m.), 6:30, 10 p.m. Sun.-Fri.

WNBS—Lagos—602 kc., 8:30 p.m. daily.

WNBS—Ibadan—656 kc., 3380 kc., 6185 kc., 9500 kc., 8:30 p.m. daily.

AUSTRALIA

2KY—Sydney, NSW—1020 kc., 9:40 Sun., 10:15 Mon., 8:30 Tues., 10:15 Wed., 8:15 Thurs., 10:45 Fri., all p.m. times.

2AY—Albury, NSW—1490 kc., 9 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

2GF—Grafton, NSW—1210 kc., 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

2GN—Goulburn, NSW—1380 kc., 8:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

2GZ—Orange, NSW—990 kc., 8:45 p.m. Sun., 9:05 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

2HD—Newcastle, NSW—1140 kc., 10:30 p.m. Sun., 9 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

2KA—Katoomba, NSW—780 kc., 5:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 6 p.m. Sat.

2LM—Lismore, NSW—900 kc., 8:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

2TM—Tamworth, NSW—1290 kc., 9:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

2AD—Armidale, NSW—1130 kc., 8:30 p.m. Sat.-Thurs.

2KM—Kempsey, NSW—980 kc., 9:03 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

3AW—Melbourne, Vic.—1280 kc., 10:30 p.m. Sun.

3BA—Ballarat, Vic.—1320 kc., 9:30 p.m. Sun.-Thurs., 4:30 p.m. Fri.

3BO—Bendigo, Vic.—960 kc., 9 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

3KZ—Melbourne, Vic.—1180 kc., 10:30 p.m. Sun., 10:45 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

3MA—Mildura, Vic.—1470 kc., 9 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 10 p.m. Sat.

3TR—Sale, Vic.—1240 kc., 9:30 p.m. Sun.-Thurs., 8:30 p.m. Fri.

3XY—Melbourne, Vic.—1420 kc., 10:30 p.m. Sun., 10 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

4AK—Oakey, Qld.—1220 kc., 9:30 p.m. Sun., 10:15 p.m. Mon.-Thurs., 10:30 p.m. Fri.

4BK—Brisbane—1300 kc., 9:30 p.m. Sun., 10:15 p.m. Mon.-Thurs., 10:30 p.m. Fri.

4CA—Cairns, Qld.—1010 kc., 9:30 p.m. Sun.-Fri.

4IP—Ipswich, Qld.—1010 kc., 9:30 p.m. Sun.-Fri.

4KQ—Brisbane, Qld.—690 kc., 10:30 p.m. Sun.

4WK—Warwick, Qld.—880 kc., 9 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

4TO—Townsville, Qld.—780 kc., 9:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

4MK—Mackay, Qld.—1380 kc., 8:30 p.m. Sun., 9:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

6KG—Kalgoorlie, WA—980 kc., 10 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

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6AM—Northam, WA—860 kc., 10 p.m. Sun., 10:15 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

7AD—Devonport, Tas.—900 kc., 8:30 p.m. Sun.-Fri.

7BU—Burnie, Tas.—560 kc., 9 p.m. Sun.-Fri.

7HT—Hobart, Tas.—1080 kc., 7:30 p.m. Sun.-Fri.

7LA—Launceston, Tas.—1100 kc., 10:10 p.m. Sun., 9:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

7SD—Scottsdale, Tas.—540 kc., 9:30 p.m. Sun., 9 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

LATIN AMERICA

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RADIO AMERICA—Lima, Peru—1010 kc., 5:15 p.m. Sat.

HOC21—Panama City—1115 kc.;

HP5A—Panama City—1170 kc.;

HOK—Colon, Panama—640 kc.;

HP5K—Colon, Panama—6005 kc.—7 p.m. Sun.

In French—

4VBM—Port au Prince, Haiti—1430 kc., 7:45 p.m. Wed.

4VGM—Port au Prince, Haiti—6165 kc., 7:45 p.m. Wed.

RADIO CARAIBES—St. Lucia, W. I.—840 kc., 6:30 a.m. Mon.-Fri.

In Spanish—

RADIO LA CRONICA—Lima, Peru—1320 kc., 7 p.m. Sun.

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

RADIO SPORT—CXA19—Montevideo, Uruguay—11835 kc., 2 p.m. Wed.

RADIO CARVE—CX16, 850 kc., CXA-13, 6156 kc.—Montevideo, Uruguay—3:30 p.m. Sat.

What our READERS SAY

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clusively the existence of God. I would have thought that such a subject could be discussed only in complicated scientific language, but Ted presented his points so simply that the simplest of minds could have grasped his meaning."

Man, Trinidad, West Indies

"I wonder how scientists explain the old black cow that eats green grass and gives white milk that makes yellow butter?"

Mrs. Virginia M. C.,
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Anableps

"Re[garding] your article 'A Four-Eyed Look at Evolution' published in the November issue of *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine. I would like to point out that the theory of evolution as applied to Anableps as presented by you is not the only possible way this fish could have evolved. The following is an alternative explanation.

"In any assortment of a species there are always a few of what I will call monstrosity — fish that may be shorter or longer, faster or slower than normal. Let us assume that these fishes subsist on smaller fish and depend mainly on speed to effect a capture. If for some reason the number of prey become reduced then only the speedier fish could survive and their less endowed neighbors would die out.

"Suppose some other change occurred — perhaps the sea became less illuminated, then only those fish with the more highly developed sensory organs could hope to survive. By a series of small environmental changes such as those mentioned the character of a species could be completely changed.

"In the case of Anableps it may have been prey for many fishes. It may have been forced into shallow waters near the river bank where its predators could not go. Presumably insects, etc., were its main source of food, (I don't know what Anableps feeds on) but in-

volved in the capture of its food was the threat of attack from birds, amphibians, etc.

"The key to survival was the formation of larger eyes (to give wide-angle sight) and those few infant fish which were born with this attribute had an improved survival capability. Due to some progressive and lasting climatic change the insect population near the water's edge may have been reduced forcing the primitive Anableps into deeper and more dangerous water.

"A really radical change had to be made to handle the situation. Note that Anableps is no 'run of the mill' fish and the types (in degree) of evolutionary change previously mentioned could not result in a sufficient number of 4-eyed fish in a 2-eyed population to survive and produce a new species.

"Over a long period of time the eye became partitioned — an evolutionary change keeping pace with the slow change in insect population.

Yours truly,

E. Barclay, Melbourne, Victoria,
Australia

"P.S. I hope you will print this letter — it represents modern thinking on evolution. Should you consider some vital point has been neglected or ignored I will be happy to clear it up if this letter is acknowledged in *The PLAIN TRUTH*."

• Apparently, you missed the whole point of the article. MANY varieties of small fish live out their entire lives in shallow water, only one to two inches deep. They feed on insects, tiny plant and animal life, and are constantly threatened by various predators, both from in and above the water. They "survived" quite comfortably without "evolving" an extra set of eyes. You said, "let us assume," "if for some reason," "suppose," "perhaps," "may have been," "presumably," and then, after this whole series of postulates, you stated, "Over a long period of time the eye BECAME PARTITIONED..." When you say this letter "represents modern thinking on evolution," you're absolutely correct. MOST modern books on evolution use the same methods. A whole series of maybe's, perhaps's,

suppose's, possible's, and we-would-like-to-believe's, and then a definite assertion that certain changes DID OCCUR! Little four-eyes takes a dim view of evolution. In several directions.

Convinced

"'One picture is worth 1,000 words' — but when it is a picture of Lincoln, on currency that has been refused by any preacher anywhere, that is news. When you offered your literature absolutely free, I was cynical. When you claimed to return any money sent in payment for it, I was skeptical. When you actually did return it, I was incredulous. When you failed to enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope together with some form for sending the same money back under terminology which would obviate any possible entanglement with the Department of Revenue, I grew hopeful. When you included in your form letter no mention of need, I was convinced."

Portrait Painter,
Denver, Colorado

Teen-age

"A remarkable change has come about in the life of my 17-year-old son. He became involved in serious trouble last winter. But now, since he has been reading the wonderful literature you have been sending to me, and reading the Bible with new understanding, he knows who he is, where he came from, and why he was born. On his last visit to the probation officer he was able to extract a promise from this officer to subscribe to *The PLAIN TRUTH* for the benefit of other misguided youngsters. On the basis of this interview, the probation officer recommended that Louis' probation be dismissed!"

L. V., Oregon

Learning the Hard Way

"Please cancel *The PLAIN TRUTH* you are sending to the address below. Though it may be a good magazine, it deals too much with the plain truth of too many things that I wouldn't care to know about."

Odene K.,
Marietta, Georgia

• Enough said!

SHOULD A NON-CHRISTIAN TITHE?

Is tithing only for Christians? Would God prosper non-Christians who tithe? Read, below, the living experiences of those who have put tithing to the test.

by Herman L. Hoeh

THOUSANDS of our readers have heard of Ed Smith, the man who couldn't afford to tithe. Ed Smith was a well driller.

Late in 1933 Ed Smith and his wife began attending services Mr. Armstrong was then holding in a one-room country schoolhouse twelve miles west of Eugene, Oregon. Ed Smith at that time made no profession of Christianity. But he attended services and went up and down the countryside discussing the Bible with his professing Christian neighbors.

"You've got to pay tithes," he insisted. "The Bible says so. It's plain!"

One of his neighbors soon became irritated. "Look here, Ed," the neighbor exploded, "why do you come around here trying to talk me into these things when you don't pay tithes yourself?"

"Because I can't afford to tithe. And, besides, I don't profess to be a Christian, and you do!" Ed retorted.

Thousands Like Him

Mr. Armstrong soon heard about Ed's conversation with his neighbor. He immediately prepared a sermon on the question of whether the *unconverted* should obey God's Ten Commandments and pay tithes — or whether, as Ed Smith reasoned, these are only for Christians.

Ed Smith got the point.

God is a God of love. He is concerned about you. He knows your need. He has *your* interest and welfare in mind. He set laws in motion which, if obeyed, produce happiness, peace, prosperity — everything one could desire. God's laws were instituted for

man's good. They are a way of life. They produce an abundant, interesting life here and now — as well as eternal life through Jesus Christ.

God's overall spiritual Law is summed up in the one word LOVE. Love to God and love to neighbor. It is further subdivided into ten points — the Ten Commandments — which reveal how we should love God and love neighbor. If the Ten Commandments were obeyed by the nations today, there would be no war. And among individuals there would be no murder, no adultery, no stealing, no lying. Can you imagine a world like that — free from mental anguish and suffering, free from fears and worries?

Such a happy world could be — if only we would learn that God's laws were set in motion for the good of all humanity.

When any human being breaks the laws God set in motion, he automatically deprives himself of blessings — deprives himself of joy, of peace of mind, of the prosperity that could have been his. When any human being obeys the laws God set in motion, he automatically begins to receive blessings — inner happiness, peace of mind, increasing prosperity on the job! The way of obedience is the way of blessings. The way of disobedience is the lack of those desired blessings.

People Deprive Themselves of Blessings

A professing Christian who commits adultery automatically cuts himself off from the blessings of a happy marriage. A non-Christian who obeys the com-

mandment "Thou shalt not commit adultery" automatically receives the blessings of a happier home.

A professing Christian who does not tithe is stealing from God — he is breaking one of the Ten Commandments. He automatically cuts himself off from financial blessings that could have been his. A non-Christian who pays God his tithes automatically receives financial blessings because he is obeying a law set in motion to bring financial prosperity — to keep one out of debt.

It is that simple!

Many of you are right now heavily in debt because you have broken God's financial law. You have cut yourselves off from the only source that could have given you wisdom to keep out of debt — God. And you are not going to deliver yourself from debt until you begin to obey the financial law of tithing.

Yes, strange as it seems, you — *even if a non-Christian* — can prosper and be free from debt *if you make God your financial partner.* In this partnership God gives you 90 percent of the income. Think of how much the U. S. A. or the British Commonwealth would have saved if each had made God a *national partner!*

The 10 percent, which God reserved for Himself since the creation of the world, is called a *tithe*. It is an old English word meaning "tenth." The first tithe or tenth belongs to God.

If the nation had been faithful in tithe paying, there would be no national debt and almost no private debt. There would be no communist menace

threatening the free world. All the nations would see our prosperity and *tremble at our feet for help*. Today, because we have failed to pay God His tithe, we seek foreign nations as partners and *we tremble* before them whenever they slap us in the face for meddling in their internal affairs.

There is a REWARD that comes of tithing. God prospers the tither and delivers him out of debt. Do you believe God can do for you what He did for wealthy Abraham? Or are you a *doubter*? Do you want His blessings or to be deprived of them?

Notice Malachi 3:9-12, a prophecy for today: "Ye are cursed with a curse, Yet ye rob Me, even this whole nation." That means professing Christian and non-Christian alike! "Bring ye," God continues to the professing Christian and non-Christian alike, "the whole tithe into the store-house, and try Me now herewith, saith the Eternal of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall be more than sufficiency . . . And all nations shall call you happy; for ye shall be a delight-some land, saith the Eternal of hosts."

That is God's promise—and God cannot lie. God is no respecter of persons—it is not a matter of spiritual conversion. It is a financial matter! Isn't it about time you take God up on His promise?

It Pays to Tithe

We receive hundreds of letters each month from non-Christians and Christians who have learned the lesson of tithing. They have put tithing to the test—and found it pays!

Suppose you are in the dairy business? Would it pay you to tithe? Here is your answer!

We are dairy farmers in the heart of this great dairy state, Wisconsin. Since we began paying tithes to God's own work, our dairy income has been increased by over \$70,000.00. Many will explain this away by saying that prices paid for dairy products have greatly improved over the last year, which is true. However, we count as a direct blessing from God the fact that our herd of dairy cows has increased production by over 100,000 pounds in that same period of time, even though the number of animals and the conditions under which they are cared for have remained the same. We offer our example as another re-

minder to all that tithing certainly does pay!

Family, Tharp, Wisconsin

More dairymen who are heavily in debt need to learn this lesson.

Another writes:

We were greatly blessed [for tithing]. This farm sold for cash during a nearby forest fire and drought and a period of tight money.

Mr. V. E. H., Caldwell, Idaho

Maybe you are a wage earner?—then read these letters.

I've got to tell you this—last week we had \$10 to our name and I took a dollar and sent it to you. Well, my husband had just started this job he is on and yesterday when he got his check he had been given a 20 cents per hour raise, above the other men's wages. Believe me, every time I think about it, I thank God.

Woman, Cave Junction, Oregon

I want to tell you it surely does pay to pay your tithes. I [paid] our first tithes and my husband received a raise. I started out paying \$5.00 a month. I didn't think I would ever be able to send more. Today I sent \$40. It is just beyond words what God has done for us.

Woman, Baisden, West Virginia

Last week when I [paid] my tithe it seemed so very small, so I took some money I was going to buy groceries with to make the tithe a little larger. Well, I'm not short on food because of it. I never had so much food on hand in my life this past week. A cousin of my husband stopped by with melons, squash, and cucumbers (some of which were already made up and canned). The list is so long, I won't take your time, but we also got \$50 to put on a new rug. So now I can send this extra offering to be used where it is needed most. My prayers are for you all.

Woman, Durand, Wisconsin

Extra generosity counts!

Learning the Hard Way

Perhaps you think you are like Ed Smith who couldn't afford to tithe? Here is an example of one who found out the hard way.

I have found out one thing, Mr. Armstrong, one cannot afford not to tithe. We were quite faithful in our tithing last year and were able to pay off almost \$3,000 in debts. This year we made almost as much as last year and were hard put from one payday till the next one due to the fact that we couldn't "afford to tithe." It will never happen again I assure you, as of next payday we are sending in our 10 percent. I thought I'd let you know that sometimes, or lots of times I should say, a person has to learn the hard way.

Family, Priest River, Idaho

After my operation I'm in an awfully tight spot. . . . I owe \$150.00. I have to pay all of it at one time and

RIGHT NOW. . . . My wife and I have been paying tithes every month *that we had it to spare*.

Man, Oilton, Oklahoma

This man put his finger on the problem without realizing it. He has tried tithing whenever he has had some money to spare. That's the same as trying to avoid adultery whenever possible! God's laws do not work that way. They are permanent, living laws. Obeying them one week does not make up for failure to obey them another week. God wants us to prosper and be in health (III John 2). The man who faithfully tithes will soon have his mind opened to understand God's laws of health—and he will not need costly operations!

Another example is this letter from Ohio—

Last winter my husband started paying his tithes when it seemed almost impossible to even buy groceries and keep our home warm. But, thank God, we did more than that. We paid all our necessary bills, tithes first. This year he decided to get our bills paid before paying tithes and we couldn't even make ends meet. There rarely was enough food in the house to last from one payday to the next. My husband paid tithes last week for the first time in about seven months and there is no end to the blessings we've received this past week.

Mrs. Donald G., Wakeman, Ohio

And a Canadian reader writes us:

I have tested God and learned a lesson. I know it seems arrogant to test Him, but I wanted the final proof. I stopped tithing for one month. I was at that time out of debt. Now I am \$240 in debt. I am still rather confused as to exactly how it happened. Now I shall begin again and I KNOW that God Almighty will help; if I continue of course. I need no further convincing of the Existence of God.

Reader, Canada

God challenges us to prove Him! And He is ready to help us whenever we turn to Him for financial help.

Most everyone has heard of the fellow who couldn't even afford to repair his old car. Here's what happened to one such man who tithed first.

I would like to tell you of just one way God has blessed this family. After discussing with my employer the high rate of interest I would have to pay to the bank if I borrowed the money to repair our family car, to my complete surprise he suggested I not repair the old car but rather pick out a new one of my choice—he would purchase it for me. In a near state of shock I followed his advice and we now have

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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've heard many people *talk* about sin, but they leave me wondering just what sin is—what it is a person must give up to become a Christian.

What *is* this thing we must all repent of? Some teach that card-playing, gambling, going to movies, dancing—is sin. Some say "sin" is going contrary to your "conscience." Others say "SIN" is whatever harms you or hurts someone else.

And many leave it up to the individual himself to *DEFINE SIN!*

But there is no reason to wonder about it. God plainly tells us what sin is. Notice it! Here is the *BIBLE DEFINITION* of sin—the *ONLY* definition that counts!

Open your Bible to I John 3:4. "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for *SIN IS...*"—what is it? Read it carefully—"...*SIN IS THE TRANSGRESSION OF THE LAW!*" But what law? Let the apostle James explain it.

"If ye fulfill the *royal law* according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well: But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit SIN, and are convinced of the *LAW* as transgressors. *For whosoever shall keep the WHOLE LAW, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of ALL.* For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the *LAW*. So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall

be *JUDGED* by the law of liberty" (James 2:8-12).

Now notice carefully what you have just read.

The *LAW* which tells us what *SIN* is, is a law which has *POINTS*—and if we break *ONE* of those several points, we are guilty of all. *Two* of the points James mentioned say: *Do not commit adultery, and: Do not kill.*

Now—do *YOU* know of a law in the Bible which has "points"—and which says *DON'T* commit adultery, and don't kill? Of course you do! The Ten Commandments! The Ten Commandments *DEFINE* what sin is. They tell us what we should and should *NOR* do!

Therefore—notice it—when we repent of *SIN*, we repent of breaking God's *LAW*—we repent of transgressing or breaking the *TEN COMMANDMENTS!* The first four commandments tell us how to love God; and the last six show us how to love our neighbor. That's why James called it a "royal law" which is summed up in the statement, "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."

Whenever we *BREAK* one of the Ten Commandments, we commit *SIN*. And Jesus Christ said, unless we all *REPENT* of our sin, we are doomed to *PERISH!*

Isn't it time we stop trying to make up our *OWN* definitions of sin, and what we need to repent of, and simply let God teach us out of His Word? *GOD* is the One who tells us what sin is—what we need to *REPENT* of doing! *If we don't repent of what HE says is sin,*

then we haven't even begun real repentance!

Perhaps it is time *you* asked yourself if *you* have *REALLY* repented in God's sight—if you have repented of what *God* calls and defines as *sin*.

● I want to change and give my life to God, but I don't know what to repent of. When I look at my past, it seems to me I've been a lot better than some people I know. What should I repent of to be a Christian?

You say you haven't fallen short somewhere along the line?

Look at your past life. Look at the mistakes you have made. Don't compare yourself with your neighbors. Compare your life with God's Commandments.

Let's just briefly—very briefly—take a look at the Ten Commandments. Have *YOU* ever had some "other god" before the *TRUE* God? Have you been more concerned with what your family or other people thought than what *God* says in His Word? Have you?

Be honest, now!

Have you ever taken God's holy, righteous *NAME* in vain?

Have you ever bowed down to images or pictures, even supposing they were of Christ? (Write for our article on this subject if you haven't read it.)

Have you ever broken God's holy Sabbath day?—misused the time He made holy?

Have you ever—at any time in your life—shown disrespect to your father or mother? Have you ever argued with them, quarreled with them, felt bitter toward them, shown contempt toward the "old fogies"? What about it?

Have you ever killed? Perhaps you haven't—in the letter of the law—but have you ever *HATED* someone else, or felt jealous and envious? If so—then notice what the apostle John has to say: "Whosoever *hateth* his brother is a *MURDERER*: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him" (I John 3:15).

What about adultery? Have you ever been unfaithful to your mate? Here's what Jesus Christ said about this commandment: "But I say unto you, That whosoever *LOOKETH* on a woman to

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A THEORY FOR THE BIRDS

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(*Biology of Birds*, Wesley Lanyon, page 22).

We asked the question at the beginning of this article: What does it take to fly? Can the cabin of an airplane fly? Can its tail fly? Can any part of an airplane fly by ITSELF?

Of course not.

But further. Each part has to be engineered in a particular fashion to take its part in one giant machine we call an airplane.

What's the point of all this?

Simply this.

Evolutionists would have us believe that birds developed the parts they need to fly — *piece by piece*! It's rather inane to think this way about an airplane. No airplane can fly unless each piece is engineered properly so that the whole unit is airworthy.

But some have gullibly swallowed this idea when we are told such notions about *birds*.

Notice what evolutionists say about the evolution of feathers.

"During their evolution from reptiles to their modern form, birds became warm-blooded. Then they needed something other than scales to provide a covering. With the evolution of feathers they had a cover that kept them warm, and in some cases, dry. This cover was also so light in weight that it wasn't a burden while they were improving their ability to fly. Their original scales were too heavy for flight" (*Birds*, Robert Allen, page 7).

Now, how did they *know* they ought to fly? How did they *KNOW* they needed a covering? Did they reason all this out? How did they "become" warm blooded? What does this "change" involve?

We never foolishly assume an improvement is made unless a man REASONS out the process. He comes to understand there is a problem and figures out or "engineers" the solution.

Do birds—or rather did "near-birds" think?

We need to open our eyes and THINK about some of the statements we accept from others.

But feathers are only the first necessary step. If reptiles are to become birds, a transformation in the whole respiratory system is necessary. Notice, how ornithologists reason about this "development."

Respiratory System

"Birds and mammals have the *ability* to maintain a very stable body temperature in spite of highly variable internal and external environmental conditions.

"Because of the increased oxygen supply and greater capacity for heat regulation required by their high body temperature, *birds have evolved* a respiratory system that is perhaps more highly developed than in any other group of animals" (*Biology of Birds*, Wesley Lanyon, page 32).

Now, what were birds doing before they "evolved" a highly developed respiratory system? Were they *freezing* to death as they flew? Did they die of suffocation? How many hundreds or thousands of "near-bird" generations died because they hadn't "discovered" the secret of transforming their respiratory system?

Get the point?

But feathers and respiratory systems are still only PART of the problem. In order to fly and be a bird, you have to have a SKELETAL system that is unique. Remember, all this must be "developed" at the *same time*, if a "near-bird" is to survive.

Here's what ornithologists admit:

"AFTER birds branched off from the reptilian family tree most of the modifications in their skeletal structure *became directed toward* the airborne life. Their bones *became* hollow, like dry macaroni, and some of the larger bones even *evolved* internal struts for reinforcement.

"Since flight demands a rigid airframe, the body box—the rib cage case and especially the backbone—*became* rigid, with some of the bones fused" (*The Birds*, LIFE Nature Series, page 35).

Oh, so it was AFTER birds had already branched off. Supposedly, they were already flying and feathered. But

they still hadn't developed a bird-like skeletal system to match.

Now how are we to imagine this took place?

Evolutionists tell us.

"There *followed* a loss of certain bones and a fusion of others to insure maximum rigidity and compactness. Increased porosity and a penetration of bones by air sacs has further lightened the skeleton as a whole.

"The evolution of the wing of birds has been marked by the *extensive fusion* of some bones and the *loss* of others resulting in a remarkably strong yet lightweight structure" (*Biology of Birds*, Wesley Lanyon, pages 24, 25).

Can your mind envisage this?

Here are *remarkable engineering feats*—tossed off in a few statements. How are bones lost? By what method do others come together? How do bones make *themselves* porous? How did new methods of locomotion originate?

How did harmony result from two stress-resisting systems? Remember, evolution has no purpose, no plan, is not necessarily heading in any one direction—say evolutionists.

Again, there is only ONE ANSWER. A Creator God created birds in the same manner that an engineer will plan out, design and construct a modern airplane.

But feathers, respiratory systems are still not enough. In order for a reptile to become a bird, his whole DIGESTIVE system would have to be revamped.

Again, we quote from an associate curator and renowned ornithologist.

Digestive System

"An apparent dilemma posed by the demands of flight upon the avian digestive system is the need for increased fuel consumption on the one hand and economy of weight on the other.

"Unnecessary overloading of the body is *avoided* to some extent by a selective diet consisting of a minimum

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Each bird, on opposite page, is designed with the type of bill it needs for the kind of food it eats. Another example of God's handiwork.

A Bill For Every Need

of indigestible material. Then, foodstuffs actually ingested are digested rapidly and efficiently, followed by immediate elimination of wastes" (*Biology of Birds*, Wesley Lanyon, page 34).

Large storage capacity of the esophagus, unique division of the stomach, no bladder and a cloaca for rapid elimination of waste! — how could all these digestive marvels be "developed" gradually and independently?

Now how did the "near-birds" know they were in a dilemma? Did they reason out the fact that they needed more fuel? Who told them what diet to select?

Does an airplane "decide" to learn what type of fuel it will use? Has any airplane, jet or rocket *decided to overhaul* its motor to keep up with advances in technology — changes in environment? Ridiculous!

But still we aren't at an end. For reptiles to become birds we need a **REWIRING JOB** — *a new nervous system*.

Nervous System

"Among the various organ systems of birds, not the least influenced by the demands of flight has been the nervous system. This influence has been exercised directly in the case of a need for coordinating and positioning the body in flight, and indirectly with regard to sensory perception in behaviour patterns that have been modified by flight" (*Biology of Birds*, Wesley Lanyon, page 34).

Some of these differences are optic lobes of the brain — larger than even man's, disproportionately larger eyes, a uniquely shaped eyeball.

But WHICH CAME FIRST?

Remember, without *feathers*, so PERFECTLY designed and engineered, fused bones, hollow bones, and "new" bones, wings are no good. Without air sacs, rapidly beating heart, totally different respiratory system, the wings can't be flapped so rapidly — and without complete redesign of all body muscles, the creature can't even BEGIN to try to fly.

But even *with* new muscles, new bones, perfect feathers, air sacs, rapid heartbeat and speeded-up metabolism, NO NAVIGATIONAL EQUIPMENT! No larger eyes (almost filling up the cranium), and no *coordinating system* to OPERATE all these complex systems.

Let's understand.

You can have an entire plane — but rip out the controls and instrument panel and the plane will be of *no value*. Now, if you *ONLY* have the controls and instrument panel but you lack an airplane — it won't fly either.

It's either everything or nothing, black or white, one hundred percent or nothing. These things didn't evolve. They couldn't. They had to be **CREATED TOGETHER!**

But let's go further.

What about a "simple" apparatus — the bird's bill or beak?

Bird Bills

Why do birds that are primarily insect feeders have short, thin bills which they use as forceps in picking food



GOLDEN EAGLE
Meat Tearer



GROSBEAK
Seed Crusher



HERON
Fish Grabber



ARICARI
Fruit Eater



HUMMINGBIRD
Nectar Sipper



WOODPECKER
Wood Chisel



CROSSBILL
Pine-Cone Probe



SPOONBILL
Mud Prober



FLAMINGO
Mud Strainer



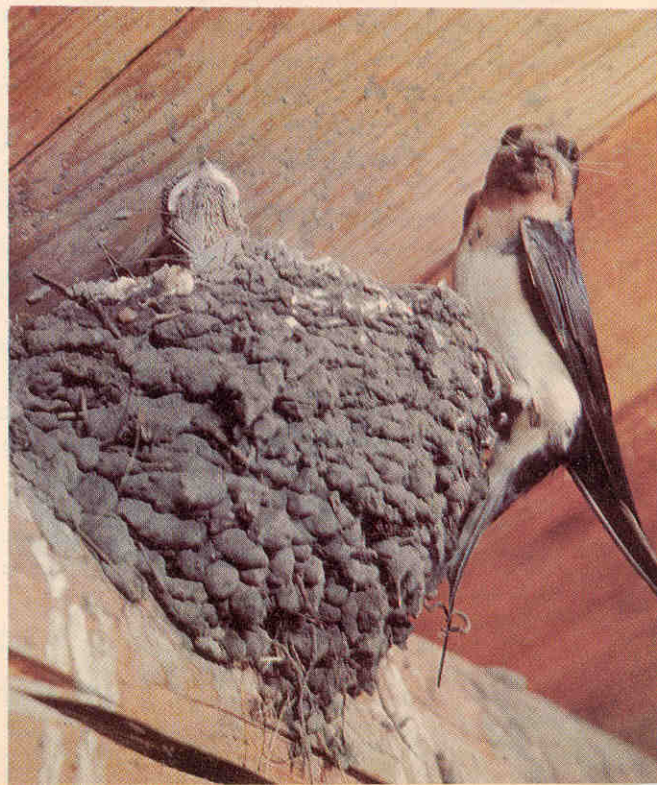
MACAW
Seed Eater



BLACK SKIMMER
Surface Skimmer



TAWNY FROGMOUTH
Insect Trap



A Nest For Every Bird

from vegetation? Why do woodpeckers have chisel-shaped bills with which they remove wood in search of insects? Why is their tongue built to penetrate deep into bark to ferret out insects?

Why do fish-eating birds have serrations along the edge of the bill — just what they need to firmly grasp their food? Why do herons and kingfishers actually have spears to jab food with? Why do skimmers have their bills arranged in such a manner that they can scoop up fish? The lower mandible acts like a plow as they skim across the water scooping up fish.

Why do carnivorous birds have strong beaks for tearing flesh?

Notice, what a "mechanical marvel" the beak is.

"A bird's beak serves it for knife, fork, and spoon, as well as for hammer and chisel in many species. Its chief use is in connection with procuring food, so that we find, among birds as a whole, an EXTREME VARIETY of shapes of bills, adapted for gathering various kinds of food" (*Birds and their Attributes*, Glover Allen, page 78).

Now did this fantastic array "develop" gradually? If evolution is blind chance, how did these highly developed tools come to be?

But more staggering than all this — is the fantastically variable factor of NEST building. Just a superficial study is enough to stagger the imagination.

Nest Building

We quote again from a well-known ornithologist. Notice carefully the statements made.

"Though the location of the nest, its

form, and the techniques and materials required for its construction are *extremely diverse* among different species, the completed nest is REMARKABLY UNIFORM among the members of a single species.

"This uniformity is all the more remarkable when one realizes that many nests represent the work of young birds that have had NO PREVIOUS TRAINING or experience in nest construction" (*Biology of the Birds*, Wesley Lanyon, pages 127-128).

Ah, did you notice?

How did birds, with no previous training build the *same nest* as the other members of its species? Remember such "acquired characteristics" — if they be that — couldn't be passed on. Why are nests so diverse among DIFFERENT species, yet so uniform among a SINGLE species? Again, there simply is no answer apart from a great Creator God that *built in* the "computerized" information necessary for particular birds to act in a special fashion.

It's the true and only really logical answer.

There is tremendous variety among the birds as to *where* they build nests, *how* these nests are constructed, and *from what* materials they are put together.

Some don't build nests. The Piping Plover simply makes a slight depression in the sand and lines it with bits of shells. Waterfowl pluck the down feathers from the female and make their nests. The Fairy Terns lay and hatch their eggs on bare branches. The Chimney Swift builds its nest of twigs. It uses its own sticky saliva as glue.

The South American ovenbird uses mud. The Crested Flycatcher uses a convenient cavity in a tree. The Downy Woodpecker excavates his own nest. The Blue-gray Gnatcatcher uses lichen to cover and camouflage its nest.

And still — all this is only the beginning!

To study, and study CAREFULLY, the nesting habits of just ONE BIRD would

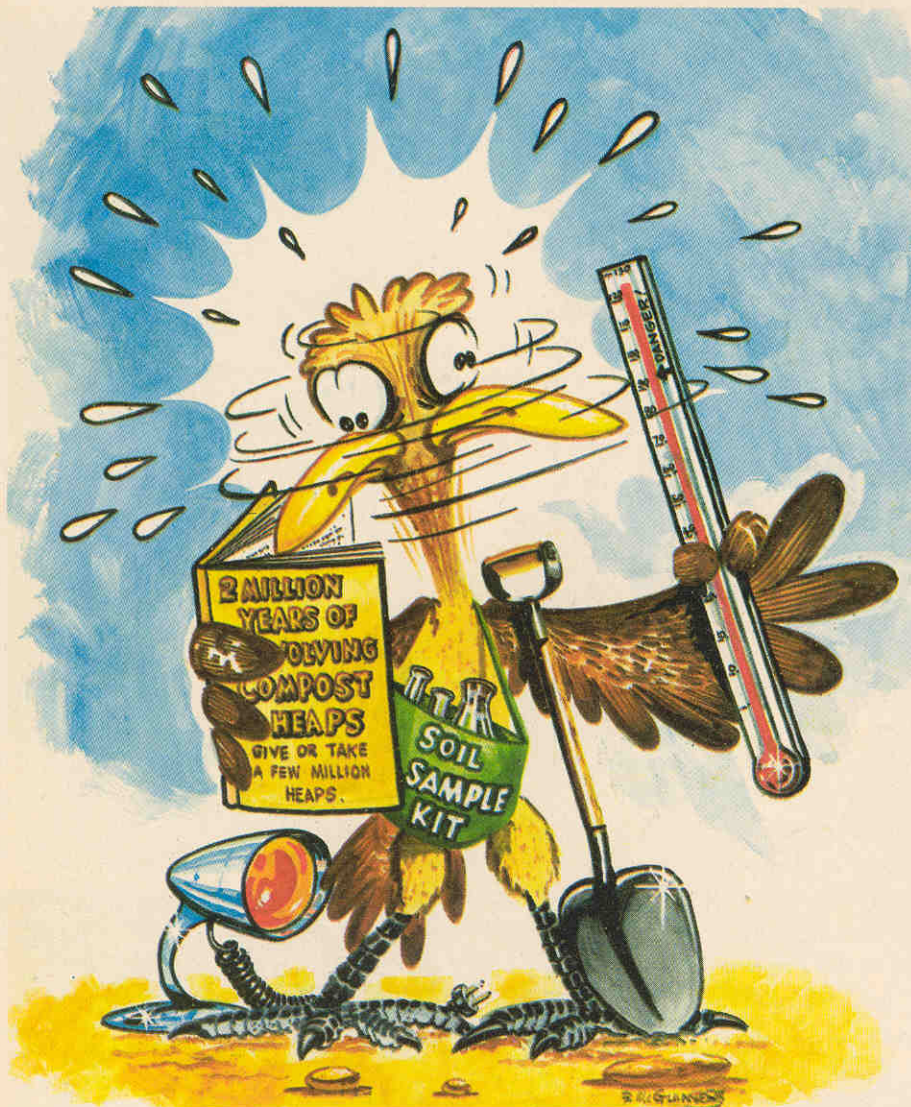


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Top to bottom, little grebe nest, belted kingfisher female on excavated nest, ovenbird nest, prairie warbler nest.

Top & extreme left, Robert J. Erwin from National Audubon Society; left, McHugh — Photo Researchers

Every variety of bird builds its own unique kind of nest. But every bird within a variety — without previous experience — builds the same kind of nest. To the left, each with its own type of nest, are long-billed curlew (top) and water ouzel and barn swallow (bottom left and right).



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Mallee fowl "learning" to build intricate, temperature-controlled nests — or so say the evolutionists.

stagger the imagination! The most unusual bird of all will be presented in these pages in a future issue—the Australian MEGAPODE (big foot), a "brush turkey" which INCUBATES the eggs in a huge mound of compost. The megapode Baffles evolutionists. For *this creature alone* to have evolved is UTTERLY IMPOSSIBLE!

But that's not all.

The breathtaking marvels of actual FLIGHT, as caught by a fast camera lens are beautiful and inspiring to see! The imagination-defying trips of the many *migratory* birds—with FAR more accurate and dependable navigational equipment BUILT INTO those tiny brains than can be placed in the multimillion-dollar jet aircraft of today—those mysterious trips are MARVELOUS to study!

What a SHAME it is, that so many millions are hoodwinked into believing that DUMB, BLIND, IMPOSSIBLE "CHANCE" gave rise to such MARVELS all around us!

This great creation was meant to AMAZE you! You should be able to look, observe, measure, weigh, and PONDER the creation around you—and WORSHIP GOD in so doing!

Everywhere, you see His warm and loving handiwork—His great and fathomless engineering and designing skill—His color schemes, music, and beauty! And to deny His existence is not only to BLASPHEME His Holy name, but to deny YOURSELF some of the warmest, most rewarding and satisfying experiences of life!

WORSHIP GOD — He MADE the birds all around you!





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Female mallee fowl crouches in preparation to lay egg. Her head is in a niche already prepared by her for the reception of the egg. The male stands by and waits to refill the mound. This amazing bird can keep the temperature of the nest mound very near 92°F. by testing the temperature with his beak and changing the soil-vegetation ratio as needed.

EDUCATION WITHOUT GOD

Modern education is failing to train young people adequately. The primary reason for this failure is that educators overwhelmingly have rejected God. They have failed to teach the purpose of life — that man is to learn to become like God.

by Herman L. Hoeh

IT IS TIME we understood the facts behind the present educational system that grips the world.

This world is sick! It is suffering from poison that is paralyzing the whole of society. This poison attacks the *minds* of our children. The poison is **WRONG EDUCATION!**

What EDUCATION Really Is

Proper education may be defined as the **ART OF SUCCESSFUL LIVING.**

By this definition very few are really becoming educated. Too few young people are being taught how to live. Education is not merely gained in classrooms from books. *Genuine education* includes much more — a lifetime of acquiring knowledge, of practical experience, of travel, of contact with God.

The source of education is God! But God is not accepted in the schools. Educators have forgotten that "The Eternal giveth wisdom: out of His mouth cometh knowledge and understanding" (Prov. 2:6).

Every human being, as long as he is cut off from God, can never become fully educated, no matter how great his material knowledge may be. Complete education involves **SPIRITUAL VALUES.** The truly educated person becomes physically, mentally, emotionally and *spiritually* matured. Since the natural mind, cut off from God, cannot discern spiritual values, *only those whose lives God is molding and using — converting — can become fully educated.*

Conversion means a change of mind, a change of behavior. It is not accomplished in a minute — it is a lifetime of study and work. It is an educational process of growing to complete maturity. It means becoming *converted from MAN into GOD.*

To convert anything means to change it. We are to become converted into God! How many educators know that?

Man's destiny is to be born into the God family. That means we are to begin to think, act, behave like God. We learn how *God* thinks and acts from the Bible. The Bible reveals the character of God. The Bible is therefore life's basic *text-book.*

But God wants us to *add* to our fund of knowledge whatever man can correctly discover for himself. That is the real purpose of schools and colleges. But how many institutions are based on these principles?

As far as we know, only the three campuses of Ambassador College!

In contrast, most colleges and universities today are sick. Teachers have forgotten — or probably never knew — the real purpose of life. Agnosticism permeates their ranks. Hostility toward Divine Authority fills the classroom. Students absorb this spirit of hostility — and rebel against almost any authority.

Then teachers wonder why!

Now let us understand how faulty education commenced and what you can do about it.

How Faulty Education Began

The present educational system is based upon a mixture of truth and error — mostly error!

We are living in the climactic age when six thousand years of the wrong kind of education is finally bearing its fruit. The present educational system is a **COUNTERFEIT SCHEME** of God's plan of conversion. It all began, if you have ears to hear, with events in the Garden in Eden.

God instructed Adam in right knowledge. God, then, was a teacher — the Supreme Teacher. He imparted to the man knowledge of the purpose of life. He revealed the principles that would lead to a happy marriage. And He

commanded man to obey that way for his own good.

Now notice how Satan — the architect of today's educational systems — commenced his scheme. See, with your own eyes, the similarity between it and the techniques used by all too many educators today.

Did he commence by rejecting the previous instructions of God? No! He first planted *doubt* in the mind of the woman. Then he *perverted* what God said. He appealed to greed and vanity. He implied that God wanted man chained to ignorance. Isn't that what most educators are saying today?

Here are Satan's words: "God doth know" — but He hasn't told you — He has concealed it from you — "that in the day ye eat thereof, [take of the fruit of the tree that God had expressly forbidden] your eyes shall be opened [to understanding], and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil" (Genesis 3:5).

Observe that the devil promised man knowledge. God had given man the way to knowledge, but the adversary offered *another way* to acquire it — through experimentation — through disobedience to the express commands of God the great Teacher. All man needed to do was to throw off the authority of God's instruction. Man could solve all his problems apart from the Creator, said the devil. His students parrot the same argument today!

This is the origin of today's educational system! It began by questioning God's function and prerogatives. It began by launching man on the road of human search for understanding without God — the way that *seems right* to man, but which will end in destruction (Prov. 16:25).

Unlearning Error

True education — conversion — involves the process of unlearning as well

as of learning. Of checking into the ideas which we have taken for granted. Let's take note of the classic example of Moses.

Moses was trained in Egyptian education for 40 years. Stephen said of him: "Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds" (Acts 7:22).

Egypt possessed the wisdom of that world. So thorough had been his training that Moses had to undergo another 40 years *unlearning* the errors which he acquired in Egypt. It was only when he had unlearned those errors that God used him. Moses didn't let down in his studies—he made use of his previous training in Pharaoh's court schools, but now directed his life into the right channels.

Through Moses God communicated His plan of education which the world rejected at the beginning. God revealed to Moses and to Israel His laws that are the way to peace of mind, happiness, abundant prosperity. He also revealed an additional fund of knowledge embodying the history of man from Creation. To preserve this PRICELESS heritage, God gave them *three great* principles of education.

Three Forgotten Principles

First: Parents are to train and instruct their children. The neglect of this obligation by parents and their failure to teach this duty of parenthood to the succeeding generation is the primary cause of all world ills. To insure education in the home God instituted marriage and made it UNBREAKABLE except by death. Notice the Bible exposition of this principle: "Ye *shall* teach . . . your children, speaking of [God's instruction] when thou sittest down, and when thou risest up" (Deut. 11:19). This same command is repeated by Paul in Ephesians 6:4.

Second: The educators are to be God's ministers and teachers. They do not choose this profession on their own. God calls them to instruct the parents and children in the ways and the laws of God. How many are doing that today?

The Ten Commandments are "exceedingly broad" said David (Psalm 119:96). They constitute the *broad* foundation of all knowledge which

God's ministers and teachers are commanded to communicate to the people. God's Commandments are the foundation of a true *liberal arts* education. They reveal how to live, how to be happy, how to enjoy peace of mind.

In Leviticus 10:11 God's educators and ministers are commanded to "teach the children of Israel all the statutes which the Lord hath spoken unto them by the hand of Moses." And again in Malachi 2:7, we read: "For the priest's lips should KEEP KNOWLEDGE; and they should SEEK THE LAW AT HIS MOUTH: for he is the messenger of the Lord of Hosts."

The New Testament church is built on the apostles *and* prophets. Today's professing Christianity has rejected both—and has substituted instead the pagan philosophers as the foundation of knowledge.

Christians are to do the works of Abraham, who was both parent and prophet. Of him we read: "He will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Eternal, to do justice and judgment" (Genesis 18:19).

Third: Special skills are to be taught by those trained in each particular field of occupation. We read in Exodus 35:34, 35 about technical training: "He [God] has also given him Oholiab the son of Ahisamak, belonging to the clan of Dan, ability TO TRAIN OTHERS endowing them with skill in every skillful craft in engraving, in decorating, in handling violet, purple, and scarlet yarn, in working with fine linen, in weaving, and in all sorts of trades and arts" (*Moffatt* translation).

Notice that God did not require the Levites (His ministers under the old covenant) or the parents to train their children in technical fields in every case—that was often reserved for specialists.

This is God's plan for education. It is a perfect balance between the home, the church and the schools. Nations do NOT follow this procedure today.

Today's Babylonish Educational System

Babylon means confusion. Our educational system is a confusion of truth and error. It is the outgrowth of what commenced at Babel. It spread to all

nations and has been transmitted through all generations.

It is high time we acquaint ourselves with the facts behind the present educational system—then we will see clearly why Ambassador College is different.

It did not take the ancient Egyptians long to corrupt the three basic principles of education. At the dawn of its history, Egypt had the professional teacher—priests who believed in the idea of making priests the ONLY POSSESSORS OF KNOWLEDGE and in keeping the masses in general ignorance. Only the nobles were instructed so that the few could rule the many through ignorance and poverty. No wonder Egypt has become the basest of nations (Ezek. 29:15-16).

In ancient Greece, leading educators tried to have family life and family ties totally abolished. Aristotle, the great philosopher, allowed the family unit to remain, but he regarded it as likely to affect children more for evil than for good. Apparently in his day parents were not properly training their children. In place of the parents, the State took over responsibility for educating children.

In Athens, a city-state of ancient Greece, education emphasized the intellect. Here developed rhetoric, training in the skills of clever public speaking. Look at the character of that kind of education:

"For all the Athenians and strangers which were there spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing" (Acts 17:21). Today Greek philosophy has filled most of our institutions of higher learning.

Roman education was originally practical, civic and moral. Youths were taught Roman law—not God's law—by hearing their fathers decide cases of clients in the halls. This was gradually supplanted by the Greek system. Into this world of pagan education came Christianity. The children of early Christians attended the pagan Roman schools because they had none of their own. They used the pagan textbooks. The inevitable happened! After the fall of the Roman Empire, the pagan teaching and doctrines of ancient Rome were engrafted onto Christianity. Pagan in-

fluences dominated education and the people remained in superstitious ignorance for a thousand years!

In the Middle Ages state universities were founded — under the control of the Church. Later grammar schools were founded in connection with cathedrals, and trade schools in connection with medieval guilds. Materialism was slowly emerging. Little schooling occurred until after the unstable 18th century. The popular idea in that century of the "natural rights" of man led to the belief that boys should be trained to meet the world. And thus was born the modern educational system.

Secular Education Rejects God

Educators did not look to God's revelation for instruction on founding an educational system. They used their *human reason* and adopted NATIONAL SYSTEMS OF PUBLIC EDUCATION. Because they saw through the superstitions of the Middle Ages, modern educators rejected religion in general and the Bible in particular. They assumed that the pagan practices foisted upon the world during the preceding centuries came from the Bible! This demonstrates how little they studied to prove what they believed.

The situation is no better today. Instructors are too often slaves to their textbooks — slaves to "authorities" who, cut off from God, disagree among themselves.

People today are not fully aware of the trend in modern education — a trend into materialism and specialization *without training the character* and mind of man to control and utilize his discoveries.

Young people are not being taught that spiritual and technical knowledge go hand in hand. The rules of right living are not understood because the entire society has departed from God's ways. While humanity has suddenly progressed UP the road of industrial achievement, we are at the same time traveling *down* the highway of greed and vanity. Instruction in self-control and character development is almost entirely lacking in the home, the school and the church.

But not at Ambassador College!

At Ambassador College, students are

taught to think! Too often, today, college students merely memorize, and take for granted, what the textbook says.

Or, if they are *told* to think, they are *not taught how!*

Education in most institutions of higher learning has become a matter of memory training. Of accepting the latest scientific fad!

Not so for Ambassador students.

Opportunity for Young People

Education in the world today is basically atheistic. It refuses to admit God into its academic studies. It limits itself to mere material knowledge of science. It judges everything by faulty human reason.

Suppose you were a geology student at one of the leading universities in America or Great Britain. What would you be taught? Why, the theory of evolution, of course! Every textbook in use would take it for granted.

And what if you should ask, "Where does God fit in all this?"

You would probably be laughed out of class. The lecturer would most likely suggest that this is a class in geology, not theology! One student, who later came to Ambassador College, was pointedly told to discuss theology *outside* the classroom. "What has God," asked the professor, "got to do with geology?"

At Ambassador College, education is different. Students are taught all sides of a subject. They are taught how to think a problem through, how to uncover the truth.

What is it like, for example, in a geology class? Are Ambassador students taught *both* the theory of evolution *and* the facts of creation?

Indeed! We use, as a basic text, the latest standard work in evolutionary geology! Why? Because there is no better means to discover the fallacies of evolution than in an evolutionary textbook!

Students are, at the same time, challenged to prove the account of creation. They are taught to obtain all the facts, then make right decisions.

A Liberal Arts Education

Ambassador College is a co-educational institution of liberal arts. Its purpose is the education of the total personality.

Twentieth century education has been

too often reduced either to the intellect alone, or the pursuit of technological knowledge. The underlying philosophy, even in most liberal arts institutions, is the theory of evolution. It colors every facet of educational life. Even Home Economics ("Domestic Science" to our British readers) and Literature are not immune.

I, for example, teach to graduating seniors at Ambassador College in Pasadena a course in Classical Literature. Every year I find students amazed to learn that the concept of evolution has influenced literature ever since the time of the pagan Greek philosophers.

Scientists, today, would have you believe that the theory of evolution is *modern*. Darwin is given much of the credit for it.

What students are often not aware of is that the theory of evolution — and it is still a theory — was originally put forth over 2000 years ago by ignorant pagans in the DIM REACHES OF ANTIQUITY!

Its real history has been *carefully guarded and concealed*. Yet, strangely enough, it has been preserved in classical literature for us today. Our students read it every year.

Evolution in Roman Schools!

Imagine, if you can, a class of students studying geology or any of the sciences in the average high school or college of today. Now place them in a science class *two thousand years ago* in the Roman World.

You would probably imagine that the typical student in the Roman World would be *shocked and surprised* at the "new knowledge" of the twentieth century science student. But such is NOT THE CASE AT ALL!

The student of two thousand years ago would disinterestedly exclaim — upon hearing the "modern" theory of evolution — "Why, that is what WE'RE TAUGHT in our schools."

These Roman students would have been exposed to and taught fundamentally the same evolutionary ideas as are promulgated today!

Impossible, you say? UNBELIEVABLE? Yes, but *absolutely true!*

The theory of evolution as taught in
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How The PLAIN TRUTH Fills Today's Knowledge Gap

Hundreds over the years have asked: "What is The PLAIN TRUTH magazine?" In this 33rd anniversary number, we answer the question.

by Eugene M. Walter

THERE has never been an age like this one. Never before has such an avalanche of knowledge poured down upon the human race. Knowledge of *all* kinds. Scientific knowledge. Technical knowledge. Medical knowledge. Mechanical knowledge. Knowledge from historical research.

Human Knowledge Doubled

In the past ten years, man's accumulated knowledge has *doubled*. And now it is being estimated that if the present rate of increase continues, man's fund of knowledge will be doubling itself *every three months* by 1975!

Such a prospect staggers the mind! No individual or group of individuals in the world—no library, museum, foundation, institution or society—can even remotely begin to keep up with the deluge of new information.

It brings forcibly to mind the words of the Prophet Daniel that "at the time of the end many shall run to and fro, and *knowledge shall be increased*" (Dan. 12:4).

But What KIND of Knowledge?

No one can deny that we are witnessing a "knowledge explosion." But *what kind* of knowledge is this explosion producing? Is it the kind that tells man the way to peace, how to be healthy and happy?

Does it answer the truly BIG questions of life for him—*where* man came from, *why* he is on this earth, *what* he is supposed to be doing here, *why* he is making such a miserable mess of things, and *where* he is headed?

Is the knowledge being acquired today telling man how to solve the gi-

gantic, overwhelming problems of mounting crime and social ills, the population explosion, famine, the threat of nuclear war, physical and mental sickness and disease, economic chaos, empty and confused religion?

The tragic answer is NO!

In spite of today's tremendous increase in knowledge, the human family is destroying itself—physically, mentally, economically, socially and spiritually—by an appalling lack of true knowledge. "My people *are destroyed* for LACK OF KNOWLEDGE," says God in Hosea 4:6.

What the world has today is *false* knowledge, *misknowledge* and scientific knowledge that is being put to a *wrong use*. When it comes to acquiring knowledge that answers the really BIG questions of life—knowledge about the purpose and meaning of life, knowledge of how to solve man's big problems and knowledge about how to live happily and abundantly—*there is a tremendous "knowledge gap."*

And there is only one publishing work on earth today that is filling this incredible gap. It prints the magazine you are now reading—*The PLAIN TRUTH*.

But HOW does *The PLAIN TRUTH* fill the gap? What does it have that other publications with far greater resources in manpower, research facilities and financial backing do *not* have? WHY is it able to supply vital knowledge unavailable from any other source? Why does it speak with AUTHORITY?

A Unique Approach

The PLAIN TRUTH is able to give you knowledge unobtainable elsewhere because it recognizes that the FOUN-

DATION of *all* knowledge is the Word of God—the Bible.

The Holy Bible is the BASIS—the *starting point*—which supplies us with the only right *approach* to the acquisition of further knowledge. In *all* fields. In history, education and psychology. In home economics, sociology and the health sciences. In business and commerce, in science and the arts, in law and government and in philosophy and religion.

There is no subject for which the Bible does not give vital, beginning principles. These principles tell how to USE each specific field of study for man's good, and how to go about acquiring further useful knowledge in each field. In this sense the Bible is the basic textbook for human endeavor.

But in another sense, the Bible is *not* a textbook. It does not, for example, give scientific and technical data describing how to build a bridge, a car, a radio or an airplane. It is not the purpose of the Bible to give such information. Man has been given a mind so that he can discover these things for himself.

At times, however, the Bible *does* give specific, detailed technical information. This might be a principle concerning human behavior, or an historical date or event. In such cases, *the Bible is always infallibly, unerringly accurate.*

Using the Bible as its primary source, *The PLAIN TRUTH* imparts clear, plain, easy-to-understand, nontechnical—yet absolutely BASIC and VITAL—knowledge in every major field of human endeavor.

You may not have thought of it in this way before, but *The PLAIN TRUTH*

is an educational magazine — a magazine of understanding. It prints information absolutely unobtainable elsewhere. It reveals human nature for what it is!

Psychology and Human Behavior

Human beings like to think that human nature is basically *good*. Most people don't want to know what human nature is like. They would rather be misinformed than acknowledge the truth.

A man commits a murder or theft. But instead of branding him a criminal, all his friends try to make him *appear good* by saying that he was "always loyal to his friends" or "would always help someone in need" or "always provided well for his family."

Parents shake their heads as their delinquent son is hauled into court and sob that "he was always such a good boy."

Any wonder there is a "knowledge gap" in understanding human behavior?

For the sake of the almighty dollar or pound, officials legalize prostitution and then try to make it appear good by saying, "It protects our daughters from advances by strange men."

Again for money, men will process the nutritional value out of food, dump pollutants into the air and water, poison people's minds with mental garbage — misknowledge, false knowledge — through cheap books and movies, and manufacture weapons of destruction for use in war. Yet every person taking part in these activities blinds himself to the harm and suffering he is causing. He can give many "good" reasons for what he is doing.

That is human nature! It wants to *appear good*. But it refuses to *DO good*.

The Bible says, "The heart is deceitful *above all things*, and *desperately wicked*" (Jer. 17:9).

Speaking of human nature, the apostle Paul wrote, "For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. O *wretched*

man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" (Rom. 7:18-19, 24.)

What is the answer to human nature?

Some few recognize that unless human nature is *changed*, mankind is doomed. General MacArthur implied this when he told the assembled U. S. Congress: "It must be of the Spirit if we are to save the flesh."

But in no other magazine than *The PLAIN TRUTH* have you ever read *HOW!*

For years we have fearlessly stated that human nature is basically *EVIL* — that is a nature of vanity, jealousy, lust and greed.

But more than that, *The PLAIN TRUTH* reveals *HOW* to *change* human nature — how to overcome its downward pull through the power of God's Holy Spirit.

This knowledge is *basic*. It is *vital*.

You can get it from no other source.

Have you *appreciated* it? *acted* upon it? Are you allowing God to change *YOUR* human nature?

The "Knowledge Gap" in Law and Government

There is no bigger problem in the world today than that of government. *The PLAIN TRUTH* articles on "The Grim Dilemma of Government" (July, August '66) graphically elaborated on several aspects of this urgent problem.

For years we have been publishing the *solution* to the problem of government: Obedience to the laws and the government of God.

Articles such as "Why God's Law Is 'The Perfect Law of Liberty'" (June '65) have carefully explained that the root cause of every misery and unhappiness on earth today is disobedience to God's Commandments.

But human nature *HATES* authority — law and government, *especially God's* law and God's government. "The carnal mind is enmity against God, for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be" (Rom. 8:7).

It is because of human nature's in-born resentment and hostility toward the Law of God that you have been taught that God's law is a *curse* instead

of a blessing. That is also why the schools and universities tell students they are free to interpret for themselves what is good and evil, right and wrong.

But man's allotted 6,000 years to try to govern himself apart from God's laws are about up. Soon now Jesus Christ is going to intervene and set up His Government over the nations to bring peace at last. As explained in the article, "Prepare Now To Be a King" (Oct. '66), *YOU* can have a part in that government. You can qualify by surrendering yourself unconditionally to your Maker, and submitting to God's Law and His Government right here and now.

There is much more to this subject of law and government than can possibly be explained here, but this important subject is available in our free booklets, *The Ten Commandments* and *The World Tomorrow — What It Will Be Like*. They'll fill your spiritual "knowledge gap."

"Knowledge Gap" in Today's Social Order

Think for a moment what the world would be like if every person on earth were obeying all ten of God's Commandments. What a fantastic place this would be! No greed! No wars and violence! No lust. No theft. No adultery and broken homes. No juvenile delinquency. Instead, peace, joy, happiness, harmony, health and prosperity would reign.

Thank God such a world is coming — and soon!

But the world today is filled with social problems. This is why *The PLAIN TRUTH* has printed such articles as "Escape" (May '66), "The Beat Generation" (March '66), "Our Mad, Mad Marriages" (Nov. and Dec. '65), "Race Riots" (Sept. and Nov. '65), "Why Do Young People 'Go Bad'?" (May and June '65), etc.

All these problems stem from the same cause — human nature and disobedience to God's Laws. But there is one aspect of God's Law that deserves special attention here.

The basic building block of any society is the home. The Bible teaches

that the father is to be the head of the home (Eph. 5:21-25).

Troubles in the home today are often the result of father neglecting his family responsibilities, and mother taking over and "wearing the pants." When this happens, children don't receive the training they ought and too often get into trouble.

The PLAIN TRUTH has also spoken out boldly on the urgent problem underlying today's social disorder — false and faulty education. See the article in this issue on education.

It speaks out on music, art and literature. A strong and healthy society produces vigorous, dynamic art. A decaying society produces decadent music, art and literature.

The article, "What's Wrong With Today's Music?" (Nov. '65) showed

what the true values in music are. In principle, this article also applies to other arts.

Yes, *The PLAIN TRUTH* has answered question after question that millions of people had never heard answered before. And it speaks with authority!

And ALWAYS those answers came *right out of the Bible*.

Where else on the face of this earth could you receive such knowledge and understanding?

This Knowledge and YOU

This article has provided only a brief sketch of the basic knowledge and understanding which *The PLAIN TRUTH* makes available to you. It ought to *thrill* you!

Two to three millions each month are amazed by the clarity and simplicity

living laws, and thought of it only for those who could afford it.

Reader, Warwick, Rhode Island

One last question — should a teenager tithe? Listen to these answers:

Hello. I am a thirteen-year-old girl and in the eighth grade. I am sending in for the first time my first tithes to God. I do understand that all is God's in the first place and that we are only asked to give back one tenth of all we get, or earn, I should say. I have been baby-sitting and helping a lady down the road for 50 cents per hour and \$1.00 an hour. It was my mother's idea and am I glad I am doing it.

Miss Leona W., Battle Creek, Michigan

I am enjoying your wonderful Correspondence Course. I am ten years old, so I receive 50 cents a week for allowance. I have taken 10 percent out of each allowance for quite some time (60 weeks). I am so glad I am learning the ways of God so early in life.

Miss Bonnie W. (age 10), Baltimore, Maryland

Yes, tithing pays. It is a financial law God set in motion for man's good. It works for the young and old, for the wage earner and housewife, for the Christian and the non-Christian alike.

It's all explained in our free booklet *Ending Your Financial Worries!*

Running away from God's laws is like running away from every good thing. God sets before *everyone* the way of life and prosperity — and its opposite, the way of poverty, suffering and death. God commands you to choose!

Which will you take?

— and the AUTHORITY — of its articles.

You ought to be *overwhelmed* that somehow — of the millions of people on earth — YOU have been privileged to understand.

And you ought to ACT on it!

EDUCATION WITHOUT GOD

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the pagan Roman schools is preserved by the famous Greek writer, Diodorus of Sicily. He wrote around 50 B.C. — *over two thousand years ago!*

Here's what Ambassador students read, in Classical Literature, from Diodorus:

"When in the beginning," wrote Diodorus, "the universe was being formed, . . ." — he doesn't tell us how —

"Then, when their *bodies separated* from one another" (that sounds quite like the modern "big bang theory") " . . . the air set up a continual motion, and the FIERY ELEMENT IN IT gathered into the highest regions" (*Diodorus Siculus*, vol. 1, bk. 1, chap. 7, part 1-4).

This is little different from what is taught today in evolutionary scientific circles. The ideas are now *dressed up* in scientific terminology of course.

What Diodorus recorded is today called the "big bang theory." It is the latest fad of science. You can read it in most geology or science textbooks — if you *carefully compare!*

"Now as regards the *first origin* of mankind" said Diodorus, "two opinions have arisen among the best authorities both on nature and on history" (*Diodorus Siculus*, vol. 1, bk. 1, chap. 7.1).

Even in the days of Diodorus — "opinions" were put forth by the "best authorities." And they still *remain opinions* to this day!

To continue the ancient pagan theory of evolution:

"When *in the beginning*, as their account runs," that is, as taught in Roman schools, "the universe . . . took on in all its parts the ordered form in which it is now seen . . .

"Since its surface was in a ferment because of the warmth, portions of the

Non-Christian Tithe?

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a brand new car. My payments are whatever I can afford a month, no interest plus a cash discount!

Man, Santa Barbara, California

Another writes:

I wanted to get out of debt first, then pay tithes, but things did not turn out that way. I have decided that without the help of God and Christ we will never be free and I do mean free indeed. So we have asked God to be our partner and business manager.

Couple, Alabama

Even Income Tax People Can't Understand!

I am receiving God's blessing for tithing. This is my fourth raise since I started to tithe. The income tax people can't see how I do so much on my salary and, do you know something, I can't either. I have to send proof to them every year I file my income tax. Yes, God keeps His promises to those who will obey Him.

Woman, Miami, Florida

A man from New Jersey writes:

By stepping out on faith and faithfully and obediently following God's laws and commandments, we have completed one year of tithing and not only enjoyed it but closed the year in good financial order.

Man, Totowa, New Jersey

After . . . reading the article "Curing Your Financial Problems" in the August PLAIN TRUTH; also proving it in my own Bible, I made a promise to God on August 12, 1966, that regardless of how much I need the money for myself and family, I would send [Him] 10 percent of my gross income every month. . . . I had never realized that tithing was one of God's

WET SWELLED UP in masses in many places, and in these [masses] pustules covered with delicate membranes made their appearance . . . and while the *wet* [swampy region] was being *impregnated with life*, by reason of the *warmth* . . . the living things forthwith received their nourishment from the mist that fell from the enveloping air . . .

"And since the earth . . . was finally no longer able to generate any of the larger animals . . . each kind of living creatures was *now begotten* by BREEDING WITH ONE ANOTHER" — by the process of gradual evolution (bk. 1, chap. 7.1-7).

How strikingly similar to what is taught in the average science classroom today!

Nothing Really New

But even *more shocking* is what our students discover in Diodorus' account of how the ancients viewed the origin and condition of early man. One would think he were reading from a *modern textbook* on anthropology, paleontology, or geology.

Diodorus continues:

"But the first men to be born, they say, led an *undisciplined and bestial life*, setting out one by one to secure their sustenance and taking for their food both the tenderest herbs and the fruits of wild trees.

"Since they were attacked by the wild beasts, they came to each other's aid:

"Though the sounds which they made were at *first unintelligible and indistinct*, YET GRADUALLY they came to give articulation to their speech . . .

"Now the first men . . . led a wretched existence, having no clothing to cover them, knowing not the use of dwelling and fire . . . little by little, however, experience taught them both to take to the *CAVES IN WINTER* and to store such fruits as could be preserved. And when they had become acquainted with fire and other useful things, the arts also and whatever else is capable of furthering *man's social life were gradually discovered*" (Diodorus Siculus, vol. 1, bk. 1, chap. 8.1-6).

Here is the pagan Roman attempt to explain how the universe and life came to be without a Creator.

Educators today have adopted the same ignorant, pagan idea.

And what does God say of these pagan philosophers and "thinkers," these "*best authorities*"?

"For the *invisible things* of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the *things that are made*, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

"Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became VAIN IN THEIR IMAGINATIONS [reasonings], and their foolish heart was darkened.

"Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools . . . Who changed the truth of God into a lie" (Rom. 1:20-25).

God brands the pagan philosophers. He also brands *modern-day* "science" and "education" for what it is.

Why have most leaders in education refused to see the facts? "Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God . . . but became VAIN IN THEIR [REASONINGS] . . . *Professing themselves to be wise, they BECAME FOOLS*" (Rom. 1:21-22).

God is soon going to reveal Himself to a deceived, *godless*, miseducated world. He is going to come in power and might to shake educators to their senses.

Never Too Late!

Perhaps our older readers have never had opportunity for the fundamental or technical training needed through life. But that is the least important. The most important part of education is character development — becoming like God — patterning your life after His. That part of education you can obtain in your own home through prayer and diligent study.

But for young people of college age there is an unusual opportunity to obtain the right kind of education. That opportunity is Ambassador College, with its three campuses — two in the United States and one in England. High School graduating seniors who are interested in the true kind of liberal arts education should write for the College Catalog — or the Prospectus for the English campus.

Send your letter to the Registrar, using the Pasadena, California, or

Bricket Wood, St. Albans addresses on the inside front cover of this issue.

Short Questions

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Just after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart" (Mat. 5:28). Plain words—have YOU ever been guilty?

What about stealing? Have you ever stolen from your employer? Filched pennies from someone else? "Put it over" on someone in a business deal? Stolen things off the job? Have you stolen "time" by not giving your boss a full day's work for a full day's pay?

Have you ever STOLEN from God—robbed God—by failing to pay Him what you owe in tithes and offerings? (Mal. 3:10-12.)

Have you ever told a lie—even a "little white lie"? Bearing false witness IS A SIN! A liar has no character. A person who lies CANNOT be trusted or depended on! Satan is the father of liars (John 8:44). Have you ever told a lie to your parents, to a police officer, to your employer, or to a friend—perhaps when you felt "on the spot," and tried to get "off the hook"?

And what about coveting? Have you ever coveted or desired something which did not belong to you—something you could not afford? Children are prime examples of coveting. How often they "covet" a toy or possession of a brother, a sister, or a friend! What about you, today? Do you covet some other job, a new car, a new home, a "Hollywood" glamour star for a mate, or some other ridiculous thing?

IF YOU ARE HONEST with yourself, and face the truth squarely, then you must admit that you have not only broken *one* or *two* of these laws during your life, BUT YOU HAVE PROBABLY BROKEN ALL OF THEM!

If you have broken any of them, you have SINNED! And this *sin* is what you must repent of in order to become a Christian.

What do you think, now? Do you *still* feel fairly "righteous" before God? If so—then pray to God that He will help you to see yourself as *He* sees you—and read this answer again, using it as a looking glass to see yourself!

The Bible Story

by Basil Wolverton

CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED

BUILD A TEMPLE?

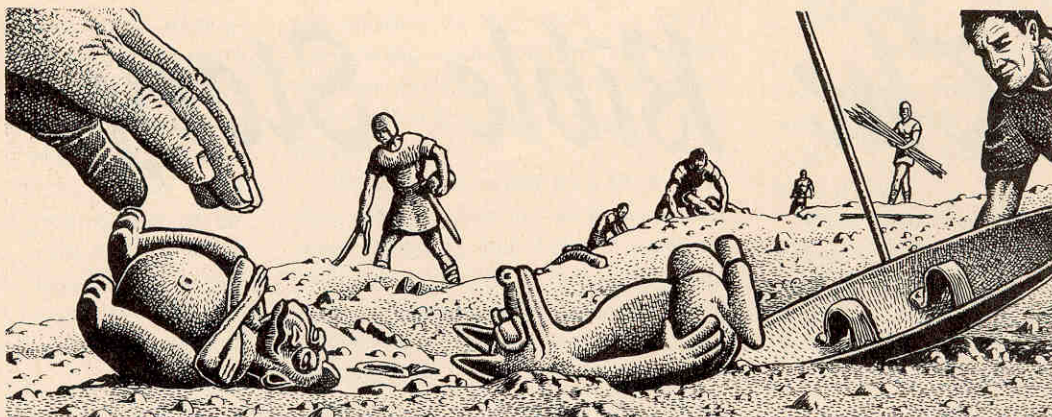
WHEN thousands of Philistines poured into the valley just south of Jerusalem, David was uncertain as to what his battle strategy should be. He had to ask God what to do. When he was told that the Israelites would win if they were to attack the enemy, his usual confidence was restored.

Faith and Wisdom

He didn't rush out immediately toward the Philistines just because he knew God could and would help him. He used the good judgment and strategy that God expected of him. Next, he quickly deployed parts of his army out beyond both rims of the valley so that they couldn't be seen by the enemy. He put the Israelites in positions to surround the Philistines, who were gambling that the Israelite army would probably hole up in the strong fortress at Jerusalem.

The sudden attack of the Israelites down the sloping sides of the valley was too much for the Philistines. They realized that such a thing could happen, and they felt that they were prepared. But when David's troops actually came rushing down at them in a squeeze maneuver, they broke ranks and frantically raced back toward the southwest. So many of them were killed by the Israelites that they were utterly defeated without being able to fight in their usually furious manner.

In their hasty retreat they lost much equipment and arms valuable to the Israelites. Even many of their idols — good luck charms of that day — were left behind. These were mostly small images of animals carried on the persons of the soldiers, who looked to them for protection and welfare. Ridiculous as this seems, many people



After the short battle with the Philistines in the Rephaim Valley, the Israelites picked up many objects that were left behind in the hasty retreat of the enemy, including small Philistine idols.

today still carry certain small items they seriously regard as their "good luck" charms. These can be anything from coins and crosses to four-leaf clovers and rabbits' feet.

Not all the Philistine soldiers' idols were the kind that could be carried in pockets or bags. Some were so large that they had to be borne on frames or pedestals carried by men. Large or small they were all burned in a roaring fire. They were worthless objects, and David knew that God wanted them destroyed. (II Samuel 5:17-21.) Back when the Israelites were in the fortieth year of their wandering in the deserts, God informed Moses that idols should be burned. (Deuteronomy 1:3 and also 7:5, 25.) If they weren't, they could end up as souvenirs for the Israelites, some of whom might develop a superstitious attitude toward them.

David was thankful that God had helped defeat the Philistines. But he knew that one defeat wouldn't keep them away for very long. He returned to Jerusalem with his army to enjoy several months of peace. Then the enemy appeared again in Rephaim valley, this time in even greater numbers. (II Samuel 5:22.) Once more David asked God what to do. God told him that he should wait until the Philistines had pitched camp in the valley, and then take his men, quietly and unseen, to one side of the valley where there was a long, thick stand of mulberry trees. He was to wait behind the trees with his men until a strong breeze would come up to rustle the mulberry leaves. That was to be the signal for the Israelites to attack.

Later, as David and his soldiers patiently waited after dark behind the trees, a breeze came up after a calm of several hours. At first the gentle movement of air only slightly stirred the leaves. As it grew stronger, the leaves began to rustle in such a way that they produced a suspicious sound. This sound grew in volume until it reached the ears of the Philistines, part of whom were camped close to the trees.

To them, as it became louder, it was like many men sneaking through the trees.

Convinced that a tremendous force was coming toward them, the Philistines fell into a state of panic. At the same time, David's men raced through the trees and fell upon their distraught enemies with such force that thousands of the Philistines died in the valley. Thousands more managed to elude the attack by the Israelites, who stubbornly pursued them so tenaciously that they kept picking off the fleeing Philistines as they struggled to reach safety in their native country. The Israelites didn't give up the chase until they had run the remnants of the enemy army all the way to southern Philistia near the border of Egypt close to the Great Sea. (II Samuel 5:23-25.)

David Brings the Ark to Jerusalem

With the Philistines again defeated through God's help, David was for a time free to apply himself to matters other than war. For one thing, he wanted to bring the ark of the covenant to Jerusalem from the hill town of Kirjath-jearim. There it had been left many years before, after the Philistines had fearfully sent it back following their miserable experiences with it. (I Samuel 6.)

Traveling with many Israelite leaders and musicians, and with a magnificent procession of thousands of soldiers to put down any possible trouble from the Philistines, David went to the home of a man named Abinadab in Kirjath-jearim, about eight miles west of Jerusalem. (II Samuel 6:1-3.) The ark had been in that home for several decades, where it was watched over by a priest named Eleazar, one of Abinadab's sons. (I Samuel 7:1-2.)

The ark was loaded on a cart that had been built especially for the purpose of transporting it, although that was not the means by which God meant it to be carried. (Exodus 25:10-16; Exodus 37:1-5.) Uzzah and Ahio, two of Abinadab's sons, drove the ox team that pulled the cart. (II Samuel 6:3.) To give an air of celebration to the bringing of the ark to Jerusalem, David's musicians walked before the cart and played their harps, tambourines, cymbals, drums and bagpipes, (in the King James translation called "psalteries.") David marched behind the cart, and behind him came the thousands who had accompanied him to obtain the ark.

As the colorful procession neared Jerusalem, one of the oxen stumbled in a rut. The cart was jerked so severely that it appeared that the ark might tumble over. Without giving a thought to what the result would be, Uzzah reached out to steady the ark with one hand. That was the last act of his life. (II Samuel 6:4-7.) The ark was to be handled only by the poles that were extended through its rings, and touching it was strictly forbidden. (Numbers 4:15.) God made no exception with Uzzah, even though that man's intentions may not have been consciously wrong. Uzzah should have

known the consequences, for the Levites had copies of God's Word. They were required to know what they were doing and to keep the Scriptures always before them. (Deuteronomy 17:18-20.)

When David saw that Uzzah was dead, he was very grieved. The happy temperament of the whole procession sank. Thinking that God may have been displeased because of the moving of the ark, David decided not to try to take it any farther. He directed that it should be left at the nearby home of an acquaintance named Obed-edom, who lived on the western outskirts of Jerusalem. (II Samuel 6:8-10.)

As the weeks went by, David became more concerned about the ark. He feared he might be responsible for bringing some kind of curse on Obed-edom by leaving the ark with him. Three months after Uzzah's death, upon inquiring about Obed-edom, David was pleasantly relieved to learn that the man had recently come into a state of prosperity and that everything was going well for all his family. Some members of his family who had been ill were enjoying the best of health because they had been suddenly and miraculously healed. David could only conclude that God had blessed the people in Obed-edom's home because of the presence of the ark there. (II Samuel 6:11.) This caused him to decide to go at once to bring it to Jerusalem.

The Right Way to Rejoice

Having planned and prepared more carefully this time, David and the high priest instructed Levites in how to handle the ark. (I Chronicles 15:2.) They carried it on foot as they should, holding the poles on their shoulders. Musicians and singers went ahead of the ark, and there was constant music and happy shouting. As before, a great throng followed. Occasionally the ark bearers would stop with their load and burnt offerings would be made nearby on temporary altars that had been built along the route into Jerusalem.

As the procession entered the city, David felt constrained to express his gay and thankful emotions by dancing. Tossing aside his royal tunic, he broke into a very strenuous series of surprisingly graceful leaps and gyrations to the accompaniment of the musicians. The crowd was pleased. (II Samuel 6:12-15.) Probably God was pleased, too, because the Bible says that we should praise the Creator by song, instrumental music and proper dancing. (Psalm 33:1-3.)

But there was one, watching from a window, who was anything but gratified. It was Michal, Saul's daughter, one of David's wives. (II Samuel 6:16.) She hated her husband for what he was doing. She thought it was shameful for David to dance a "Highland fling" as the common people might do.

"What a conceited show-off!" she thought. "He's making a disgraceful fool of

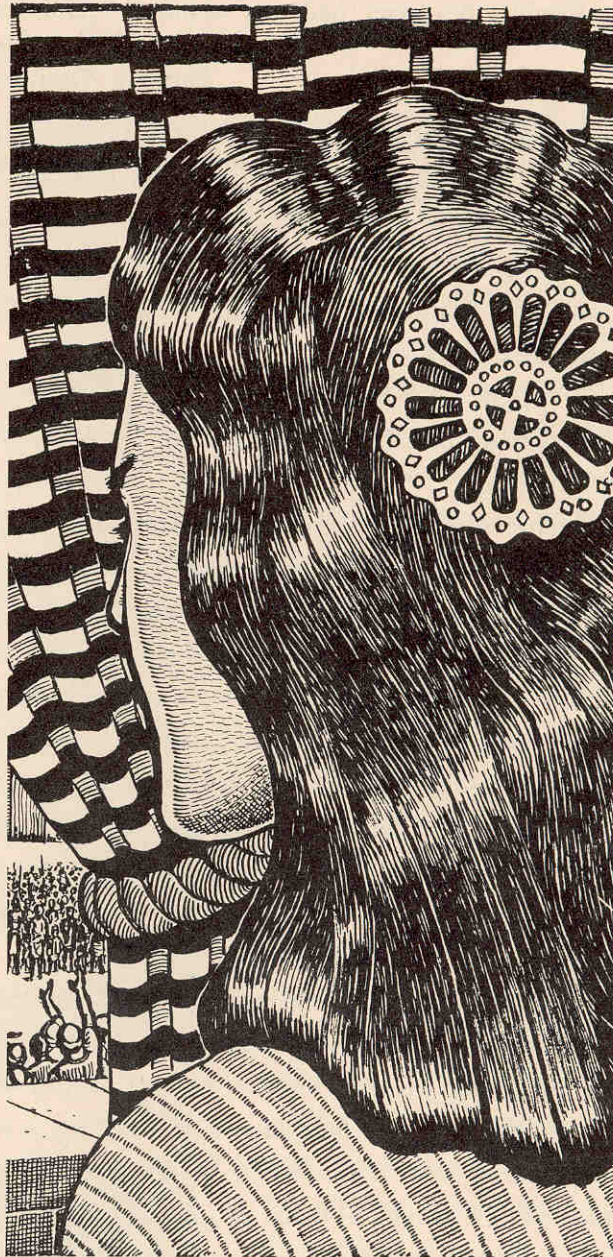
himself just to impress all those silly young women in the crowd. He won't feel so much like an athletic hero when I tell him what I think of him when he comes home!"

The ark was brought into the special tent that David had prepared for it. More burnt offerings and peace offerings were made. A great amount of food was distributed to the crowd, including bread, meat and wine. After all had eaten, David pronounced a blessing on them and they returned to their homes. (II Samuel 6:17-19.)

David was pleased because of the day's events, but he wasn't very happy when he returned to his home to be confronted by Michal's glaring eyes.

"How glorious was the king of Israel today," Michal smirked. "Did you really imagine that the young women were moved by your odd motions? I saw you prancing around out there. You acted as though bees were trapped inside your clothes!"

"I danced only because I was happy that the ark was being brought into Jerusalem," David sternly told Michal. "I did nothing shameful. I could have done much worse and still not be as vile as you seem to think I have been. I'm sure that those who watched me have more respect for my conduct than God has for yours in accusing me of trying to show off before young women!"



Michal, David's first wife, became jealously angry when she looked out of her home and saw David dancing in such a lively manner in front of the street crowd.

Angered because of her husband's rebuke, Michal flounced away. From that day on David had little or no affection for her. As a result of speaking so unjustly to David, she never had any children. (II Samuel 6:20-23.)

Build a Temple?

After David had moved into the building that had been a gift from Hiram, king of Tyre, David began to consider how much better his personal surroundings were than those of the ark, which was housed only in a tent.

"The ark should rest in a more elegant place than that in which I live," David told Nathan the prophet. "What do you think of my planning a fine temple to house the ark?"

"Surely God would be pleased by such a respectful act," Nathan replied. "I should think that He would bless you and all Israel for carrying out such a wonderful idea."

That night, however, God contacted Nathan in a vision to tell him that David's plan wasn't according to what God approved.

"Tell David that I haven't required anything more than a tent or a tabernacle for my presence since the Israelites came out of Egypt," God informed Nathan. "I have never suggested that I want or need any other kind of dwelling for the ark. Years from now, when David is dead, I shall have his son erect a building to be dedicated to me. But there is something more important. Unlike Saul's family, which I put aside because of disobedience, one of David's descendants will rule forever over the kingdom I shall establish. Thus, instead of David building a house for me, I shall build a house for him—the ancestral line that will be known as the house of David." (II Samuel 7:1-13.)

Next morning Nathan told David of his vision and all that God had said to him. David wasn't disappointed to learn that God didn't want him to build a special house for the ark. Instead, he was happily excited to learn that he would have a son whom God would direct in building a temple that would be dedicated to the Creator, and which would be an appropriate resting place for the ark. David immediately sought a place of privacy to sit in meditation before God and give thanks for God's wonderful promises and blessings to himself and to Israel (II Samuel 7:14-29.)

Because of David's obedience and because the people were looking more and more to God for the right ways to live, a period of release from surrounding enemies began to dawn for all Israel. Since Israel didn't completely trust God for divine protection, however, this security came about only after furious battles

through which David led his troops with God's miraculous help. Even though Israel didn't completely trust God, He kept His promise and delivered them from their enemies.

Little Faith — Little Peace

One of David's first military accomplishments at that time was to attack the Philistines on the west border of Canaan and force them so far back into their territory that the Israelites seized some of their main cities and occupied them for several years. This reversed conditions for the Israelites who lived near Philistia. They had long been subject to the demanding whims of the Philistines. (II Samuel 8:1.)



God spoke to Nathan through an angel in a vision, giving him information the prophet was to pass on to David.

After establishing garrisons to keep the Philistines subdued, David took his army to the east border of his nation, where he waged a powerful attack against the Moabites. David's friend, the old king, had died. Under a hostile new king, the Moabites were constantly trying to push over across the Jordan, but this time they hastily withdrew deep into Moab in an unsuccessful attempt to escape. The Moabites were fierce desert fighters, but they were no match for the inspired Israelites. After disposing of them in vast numbers, the Israelites took over most of their cities. Those who were spared were forced to pay a regular tribute to Israel to make up for what they had taken in former raids into Canaan. (II Samuel 8:2.)

There was still another area where Israel was troubled by enemies. It was in the territories of Manasseh, Gad, and Reuben, whose northern and northeastern limits were meant to extend to the Euphrates River. After Joshua's time, this had become a part of the land of the Syrians. (Syrians are called Aramaeans in the original Hebrew Bible.) The chief Syrian kingdom was Zobah. The king of Zobah long since moved his army southwest across the Euphrates River with the intention of edging on down through the territory of Manasseh.

Intent on recovering the region occupied by the enemy, David marched his army northward to the general vicinity of Mt. Hermon. Scouts who had gone in advance returned to tell their king that thousands of Aramaean soldiers of Zobah were encamped on a high plain farther on to the north.

"Besides a great army, they have thousands of horses and chariots," the scouts reported. "Most of the ground is fairly level, and they can make terrible use of those bladed vehicles!"

David was far from happy because of this report. But he wasn't discouraged. He was aware that it was God's intention that the Zobahites should be driven out of Canaan, and he was confident that the army of Israel could be the means by which the task would be accomplished. After moving within sight of the enemy forces, David could see that they were extended over such a wide area that it would be unwise to try to surround them. A close study of the terrain gave him an idea how he might deal with the Aramaean chariots, a matter of deep concern to him. After conferring with Joab, who was now next in command under him, and with his lesser officers, David moved his men to a part of the plateau heavily strewn with small boulders. By this time the Syrians (Aramaean) had seen the Israelites, and there was feverish activity in their camp.

The Bible doesn't give any details of the battle that quickly ensued. But it is possible that at Joab's command part of the Israelites marched on across the rocky region and out to a smoother part of the ground. A wide cloud of dust swelled up off the plain in front of the Aramaean camp. It was a welcome sign to David, because it meant that the chariots had been sent out to attack them. Soon the thunder of thousands of pounding hoofs could be heard across the plateau. At another command from Joab the marching Israelites came to a halt. Then, as the chariots came nearer, the troops obeyed another order to swiftly retreat. The men of Zobah, now very close, hoped to race into the ranks of the fleeing Israelites and mow them down with the big, sharp blades that extended from the sides of the chariots.

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WHAT DO YOU MEAN . . .

"Rewarded According to Works"?

Few — even professing "Christians" — understand some of this Biblical terminology. Few understand the difference between being "saved by GRACE," and "rewarded according to WORKS." Here is a surprising sequel to the article, "What Do You Mean . . . Salvation?" in the December (1966) issue — an eye-opening article.

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

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

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

There's a Vast Difference!

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

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

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

almost instantly. Stop eating and drinking, and you'll die in 45 or 50 days.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yes, but HOW?

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

So — IF you repent of sinning — that is, turn around to go the OTHER WAY — forsake YOUR way — the way contrary to God's Law, and turn to GOD'S WAY — the way of His Law — if you have thus REPENTED of sinning, and have accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour — accepted His DEATH as PAYMENT IN FULL for YOUR sins — accepted Him as personal Saviour not only from the PENALTY of

past sins, but as *living* Saviour to save you from SINNING (now and in the future) then you are NOW forgiven past guilt—you are now JUSTIFIED of your guilty past.

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

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

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

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

HOW Eternal Life Comes

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

How, then, do we receive it from Him?

Notice a couple of pivotal Scriptures: "For as the Father hath life in Himself; so hath He given to the Son to have life in Himself" (John 5:26). God has imparted INHERENT eternal life to the living Jesus Christ. Now, further: "And this is the record, that GOD hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He that hath the Son hath life [eternal]; and he

that hath not the Son of God hath not life" (I John 5:11, 12).

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

But, specifically, HOW? Let the apostle Peter explain: "REPENT, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall RECEIVE the GIFT of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38). On real REPENTANCE of sinning — a turning around to go the other way — to QUIT sinning — and on faith in Jesus expressed by water baptism (Acts 8:35-37) God has promised WE SHALL RECEIVE HIS HOLY SPIRIT AS A GIFT. Not by our "works" — but by GRACE!

But how does THIS give us eternal life — salvation?

"If the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall ALSO [by a resurrection] quicken your mortal bodies *by His Spirit that dwelleth in you*" (Rom. 8:11).

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

GOD'S WORD SAYS NO! It is the presence of eternal life *conditionally — provisionally*. The Scripture above quoted spoke of God's Spirit DWELLING in you. If this Spirit is dwelling in you until death (the first), or AT THE TIME of the RESURRECTION—at Christ's coming — THEN you shall be either resurrected IMMORTAL, or, if still alive CHANGED from mortal to immortal instantaneously (I Cor. 15:50 and I Thes. 4:13-17).

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

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

May We Go on Sinning?

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

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

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

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

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

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

It is the FALSE PROPHETS of our day who try to deceive you into believing "GRACE" means permission to BREAK GOD'S LAW! We are being saved FROM SINNING (now and in the future) as well as from PAST sins.

Christ came to save us FROM sinning — not to save us IN sin.

WHY the Holy Spirit?

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

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

And WHY? In order to KEEP GOD'S LAW — *that's why!* How is God's Law fulfilled? "LOVE is the fulfilling of the Law" (Rom. 13:8). But carnal human love cannot fulfill it. WHY? Because the Law of God is a SPIRITUAL Law (Rom. 7:14). It can be fulfilled only by a SPIRITUAL love, which is THE GIFT of God. It is "the love of GOD shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit" (Rom. 5:5). And, again, God gives His Holy Spirit only to "them that OBEY Him" (Acts 5:32).

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

MUST There Be "WORKS"?

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

Yet EVERYONE does produce "works" — either good or bad. Your evil "works" — disobedience of the Commandments — will EARN you the penalty of DEATH. But what about GOOD

works? Do *they* earn you anything?

INDEED THEY DO!

Are good "WORKS" required?

INDEED THEY ARE!

But WHAT, then, do they EARN?

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

Well, then! What do they earn?

Ah — that is the point of this article!

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

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

This is what ALMOST NO ONE seems to have understood!

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

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

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

Notice, in these Scriptures, the "saved" are to REIGN with Christ in the coming WORLD GOVERNMENT, the Kingdom of God. And notice the requirement of OVERCOMING, and keeping Christ's WORKS and also of EN-

DURING TO THE END! NOTICE! Jesus said "he that... *keepeth my works unto the end.*"

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

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

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

Degree of Reward

Notice, now, Jesus' parable of the "pounds."

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

"... *because they thought the Kingdom of God should immediately appear* He said therefore, 'A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for Himself a Kingdom, and to return'" (Luke 19:11-12). That is, Jesus Himself was going to heaven to receive for

Himself the Kingdom of God, and to return to earth. Now continue:

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

But continue Jesus' parable:

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

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

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

NOTICE CAREFULLY! They got *into* God's Kingdom by GRACE (as numerous other Scriptures make plain). But they are *rewarded*—that is, given au-

thority, or rule, or position, according to their "WORKS"—according to how well they did with what they had to do with WHILE CHRIST WAS IN HEAVEN—that is, during their Christian lives.

Continue now:

Beginning verse 20—read it in your Bible—the one who GAINED NOTHING in this present mortal life—the one who had no good "works"—not only was not given ANY position—but even had TAKEN AWAY FROM HIM even the spiritual gift he had been given! In this parable, the English pound, the main English unit of money—worth approximately \$2.80 United States money—is used as a symbol of spiritual value.

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

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

Life Is a Race

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The parable of the sower and the seed illustrates this. There were four classes. The first heard the Gospel Message, but it never conceived—they never were converted. They may STILL have a chance—later. A second class was converted, with great joy, but simply had no spiritual depth of character, and endured only for a while,

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

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

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

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

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

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

THAT is the teaching of GOD!

We Must Produce "Fruit"

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

The Bible explains this *this* way: Jesus says He is the Vine—we are the branches. (John 15:1, 5.) Here we are likened to a grapevine and its

branches. The BRANCHES did not get themselves joined on to the main Vine by their own efforts. We did not become joined to Christ—receiving His Holy Spirit by our "works," but it was His doing—His GIFT—it came by GRACE.

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

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

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

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

What KIND of Works?

One further passage of Scripture should COMPLETE the picture.

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

Some of these Gentile converts at Corinth wanted to be followers of Paul, others of Peter, others of Apollos. Paul

was pointing them to CHRIST, and showing what human "nothingness" was he and Apollos.

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

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

"For *we* are fellow workmen for God, YOU are God's field, God's building" (verse 9). Apply that to this very Work of GOD *today*. Today God is using me, Garner Ted Armstrong, our active staff of several hundred, and our growing family of Co-Workers—all FELLOW-WORKMEN for God. Our WORK in carrying out Christ's Great commission—proclaiming His Gospel around the world by radio and printing press—our ministers counseling with and baptizing those being converted—the PRAYERS and financial support of other FELLOW-WORKMEN—will EARN a better position—a higher glory—IF we make it into God's Kingdom. But we shall be SAVED only by GRACE, undeserved—as God's GIFT. Yet our WORK, as instruments in GOD'S HANDS, which HE uses in HIS WORK, is the most important Work or activity on earth today! And it contributes greatly to our individual and personal SPIRITUAL GROWTH!

But continue:

Paul says further, "According to the commission of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon

it" (verse 10). He now pictures THE CHURCH as a BUILDING being built. Continue: "Let each man take care how he builds upon it." Now referring to each individual member as well as the Body of Christ—the Church, as a whole.

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

Continue: "Now if anyone builds upon the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble—each man's WORK will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the WORK which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward" (verses 12-14).

Christ Does the Works "in Us"

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

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

Must Build Character

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

But now Paul speaks of TESTING the

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

To understand this, we need to turn to the 3rd chapter of Malachi. It speaks of Christ as the Messenger of the (new) Covenant, suddenly coming to His Temple. This, like so many prophecies, is dual in application. It refers only typically to Christ's first coming—primarily to His Second Coming!

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

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

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

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

This is speaking of begotten chil-

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

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

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

WHY the Christian Life?

WHY do most of those who claim to be the very CLERGY of Jesus Christ say there are "NO WORKS WHATEVER" in the Christian life?

Because of their false pagan and un-

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

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

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

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

Your Part in GOD'S WORK

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

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

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

How WONDERFUL is *God's Way!* SALVATION comes—if we are willing—as God's FREE GIFT—by GRACE!

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

END VIETNAM WAR NOW!

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ington, but ALSO OUR PEOPLE AS A WHOLE, could recognize REALITY—could understand that God is REAL—and would *humble themselves* before Him, BELIEVE Him—RELY ON Him!

But, if our people WILL NOT, then *it is decreed*, we shall, in fewer years than you will believe, see OUR CITIES DESTROYED, along with a full third of our populations by a foreign invasion!

The God who is REAL says of OUR PEOPLES: "Prophesy against the prophets of Israel... O Israel, thy prophets are like the foxes in the deserts. Ye have not gone up into the gaps, neither made up the hedge for the House of Israel TO STAND in the BATTLE IN THE DAY OF THE ETERNAL" (Ezek. 13:1-5).

That is NOT a message to ancient Israel—but to OUR NATIONS of TODAY. The "DAY OF THE ETERNAL"—a time foretold in more than thirty prophecies—is going to strike between 5 and 10 years from now! You will *know*, then, how REAL it is. You will wish, then, you had heeded. I am not writing foolishly, but very soberly, ON AUTHORITY of the *living CHRIST!*

Continue this WARNING to OUR nations TODAY: "They have seen vanity and lying divination, saying, 'The ETERNAL saith': and the ETERNAL *bath not sent them*: ... Because, even because they have seduced my people, saying, Peace; *and there is no peace!*'" (Verses 6, 10.)

Perhaps you need to read the free booklet, *The United States and the British Commonwealth in Prophecy*, and then read this whole chapter seriously! It is a last WARNING from the ETERNAL GOD!

God says to US, TODAY: "Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and *make you a new heart and a new spirit*; for WHY WILL YE DIE, O House of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord ETERNAL; wherefore, TURN YOURSELVES, and LIVE YE!" (Ezek. 18:31-32.)

Recent headlines highlight drive toward church unity in a divided world.

On December 3, 1966, the Council took another giant step toward unity in the United States. The *New York Times* reported it:

MIAMI BEACH, Dec. 3 — "The Roman Catholic Church was made eligible Saturday for a policymaking role in the National Council of Churches. The action was taken by the general board of the council, which represents most major Protestant and Orthodox denominations in the country.

"The board officially recognized the Roman Catholic Church as 'being in agreement with the preamble of the constitution of the National Council of Churches.' . . . Most observers feel that the Catholic Church is technically qualified for membership in the national body."

After the decision was reached, National Council president Reuben H. Miller said: "Christian partnership now cuts across Roman Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox lines. *It's going on much more than most people realize!*"

The public is just seeing the tip of the ecumenical iceberg!

Vatican Policy

The Vatican is actively cultivating the new spirit of "oneness" in the Christian-professing world. It was, after all, the recent Ecumenical Council in Rome which gave prime impetus to the unity movement.

In order to give Catholicism more "eye-appeal" to Protestants, Pope Paul VI initiated various *nominal* reforms within the Roman Church. He established a new senate of bishops which is to "advise and inform" him on church problems.

Early in January the Pope appointed, for the first time, five lay *women* aides to the Curia. The Curia is the Church's ruling body. Also early this year, the Pope streamlined the Doctrine of Indulgences. This was done almost solely to remove certain practices considered highly offensive to the Protestant world.

"Do Not Be Afraid of Me"

And then on January 18, Pope Paul made a startling appeal to non-Catholic Christians. It was reported by the As-

sociated Press, but not widely publicized.

"We know," said Pope Paul, "that our apostolic ministry, put at the center of the church, is for almost all of these [separated] brothers one of the principal obstacles to their recomposition in the unity of the church, so desired by Christ. We know that outside the Roman Catholic Church we are frequently accused in many ways. . . .

"But we only dare to send to all separated brothers of good will a good wish with a humble and sincere word: *Do not be afraid of him who knows how to conduct himself as an authentic representative of Christ.*"

Significantly enough, only one week earlier, Pope Paul defended and reaffirmed the policy of papal infallibility.

Policy Working

Leading Protestant theologians are now seriously questioning the need of any further existence of Protestantism.

Lutheran Bishop of Berlin Otto Dibelius said recently: "If the Catholic Church of 450 years ago had looked as it does today, there never would have been a Reformation."

Dr. Carl E. Braaten of Chicago's Lutheran Theological Seminary concludes it is becoming increasingly difficult to justify "a need for Protestantism as an independent movement."

Dr. Robert McAfee Brown of Stanford University, a Presbyterian, says that "the Roman Catholic Reformation" is now a fact and "Protestants cannot indefinitely justify a situation of continued separation."

Most Protestant ministers do not know that their theologians are committing themselves to such forthright statements!

One fact stands sure. *Millions of Protestants are soon to be swept into the Catholic fold before they realize what is happening!*

Orthodox Rift to Be Healed?

Vatican policy also calls for the reconciliation of the Orthodox schism that culminated in 1054. Progress toward healing this rift is well on the way toward completion.

Early in 1966 Patriarch Athenago-

ras I, "first among equals" among Orthodox leaders, visited Pope Paul in Rome. He intends to return to the Vatican soon to help heal the breach between East and West *personally*. He said this past November: "I must go to Rome, at the proper time, to get the final agreement. I don't expect that it will come the next day after my arrival. *But it will come. Be assured of that.*"

Athenagoras minimizes the many deep-seated differences between Roman Catholic and Orthodox traditions. These, he insists, are now mere "interpretations" that can be glossed over.

Common Bible the "Key" to Unity

Now notice this last report:

VATICAN CITY, Jan. 6, 1967, (UPI) — "Theoretical agreement on a common Bible for Catholics and Protestants was announced today and hailed by a leading cardinal, Augustin Cardinal Bea, as '*one of the most important developments in contemporary Christian history.*'"

"The agreement was between the Vatican's secretariat for promoting Christian unity and a committee of the United Bible Societies, the organization that publishes Bibles throughout the world. . . .

"Dr. Laton E. Holmgren, general secretary of the American Bible Society, said: '*what we do here may hasten the day when we can triumphantly proclaim to a skeptical world that there is, indeed, one faith, one gospel, one Lord of all.*'"

Of God — or Men?

In this rush to unity, you need to stop and ask several questions.

Is this wide-ranging ecumenical movement really *of God*?

Has the Church which Jesus founded ever been divided? Does Christ's Church need to be reunited?

Will Church unity mean oneness *with Christ*? Or is this movement instead an illusive unity among men *without Christ*?

Vital questions these! Our free article "Why So Many Denominations?" contains the answers. Write for it today.

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