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EUCCHARISTIC WORLD CONGRESS MEETS:



THE 37TH EUCCHARISTIC WORLD CONGRESS meeting at Munich, Germany. Cardinal Testa is delivering a personal message from the Pope, who could not attend the Congress because of traditional precedent. Communists charged meeting had political overtones. West Germans eyed the meeting as a hopeful spark for future German unity. Read the surprising accompanying article in this issue.

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Executive of a Major Oil Company Impressed

"I was deeply impressed with the comments on the broadcast relative to American Labor's unrealistic goals and their encouragement of exploitation of low-priced foreign products. Your comments were so basically logical that no thinking citizen could ignore the danger they expose. I would be very much pleased to have a copy of your script, or a summary of your remarks, if such is available."

Supervisor of Sales Promotion,
Los Angeles

Outlook on Life Changed

"I was so thrilled over the article on the seventh commandment. Of all your articles ever printed, this one 'takes

the cake.' I read it over five or six times. I even sent my copy to friends who I knew were interested. Since reading that article my whole outlook on life has changed. So I send my deepest and most sincere thanks for the article. It did so much for me. I hope that you will carry more articles and booklets on things concerning the problem and various things relating to love and marriage."

Woman from Columbia, Ohio

Editor's comment: Many of you need to read the booklet "Divorce and Remarriage" as a follow-up to the article on the seventh commandment.

Desire to Smoke Gone!

"I was in the habit of smoking for 21 years and after I read 'Should Christians Smoke?' it left a deep impression on my mind and from March the 6th the 'feeling of pipe' are gone."

Woman, Andros Island, Bahamas

India Calling Out for Help

"We, the people of this part of the world, will be very happy if you can make arrangements to have The WORLD TOMORROW sent to us. The number of religious broadcasts that come to our part of the world only mislead and confuse us. We, like the people of Macedonia, can only call out for help—we want the broadcasts, we want baptism, and we want to give you our tithes."

Family from Bombay, India

Editor's comment: The only reason Red China has not yet engulfed India is that the Gospel of the Kingdom must yet reach the people of India in power!

Apologizes for Writing an Insulting Letter

"After listening to your program for the first time, I thought I noted a similarity to present Communist propaganda efforts. After listening last night and tonight I am positive that nothing could be further from the truth. I realize now that I had better learn how to differentiate between Communists and good American men of God who are fighting for the same things I am fighting for before I start tossing charges around. There is no excuse for my action in writing to you in such an insulting

manner. I will always remember this mistake, and must say that it is I, not yourself, who had better get down on his knees and do some praying . . . very serious praying."

Man from Millbrae, California

Trade War!

"Right here in this city of Ashland, Ohio, plants are closing down—men are out of work, because Japan-made products can be bought so much cheaper. Every blouse, skirt, etc., I have gotten this year is labeled 'made in Japan,' and many, many more things. My husband has been off from work now for 14 weeks. Just the other day he went in to see what they were doing at the plant. Officials were taking some Japanese from Japan through the plant."

Editor's comment: This letter is typical of many we receive telling how foreign made products are slowly undermining the American economy as has been reported in the pages of The PLAIN TRUTH.

Second Lesson More Breathtaking!

"I have just finished the first Correspondence lesson and begun the second one, only to find the second one more breathtaking than the first. Oh, Mr. Armstrong, what an experience I have had!"

A new student

Has 97 Pages of Notes

"I really was glad to get hold of lesson #3. It is such a good lesson that I have 97 pages of notes to it. I could have got more in them but I wish to stay within the lesson and not get too far from it."

Man from Columbus, Ohio

Editor's comment: If you haven't enrolled for the Correspondence Course send your request today!

Can't Pay for Literature!

"You sent back the first five dollars I sent. This was the first time in my life that has happened! What a refreshing experience in this day and age!"

Woman, Springfield, Missouri

Editor's comment: No other work is financed like this work. Be sure to read the notice in this issue of The PLAIN TRUTH on "HOW your PLAIN TRUTH (Please continue on page 32)"

FIRST BLOW, World War III

Unexpectedly, where least expected—rendering the enemy helpless—that is modern war strategy. That diabolical first blow in the final war for survival has struck!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

IT IS Wednesday night, the 17th of August, 1960. My wife and I have just arrived, by automobile, in Düsseldorf, Germany. What we have seen today makes me shudder—for I know what it means!

A frightening thing is happening. It is insidious. It is deceptive, lulling us to sleep. We need to wake up and realize what it is! It is a question of SURVIVAL for *you* and for your country.

The Paradox

We left Ambassador College in England, just five miles from the north-west outskirts of London, at 6:07 A.M. En route to Southend-on-Sea, we drove for several miles along North Circular Road inside London. Here and there still were to be seen the occasional rubble and debris of World War II bombing. Only a couple of days ago we had driven through many areas of giant new London buildings—some of them skyscrapers—erected on bombed ground, with some few vacant patches of destruction still giving their silent but stark testimony that German bombs had dropped there.

At Southend-on-Sea our car was driven into the nose of a 2-motored plane automobile ferry, and a stewardess led us into the passenger compartment. An hour and three minutes later by my wrist stop-watch we rolled down the landing strip of Rotterdam airport in Holland. We had crossed the English channel at one of its widest points.

Rotterdam, a city of 700,000 population, was almost entirely destroyed by World War II bombing. Today we saw, as we had seen six years ago, a completely new, modern, major city of new commercial buildings and mile after mile of 4, 5, and 6-story modern apartment buildings; only, today we saw still newer skyscrapers and elaborate fountains and ornamental works that had not yet been erected in 1954.

A little later in the morning almost

the same experience was repeated at The Hague, a city of 650,000 population and capital of The Netherlands.

We drove on to Haarlem, and then the few miles to Amsterdam, Holland's largest metropolis. There we enjoyed a leisurely lunch. Think of it! This could hardly happen in America, but we had driven through five major cities in one morning!

After lunch and driving around Amsterdam with its many canals, we motored on to Düsseldorf, arriving here about 6:30.

The moment we entered Germany we began to see activity—massive production. Almost at the border giant factory smoke-stacks belched forth billows of black smoke. The highways suddenly became clogged with heavy trucks, as well as cars. The very atmosphere seemed to buzz with activity. And this air of activity intensified as we reached the Ruhr at Duisburg.

Entering Düsseldorf, we saw a tall skyscraper that must be at least 40 stories which has been erected since we were last here in 1954. Most of the areas destroyed by allied bombing had been rebuilt before our prior visit, but much additional new building has been added.

Mrs. Armstrong exclaimed: "How utterly ridiculous it is! In one day we see the evidence of German bombing, destroying London; and then also the result of British and American bombing destroying German cities. What a pity nations can't help each other *build*, and both prosper, instead of blasting each other to rubble, and destroying what *both* have produced!"

Yes, when you see in a single day the magnitude of destruction wreaked on both sides—the vast waste of human effort and production—you begin to realize how silly it really is—how tragic—that men with minds of divine potential will spurn the Law of the all-wise Creator which says "Thou shalt

LOVE thy neighbor as thyself"—or the teaching of Jesus "Love your enemies . . . if thine enemy hunger, feed him."

Why should the way of PEACE seem foolish to men? Why should the crime of vanity and greed, producing competition, strife, war, and mass destruction, appear attractive and desirable? Surely the wisdom of the wise is foolish! Misguided humanity sorely *needs* the all-powerful ruling Christ to come and enforce His government of PEACE and GOOD WILL on all nations. Thank God, that *is* the ultimate outcome—and SOON! But not until man comes to the end of his rope in following his own ways! And that END has already started!

The Alarming Contrast

Now it is Saturday evening, August 20th. We are now in Frankfurt-am-Main.

We have seen startling contrasts between Germany and Britain. They are alarming in what they portend for Britain and America.

I wish the people of the United States and Britain could *experience for themselves* this sharp contrast and realize its true significance.

Thursday morning I was awakened shortly after six by the sounds of loud pounding, clanging, screeching, buzzing. Scores of German workers already were on the job completely rebuilding a large steel and concrete 6 or 8-story structure directly across the street from our bedroom window. I was reminded of being awakened at 5:30 in the morning six years before in a Frankfurt hotel by the loud yodelling of German workers walking rapidly to work down the Kaiserstrasse.

Everywhere in Germany there is the buzz of activity. These people must believe in the philosophy of getting their happiness out of their work.

But, in sharp contrast, many exasperating experiences in England this

summer, as well as experiences at home in the United States, have evidenced that Americans and British have been drugged by the advertising slogans: "Save Steps"—"Labor-Saving Devices"—"Don't walk—Ride"—"More hours for Leisure" etc. etc. etc. In order to sell new appliances American and British commercial interests are convincing their publics that work is a disgrace and that idleness is the desired utopia. Perhaps the false religious teaching about spending eternity in idleness and ease in heaven has contributed to this dangerous trend, fast sealing our doom.

What I Have Seen

Let me give you a few case histories out of my own very recent experience.

At home in Pasadena late last spring we had occasion to employ a couple of paper hangers on a certain project on our college campus. Normally all such jobs are done by our own staff crews, but our one paper hanger had been transferred to our new college in England, and we had to go outside for this job. We paid a high rate per hour for this labor. Here is what I saw.

The men came to work a little after 9 A.M. Stepping leisurely out of their truck, they first carried into the building—not working equipment, but a radio set. It required some moments to get this plugged in, and tuned to a station specializing in so-called "music" programming. Their background music provided, they next sauntered back to the truck and brought in, *not* working equipment, but a coffee-pot and portable electric heating plate. Finally they strolled back out to the truck and brought in their working equipment.

With soothing background music, they slowly started to work. Then one of them thought of something, and started talking about it to his partner. They both stopped work for several moments, discussing this interesting morsel of gossip. Leisurely they went back to work—for a few moments, when coffee-break time arrived. That wall-paper job proved to be *high cost production* for us. I hasten to add that our own staff workers in our many departments really do work, conscientiously.

For the past several weeks I have been very busy in England, trying to

drive to completion the thousand-and-one things necessary to prepare the new college for its opening.

When Dr. Benjamin Rea and I were in England last March making preliminary preparations, I concluded the purchase of an adjoining building to become our Music Hall and assembly room. Carpenters were then just getting started converting this Hall into a private home for the owner. I was able to effect the purchase in time to prevent this alteration, but we decided to proceed with building in a second floor to be converted into music studios. So we kept the carpenters on the job. Our architect quickly provided new plans for our purpose.

When I returned to England in June I was dismayed to find little progress since March. Through the summer, progress on this project has reminded me of the growth of one's own children. It is so slow from day to day and week to week the parents can't notice it. Most of the time, it has seemed to me, when I have walked over to the Music Hall I have found the carpenters sitting around drinking tea.

"Have you finished the job and stopped work?" I once asked.

"No—just tea-break" was the casual answer.

This has proved to be *high-cost production*.

It cannot compete, in the world TRADE WAR, with German and Japanese *low-cost production*!

Our Non-arriving "Two Weeks"

Our new college in England has its own water supply from several deep wells, and its own electric generating plant. However it has proved advisable for us to convert over to the "main" for both water and electricity. Three months ago the electric power people told our men the new system would be installed and connected in two weeks.

A month later there was no sign of the new system.

"Oh yes," said the electric power people, "that will be installed in two weeks."

Three weeks later there still was no sign of activity.

"It will be put in in about two weeks," was the encouraging report.

A week later, "I've got good news for you," came the comforting assurance. "It will be installed in two weeks."

"Well," I said hopefully, "we're holding our own."

Two weeks ago giant rolls of cables had been delivered, and certain switch and control panels had been installed. A ditch had been dug over a considerable distance in which to lay the new power cables. Then on last Monday an official of the company came out and I had my first personal contact. I explained the emergency, and the urgency for getting in the new power.

"I'll have men here on Thursday," he said, "to connect up the cables. Then I'll send men next week to turn on the power."

I am still "HOPING" we shall have the new power on "next week." We have a new restaurant-model electric stove, refrigerator, and other equipment which has been delivered, but cannot be used until the new power is turned on.

(Later note: On Thursday the cables *were* connected up, and on Friday of the following week the power finally was turned on. But to our dismay, neither the big new refrigerator or stove was connected. We were informed it would now take three weeks for certain parts to be obtained to make this possible. Based on the former "two weeks" I now calculate we shall finally have the use of this equipment in five more months!)

Taking a "Work Break"

Four weeks ago three men came to sand and refinish the ground floors of both Memorial Hall and the Music Hall. I was told the job would be finished in four days.

The day the men came they found they could not use their sanding machines because our own electric current was the wrong voltage. The second day they returned with a transformer. It was *not* powerful enough. A few days later they returned with a much bigger one. At the end of two weeks they finally began to sand the floors. After one or two days of this, about six oak boards around the walls of one room had been sanded.

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IS PATRIOTISM DEAD?

Never before in history has our sense of national pride been at a lower ebb! WHY? What has happened to cause THE PRIDE OF OUR POWER TO BE BROKEN? Read in this striking article about the TRUE patriotism we should all have!

by Garner Ted Armstrong

WITH the strains of the stirring national anthem vainly fighting the bedlam on the floor, some of America's foremost leaders jostled each other, shouted greetings, or discussed tactics as the opening session of a great political convention got under way.

Thousands of lights winked through the rising clouds of smoke in the huge Sports Arena in Los Angeles recently, as the giant building reverberated with the throes of the opening session of the Democratic National Convention.

As a gaily uniformed band rose, struck up the tune of "The Star-Spangled Banner," there was a barely noticeable lessening of the continuous din of hundreds of human voices.

These men, who were *too busy* to pay any attention to the very symbol of everything that is "American," our national anthem, were committed to select from their ranks a man they hoped would hold the highest office in the political world. They had assembled to choose a candidate for the Presidency of the United States. Said *The Rock Hill HERALD*, Rock Hill, South Carolina, ". . . we find that patriotism in the United States is at an even lower ebb than we had thought. At the opening of the national . . . convention Monday, the national anthem was played. Most of the delegates stood. Many others didn't bother to stop talking or running up and down the aisles. It's bad enough when fight fans are either too lazy or unpatriotic to honor the National Anthem [at the Patterson-Johanneson heavyweight championship bout, fans ignored the playing of the National Anthem]. But when delegates to a national convention, assembled to select a candidate for the highest office in the land, can't stop long enough to respect the national anthem, it is a frightening example of how far the nation's spirit of patriotism has slipped."

Think of it!

Perhaps this seems like a minor occurrence—and yet, when you realize its great *significance*—the great CAUSE for which these men were assembled, then it is truly shocking.

David Lawrence editorialized: "Time was when the citizen felt a tingle of emotion go up and down his spine as he sang the "Star-Spangled Banner" or saluted the flag.

"Time was when the nation found itself in peril, and nothing else mattered. No sacrifice—even of life itself—was too great to make for the honor of our country.

"But things seem to be different now . . ." (*Pasadena Star News*, June 7, 1960).

Yes—*things seem to be DIFFERENT now!*

But WHY has our patriotism slipped? Yes—WHY is a real, fervent sense of national PRIDE, a feeling of *thankfulness* for the freedoms, the liberties, the wonderful opportunities of a free people—WHY is this emotion so *little* in evidence?

Because OUR PEOPLES ARE UNDER A CURSE!

LOSS OF PATRIOTISM Was Prophesied!

Why are we losing our sense of national pride? Because God knew *why* we would, HE SAID WE WOULD, long ago!

Little do most realize that there is a *God in heaven* Who is about to take a hand in world affairs, to intervene in the course of nations here below.

Almighty GOD is the One who has *given* us our national inheritances! It was HE who led our peoples to the choicest places on earth—gave us every good and bountiful blessing!

Our peoples are enjoying the very national inheritances promised to the seed of Abraham! Today, we find ourselves living in a nation glutting itself on its own fat, bloated prosperity—filled with apathy, public lethargy, and

a sleepy-eyed unconcern! Adlai Stevenson once said, "If I wanted to destroy a nation, I would give it too much and I would have it on its knees, miserable, greedy and sick. . . ."

God SAID this would happen!

"And I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof, but when you entered, you DEFILED my land, and made mine heritage an abomination" (Jer. 2:7). God says as our national PROSPERITY has increased—SO HAS OUR SIN multiplied!

Today, instead of the lustful, greedy and altogether selfish *personal* aspirations of the individual being swallowed up in the great national *purpose*, and the GOALS of the nation *as a whole*, we observe nothing but complete selfishness and a disregard for the purposes of the nation as a unit!

As our prosperity has increased, we have become more and more *self-centered*, less and less concerned with our neighbors and our fellow citizens!

God indicts us for our mounting CRIMES—our great, heinous SINS that are bringing upon us every evil! There are NO PEOPLES ON EARTH that have more for which to be THANKFUL—*more* for which to be everlastingly *grateful* to their God—and, ironically, there are no peoples on earth who could seem to care less!

On a bright, brisk, sunshiny morning here in Pasadena, more than one million people were jam-packed in the stands and the buildings, or standing on the streets, along the route which was to be taken by the annual New Year's Rose Parade.

The Grand Marshal of the parade was to be Richard M. Nixon, the Vice-President of the United States! It was a stirring moment when the U. S. Marine Corps band struck up a lively marching tune, and, at the shrill whistle of the leader, dozens of beautifully matched palomino horses, neatly lined in rows

of four, began majestically stepping along the parade route. Each rider, brilliant in gaudy costuming, carried proudly the fluttering stars and stripes of the United States.

Along the parade route, thousands were too cold or too tired to stand, while children played, others talked, took pictures, or munched unconcernedly on stale popcorn. Here and there, a few rose to their feet, and a policeman saluted.

What a spectacle it was, to witness thousands of Americans too wrapped up in their own personal comforts to pay homage to the symbol of the freedoms they enjoy!

We are a lawless, rebellious nation! We are a people heedless of constituted authority!

Just as American women want the word "obey" taken out of the marriage ceremony, so thousands of religionists want the words "law" stripped from the Bible!

But God thunders at us, "Hear, oh earth, behold, I will bring EVIL upon this people, even the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto my words, NOR TO MY LAW, but rejected it!" (Jer. 6:19).

Yes—we are a LAWLESS people. We are a rebellious, stiff-necked, resentful, spiteful, heedless, selfish, apathetic generation of thankless dolts!!

Senator Mike Mansfield likens our sickness of spirit—our "don't care" attitude to a "Roman decadence of the '50's." Just as ancient Romans wanted nothing but *entertainment*—and were no longer concerned with the over-all goals of the nation as a whole, so have our people descended into lazy gluttony. He went on to say, "The Soviets are dynamic, buoyant, hopeful, disciplined, and expansionist. We are sluggish, apathetic, undisciplined, smug and defensive."

Yes, God PROPHESED our national spirit would decay—that we would become defensive, self-concerned, fearful.

Notice it! "... if you will not hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments [many of us want to think GOD HAS ABOLISHED HIS LAWS] and if ye shall *despise* my statutes . . . I will also do this unto you . . . I WILL BREAK THE PRIDE OF YOUR POW-

ER!" (Leviticus 26:14-19).

It Has Already HAPPENED!

WHEN was the "pride of our power broken"?

About TEN LONG YEARS AGO!

Actually, since the termination of World War II, there has been a tangible, rapid decline in national spirit. Public officials, alarmed over these trends, have been speaking out against them. Journalists have increasingly been publishing series of articles on early American history, on a sense of "NATIONAL PURPOSE," but seemingly to no avail. Even delegates to our political conventions couldn't seem to care less!

We cannot seem to become AROUSED by the indignities suffered by our private citizens and our political emissaries around the world—we cannot seem to become *disturbed* by international "incidents" which are direct slaps in the face to free men everywhere!

LOOK AT THE FACTS!

Gene Symonds, a photographer for a top news magazine in this country, was brutally beaten and *left dead* by a mob of rabid Red Chinese in the streets of Singapore. American citizens have been seized, thrown into prisons—American planes hijacked, their pilots and crews forced to the ground—in Cuba. Bearded, would-be dictator, Castro, has *STOLEN* millions of dollars in American property.

Our own Vice-President was SPIT upon, his car smashed, his wife's hair sprinkled with fragments of broken glass, in a foreign country.

Our own President was ignominiously rejected from visiting a nation we had crushed to ruin in unconditional surrender—in TOTAL DEFEAT—not fifteen years before!

American newspapermen, journalists, pilots, soldiers and private citizens are slapped, beaten, kicked, spit upon, perhaps even MURDERED in some countries. Our President is publicly insulted, our Vice-President spit upon.

WHAT HAPPENED?

Prior to World War I this nation had PRIDE in its POWER. That power was but a fraction of what the nation actually possesses today.

Yet when Kaiser Wilhelm sent a German battleship steaming on Manila Bay to take the Philippines for Germany, President Theodore Roosevelt sent him one short, curt note, telling him to order his battleship *immediately* back to Germany.

The Kaiser ignored the President's demand. It was a slap in the face.

WHAT HAPPENED?

PLENTY!

"Teddy" Roosevelt sent one more note. This note was not addressed to the Kaiser. It ordered Admiral Dewey to send the entire U. S. Fleet after that German battleship, and if it did not turn around and steam back to Germany, to open fire and sink it.

The U.S.A. had PRIDE in its POWER in those days. No nation, king, or ruler insulted the U.S.A. or its President and got away with it.

But what HAPPENED when these recent unspeakable insults occurred?

Did the PACIFIC FLEET show up offshore Japan—did *squadrons of thundering jets fill the sky with an ear-piercing shriek over the serpentine, writhing mobs of up-start students in the streets of Tokyo?* When White House press secretary James Hagerty had to be rescued from a screaming, brick-throwing mob by a helicopter, did battle-clad U.S. Marines show up to quell the riot?

Did a big, bristling American BATTLESHIP pull into port in Cuba, with its sixteen-inch guns plainly trained on Castro's headquarters?

Did HUNDREDS OF JET BOMBERS roar overhead? Did convoys of U. S. MARINES land to protect our property, our dignity and the lives of our citizens?

WHAT HAPPENED when our own Vice-President was spit upon?

WHAT HAPPENED when Gene Symonds was murdered in Singapore?

WHAT HAPPENED when unarmed planes were shot down in the waters near the China coast, when American citizens were kidnapped, their planes hijacked in Cuba, when American soldiers were beaten and slapped in the Congo, when Americans were kidnapped in Iran?

WHAT HAPPENED?—did U. S. Ma-

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PATRIOTISM

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rines show up *in force*—DEMONSTRATING CLEARLY TO THE WHOLE WORLD THERE IS NO NATION ON EARTH TODAY THAT CAN GET AWAY WITH SUCH VILE ACTS?

WHAT HAPPENED when a former postal clerk-turned-premier of the Congo sneered at the United States, at the United Nations, and at Dag Hammarskjöld personally?

Yes—WHAT HAPPENED?

The answer is clear.

Nothing!

As God foretold in your Bible, the PRIDE of our POWER has been broken!

WHY No Patriotism?

Dr. Harrison Brown, in a speech delivered at the University of Illinois, said: "In the midst of this material wealth, life somehow has *lost purpose and meaning*. We have become selfish, fat, conceited, soft and lazy. Where once we were doers, we are now viewers. Where once we fought for freedom and democracy, we now take it for granted—or, even worse, ignore it" (emphasis ours).

Yes—we have NO PURPOSE.

We seemingly fail to be disturbed or aroused over things which occur outside of the immediate realm of our own personal lusts, desires and aspirations!

Our way of life is leaving us with a great, gluttonous hangover! We have no driving, energizing sense of MISSION, of a GOAL ahead!

We're not "ON FIRE" with an IDEA anymore—not "INSPIRED" about anything—we can't seem to be "stirred up" about anything!

Bernard Baruch said, "It seems to me that we Americans have grown indifferent to the crucial issues confronting us—issues which will govern our future and our children's future. I meet so many people who have lost, if they ever had it, the *capacity* for indignation" (emphasis ours).

Yes—just as your Bible prophesied—we have LOST OUR NATIONAL PRIDE!

Because of a senseless, meaningless, sin-filled way of life that leaves us *flat*, with no real sense of *accomplishment*, we are drifting into a dangerous "don't care" attitude.

We feel *empty*, purposeless, without any real GOALS to accomplish!

What SHOULD Be Our Goal?

There is only ONE GOAL that is really *worthwhile* in this life—only ONE REALLY GREAT PURPOSE!

That great purpose was outlined by Jesus Christ.

It is explained by the GOSPEL which He brought from the Father.

Jesus brought the good news of the coming Kingdom of God, the time of *world government* from God Himself that is just around the corner!

He taught and trained His disciples, commissioning them to *preach* this dynamic, living, vital message to the WHOLE WORLD. It is a MESSAGE WITH A PURPOSE. There is a sense of MISSION involved. There is a great GOAL to be accomplished!

That goal supersedes and transcends personal aspirations! It is a goal outside and *beyond* any personal selfishness! That goal is a far greater one than mere FREEDOM. It is far greater than *any* political ideology, *any* public reform, *any* "religious" movement!

Jesus described that goal when He said, "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, as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers, even as I received of my Father" (Rev. 2:26, 27).

Jesus said YOU could become a JOINT-RULER with Him! He meant it! Literally! He meant YOU can TELL KHRUSHCHEV, CASTRO, LUMUMBA WHAT TO DO.

That is the real goal!

CITIZENS of Christ's Kingdom

The Apostle Paul told the Gentiles, "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners [from every nation, color and race] but FELLOW-CITIZENS with the saints, and of the household of God" (Eph. 2:19).

We can become CITIZENS of the Kingdom of God—NOW.

But Jesus said, "MY KINGDOM is not of THIS WORLD" (John 18:36). He used the word "cosmos," meaning the *present* system. His kingdom is YET to be set up here below—it is to come FROM heaven!

Paul was inspired to write, "For our CITIZENSHIP [margin] is in [from] heaven, from whence we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" (Phil. 3:20). Think of it!

By real REPENTANCE of our sins, by being baptized, according to God's prior conditions, and by receiving God's own Holy Spirit, we become CITIZENS of the coming, WORLD-RULING, Kingdom of God.

It is NOT an earthly, competitive kingdom—a social reform, a new "religious movement" to make *this world* a better place in which to live! It is NOT A CHURCH ON THIS EARTH, it is not just *another nation* on this earth, but the REAL, dynamic, FAMILY OF ALMIGHTY GOD!

It is ONLY when we come to find the very *purpose* in human life, when we can be LIFTED above the carnal, selfish, lustful PERSONAL goals, and can begin to *fulfill* that purpose, that we will come to have a real sense of MISSION. We will then begin to know the meaning of a REALLY DEEP sense of patriotism!

As citizens of the *heavenly kingdom*, we will be conducting ourselves in a totally different manner in this society!

"Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed . . . work out your own salvation with fear and trembling . . . that ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world!" (Phil. 2:12-15).

THERE is the *true* patriotism!

It is the quickening, pulsating, heart stirring devotion to the GREATEST CAUSE ON EARTH! It's belonging to the *winning team*. It's knowing the TRIUMPH of being a part of the greatest nation in all history—the very nation of GOD!

It is the very love of the FATHER—the driving, energetic, enthusiastic, zealous spirit of one who is striving diligently toward the greatest goal ever set before mankind—inheritance of eternal life and the WHOLE WORLD.

PAPACY Answers Red Threat!

Here is a shocking on-the-spot report from Munich, Germany!

by Robert C. Boraker

THE GREATEST religious gathering ever to take place in Europe is *now* occurring in Germany!

Yet—you probably have heard *nothing* about it! Although this event is receiving full first-page coverage in German newspapers, very little or nothing is reported by the British and American press.

A First-Hand Report

For this reason, Mr. Gerhard Marx, a German-born student in Ambassador College, and I are here in Munich on a news-gathering mission, reporting on the 37th Eucharistic World Congress of the Roman Catholic Church. Most of the sermons and lectures of the Congress are in German, but with Mr. Marx's help in translating special quotations, I am able to give you this first-hand account of this Catholic World Congress and its part in fulfilling Bible prophecy.

More than 500,000 Catholics have come from all over the world to attend this Congress. At the final Sunday service on August 8th, the high point of the Congress, *ONE MILLION* Catholics—including 25 Cardinals, 450 Bishops and hundreds of priests and nuns—assembled at the *Theresienwiese Festplatz* in the center of Munich to celebrate Mass, receive the Eucharist and hear a recorded message from Pope John XXIII.

The Congress has particularly interested German government officials. Some 150 officials and representatives in the *Bundestag* have attended the meetings and several have given speeches, including the mayor of Munich. Rome's mayor also spoke.

The final Sunday meeting of the Congress was attended by Chancellor Konrad Adenauer—a devout Catholic—and other top government officials including Jaeger, Erhard, Schaefer, Strauss, and Chancellor Raab and President Figl of Austria.

Political Aspects of the Congress

The East German Authorities are

not totally in error when they claim that the Congress has *political* aspects. The Mayor of Munich told the political leaders of the Congress: "It cannot be overlooked that such congresses which exhibit a creed of a Christian world order, also have in the highest sense a *political meaning*."

We know that Europe must unite in order to fulfill the prophecy of a resurrected Roman Empire—ten nations to be united economically, *politically* and RELIGIOUSLY!

But, this *complete* unification cannot come about unless there is a *Supreme Authority* to which *all* the nations of "crazy-quilted" Europe can look *with respect and submission*. France isn't about to let Germany be in supreme command. Germany, likewise, doesn't want France to give the orders. No single nation, because of this factor, could have this supreme authority. It must be a *neutral* authority and figure-head which all the nations will recognize.

This Supreme Authority could *only* be the *Pope and the government of the Catholic Church*—the "False Prophet" and "Image of the Beast" of Revelation which prophecy says will rule over *many nations*, including the "Beast"—the united Europe as a resurrected Roman Empire (Rev. 17:3, 15-18).

Of the ten nations to unite in Europe, Germany will be the military leader. *But*, Germany is *DIVIDED*—not only geographically and politically, but also *religiously* with about half of the population being Catholic and the remainder, Protestant.

If Germany as a nation is to submit to Papal authority, *church unification* *MUST COME!* The Protestants—most of which are Lutherans—must *submit* and become unified with the Catholics.

And, *UNITY* is the underlying theme of this World Congress assembling in Munich. In the meetings, much has been said in remembrance of the "separated brethren" in East Germany. For the sake of the Catholic people living under Soviet domination, the Catholic Church

is much interested in seeing Eastern Germany liberated and Germany *UNITED!* To the Catholics, a reunified Germany means a *united Church* with a closer relationship between West and East Europe.

Catholics to be Revived and United

The speakers of the Congress have stressed the need for a *spiritual revival*. The Catholic Church is stepping up a program of *WORLD EVANGELISM!* The Church wants *more power* in world affairs and to have more power, the already-existing Church must be *united* by a "spiritual revival."

As Curia-Cardinal Bea expressed it: "The Eucharistic World Congress stands as a *sign of unity* of the Catholic Church. Never before has *her unity* and universality been so clearly portrayed before our eyes as here in Munich. This should be an example to us—we . . . must be in unison, for unified *WE ARE A POWER!* And we must work together in concord *WITH ALL OTHER ORGANIZATIONS*, which likewise follow our direction."

The Catholic Hierarchy first wants to revive and more solidly unite its *own church body*. Next, it will strive to bring Protestants back into the fold.

Catholic and Protestant Unification

The archbishop of Vienna, Cardinal Koenig, expressed the hope that this Congress would serve as a better understanding *between Catholics and Protestants throughout the whole world*. Even the programming of the Congress and the choice of songs was carefully planned to avoid offending Protestant Christians and causing any misunderstanding.

The Vatican has a *Secretariat for the Unity of Christians* and Curia-Cardinal Bea has been selected as the head of this organization by the Pope. About uniting the churches, Cardinal Bea said: "It is the express will of the Pope as the good shepherd to see *all Christians united*."

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FIRST BLOW, World War III

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One day Mrs. Armstrong timed them. The men arrived at 9:25 A.M. They sat around on the floor adjusting sandpaper into one of the sanding machines until 9:53 A.M. At that time they finally started one machine working. One of the three men worked for 7 minutes. Promptly at 10 A.M. they all drove off for "tea break," which lasted until 10:46. They then puttered around, with one machine going, until almost 12, when, apparently exhausted, they "knocked off" for lunch.

"These men," quipped one of our men from California, "don't come to work any more. They come to tea, and take an occasional 'work break.'"

In exasperation, I went to my Bible for solace. I decided to read whatever passage I should turn to at random. This is what it said to me:

"My brethren, *count it all joy* when you fall into different trials; knowing that the trying of your faith *worketh patience.*"

About the first of August I called for Mr. Norman Smith to fly over to the new college for two weeks. Mr. Smith combines two highly important jobs. He is a high ranking minister, and also chief technician and Director of our radio studio and control rooms. He is responsible for getting the *World Tomorrow* programs on the air all around the world. We are now building a new radio studio in one of the buildings of the college in England.

For two weeks Mr. Smith labored and struggled to get the new studio and control room designed, built and equipped. He ran into the customary delays, and found it would take two months for delivery of equipment and to complete remodeling and construction. Next morning after he flew back home I received from him the following cablegram:

"Have figured out how the ancient Egyptians without modern machinery built the pyramids. They cut out tea breaks. Arrived safely. Norman."

One of the English men on our staff, disgusted, handed me a printed clipping to the effect that if, in Germany, one man can do a job in one week, four men in England can do it in four weeks.

But all this *is not funny!*

It is tragic! It is definitely leading to a *certain* prophesied catastrophe for both our nations!

The CERTAIN Result

The tragedy of this is that neither American nor British workers—nor our populations as a whole—realize at all the actual TRUTH of what is happening, and where it is leading.

They do not seem to realize—nor care, for that matter—that workers in other countries—Germany especially, and also Russia, Italy and Japan—work harder, over longer hours, and produce far more at lower cost.

Our men in both countries seem to assume they are working at the normal and proper gait. They really believe they are doing all right!

Neither do they realize that they are the "CHOSEN PEOPLE" of the Creator GOD who is RULER over the universe. Nevertheless this is true. (Be sure, if you have not done so, to read the free booklet, *U. S. and British Commonwealth in Prophecy*). They have been CHOSEN by God Almighty not for special favors, but for a service they have refused to perform. God is *very much* concerned about our peoples! But today they have left for Him only one last possible recourse to shake them out of their stupor, their lethargy, their indifference toward God and His ways, and to bring them *to* themselves! And that is the definitely prophesied catastrophic national punishment to fall on our nations in less than 15 short years from now!

Everywhere, here in Germany, we have seen *production*.

Booming Production in Germany

On the autobahns half or more of all vehicles are heavy trucks carrying supplies, materials, freight.

Friday we travelled some 75 miles up the Rhine on a passenger river steamer. The Rhine is congested with long freight steamers and towed freight

barges. On each bank of the river are two-way rail-road tracks, and motor highways beside them. At least every three or four minutes we saw freight trains rolling by on each side of the river—and frequent passenger trains beside.

Here in Frankfurt we saw, six years ago, and again four years ago, a new modern major city that had risen from World-War II devastation. But today we were simply amazed to see additional entire new business areas, several blocks in length, built up solid with new 6, 8, and 12-story office buildings and stores. All this had been erected since our last visit four years ago. This is not belated restoration of war devastation. That had been completed six years ago. This was new growth—German prosperity!

Here in Germany we simply experience the *feel* of MOVEMENT!—of energetic activity. The German people reflect a spirit of hope, purpose, energy.

Fifteen years ago they were whipped, cowed, dispirited. But the allied nations did not exact war reparations—did not beat them down still further—did not take from them the products of their post-war labor nor reduce them to slavery. Rather, we treated them to the Marshall Plan, by which they, with all the rest of Europe, received billions of U.S. dollars to assist them back on their feet.

As soon as Americans awakened to the fact that Russia was not their trusted ally—not the brave, noble "comrades-in-arms" American national propaganda had painted them during the war—but our mortal enemy, the U.S. and British governments began to look upon Germany as our new-found friend and ally. They began to promote the idea of a "United States of Europe." They began to talk about re-arming Germany.

The Germans began to take hope. Twice they had plunged the world into war in an effort to conquer Britain and America. They were, of course, suspicious of allied "good intentions" in pouring money and resources into their laps—encouraging them to UNITE with other European nations. But in it they saw their BIG opportunity. Instead of fighting against all the rest of Europe and attempting, single-handed, to con-

quer the world, the British had given them the idea of UNITED European forces and resources. German industry and will to work—German efficiency and will to *lead*—would mean, inevitably that Germany, *next time*, would command the resources, and the military man-power, of ALL EUROPE! Germany, *next time*, could be three times as powerful. Germany, *next time*, would have much less to conquer. The other European nations would already be allies, under her command!

There would be a *NEXT TIME!*

Germany, once more, *had a goal!*

The German people took heart. Now, again, there was PURPOSE in their toil and sweat and labor!

A Decadent Britain and U.S.A.?

But in the United States, recently rolling in unprecedented prosperity and luxury—now intent on pleasure-seeking, idleness and luxurious living—with countless droves of Americans for the first time able to travel abroad for pleasure—there is today NO PURPOSE, except to *preserve what Americans have*.

And in Britain this summer I have seen a people who seem to lack spirit, hope, or purpose. THERE IS NO NATIONAL OBJECTIVE—either in Britain or America.

In America, labor unions ride high, strike for higher wages, bigger fringe benefits, shorter hours. This means HIGH COST PRODUCTION for American goods in world markets.

There is a WORLD WAR on!—a TRADE-war—and it is a war for survival! But American labor leaders are waxing too fat off labor union dues, graft, and other sources of personal gain, to cease leading American labor on in the suicidal course of getting more, while producing less. And American laborers do not seem to know anything about this TRADE war for survival. Their heads are in the sand. They are too busy enjoying THE PLEASURES OF THE MOMENT to recognize the significance of what is actually happening.

In Britain, the people totally lack PURPOSE, HOPE, or anything to inspire them to WORK—to PRODUCE—to PROGRESS! I have found a few men in

England who really get up and *move!* I have found a few who have been getting *real action*, in helping us prepare for the college opening. As an example, an official of Harrods, one of the world's great department stores, not only has kept things moving all summer, but on one occasion produced a near "miracle" by getting factory delivery of a restaurant-size electric cooking stove, which normally requires from 30 days to 3 months, in four or five days—only to have that stove set in the college kitchen week after week *waiting* for the new electric system, and when it finally was turned on, we were informed it would now require three weeks for certain equipment required to connect up the stove!

But some of the working men we have had personal contact with have evidenced no will to work or to accomplish. When I mentioned to one that German production is putting Germany in position to try again "*next time*," he merely replied unconcernedly, "We beat them twice." The assumption was, that since "we beat them twice," we will do it again—and *without effort*.

This purposeless, lethargic, pleasure and ease-seeking attitude of no goal except the existence of the moment, spells DECADENCE! Every nation in history that ever got into this condition has PERISHED!

This idle dream that Britain and America can rest on their oars, drink their coffee and tea and smoke their cigarettes, reminiscing over past accomplishments, coasting on in idleness into the beautiful isle of somewhere, drifting into unearned and unproduced luxury, ease, and contentment, without effort, is going to end in sudden captivity and slavery! GOD ALMIGHTY SAYS SO!

This "what's the use?" attitude spells imminent national disaster!

My heart goes out to these people. Yet there is a sense of helplessness and frustration. The means have been placed at my disposal for speaking and writing to at least one-fifth of the adult populations of Britain and America, regularly. Yet there is nothing I can say or do that will cause more than an infinitesimal minority to recognize the FACTS that *exist*—that are REAL—or to

change them from their fatal slumber!

HOW We'll Be Awakened!

But I can realize *why* Almighty God is now very soon going to apply the *only* remedy that will bring these people to themselves.

When the German population is *producing* two to four times more per man, the inevitable result in a few years will be a Germany with national resources much greater than Britain's.

More, there is an immediate result. German, Japanese, and Italian merchandise is being produced at *lower cost*, because their workers work harder, produce more, and on lower wage scales—especially lower than the United States scale. In this world TRADE-WAR, the *first blow* of the ultimate hydrogen bomb World War III, this means that these nations *already* are making *alarming gains* in world markets over America and Britain. In automobiles, in typewriters, cameras, dictating machines, the Germans are making tremendous gains over the United States in world markets.

Russia had set out to outstrip America in world markets—but it is not Russia, but Euromart, that is outstripping BOTH America and Russia.

When the Germans *unite*, in a political and military, as well as economic union, with the prophesied NINE other European nations—which probably will include Italy, France, Spain, Austria—although prophecy does not *name* the ten—when the Germans inevitably sit in the driver's seat in this resurrected ROMAN EMPIRE—they will command a military force, under German generals, from a population larger than either the United States or Russia. They will be a THIRD major power bloc in the world. They will sit in the CENTER! And prophecy says they will attack Britain and America!

When this happens—probably some 12 to 15 years from now—a leisurely, spiritless, purposeless, decadent Britain will be bowled over like a bowling pin squarely struck! And, with the major cities of the United States destroyed overnight without warning by missiles and hydrogen bombs as the surprise *very first blow* of the shooting war, the once-proud U.S.A. which even now

already accepts, lying down, the slurs and insults of Khrushchev and even little Castro, will not be able to come to Britain's aid—but will be administered the same lesson of defeat! *So says PROPHECY!*

There is no other way that even God *can* bring our peoples to their senses, and to Him and to His right ways, without interfering with His plan of free moral agency—allowing our people to make decisions for themselves. To take away that prerogative would wreck God's entire PURPOSE.

God instructed Adam in the right way for Adam's happiness and good. Adam despised and rejected it. God preached the WAY of righteousness, peace, and well-being through Noah. But the ante-deluvian world spurned it and developed a world of violence and corruption. God continued to teach the descendants of Noah the true ways through Noah and Shem. But the world followed Nimrod in rebellion, and set up this present world's civilization. God set up HIS CHOSEN NATION through Moses. Israel rebelled, rejected God as their King, turned to the ways of pagan nations around them. God sent prophets to Israel and Judah, but they stoned the prophets. God sent His own SON, Jesus Christ, by whom He had created mankind, with the true Message from God. Because men hated that Message, they crucified their own Saviour!

The early Church preached Christ's Message to the then known world. But the world rejected it, and adopted the amazing deception of tagging the NAME of Christ and Christianity onto their PAGAN beliefs and practices! Today, as prophecy clearly foretold, ALL NATIONS are deceived by this great deception!

Today, just before the END of this tottering man-built society, when man is fast bringing himself to the end of his rope—now about ready to DESTROY all human life from the earth—God is *once again*, as Jesus foretold (Mat. 24:14), WARNING THIS WORLD—and proclaiming Christ's SAME MESSAGE (Gospel) with the LOUD VOICE of radio, T.V., and the printing press, through this very work

of God. All prophecies say that only the very small FEW will accept it!

God WILL NOT allow man to commit cosmocide! First, God will supernaturally intervene. He will, next, send drought and famine *so severe* on the

British Commonwealth, America, and north-west Europe, that 1/3 of our peoples will die of starvation and disease. Next, He will punish our peoples by sending against us this new UNITED STATES OF EUROPE—a resurrected

THE BIBLE ANSWERS

Short Questions

FROM OUR READERS

Why do you use the expression "Holy Spirit" instead of "Holy Ghost" in quoting scriptures?

Some have assumed that the "Holy Spirit" and the "Holy Ghost" mentioned in the King James Version of the Bible are two different spirits.

This is not true!

The word "ghost" is an unfortunate translation that should be avoided.

In the inspired original Greek only one expression is used—meaning "Holy Spirit." In every case the English words "Ghost" and "Spirit" comes from *one* Greek word "*pneuma*," meaning "spirit"—not some nebulous "ghost."

This Greek word *pneuma*, unfortunately translated "Ghost" so many times, is properly translated "Spirit" in Luke 11:13, Ephesians 1:13, 4:30, and I Thessalonians, and in many other scriptures when referring to God's Spirit.

When the King James Version of the Bible was first printed in 1611—over 1400 years after the New Testament was first written in the Greek language—the English words "ghost" and "spirit" were both used to mean the same thing. Thus it was quite natural that the translators should have used both words in translating the one Greek word *pneuma* into English. This inconsistent usage has given many the *false* impression that a Holy Ghost AND a Holy Spirit exist as *two separate spirits*.

This idea is utterly untrue. The word "ghost" has become obsolete as far as general English usage goes. But many have foolishly insisted upon continuing to use the word "ghost" in referring to

God's Spirit. They think of God's Holy Spirit as some misty, spooky *being*. The only proper way to clarify the subject is to use the expression "Holy Spirit" in all cases that refer to the Spirit of God, instead of translating *one expression* two different ways and giving unsuspecting Bible students the *false impression* that two spirits, a Holy Ghost and a Holy Spirit, are meant.

Sometimes I become so discouraged by my problems that I don't know what to do. It makes me feel like giving up. What should I do?

A Christian has no reason to become discouraged.

Discouragement comes from concern about oneself. God *commands* us to cast *all* our cares upon Him because *He cares for us* (I Pet. 5:7). After you go to God in prayer and cast your problems upon Him, leave them with Him. You should *forget about bearing them*. Then, with your problems forgotten, you will not be concerned for *self*, but for others. *Pray* for others—for those who have *more* problems than you do, remembering that *you* are one of the *few* on this earth who are able to receive God's rich spiritual blessings. Pray for the growth of God's work so that *others* may also hear the true gospel!

We will be flesh only a brief time compared to the eternity God has prepared for us in the Kingdom of God. Keep yourself so busy in your concern for others that you do not have time to become discouraged. All people have the same problems and temptations (I Cor. 10:13) but God promises you
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Roman Empire—undoubtedly to be headed by Germany—to CONQUER our peoples—destroying our cities—killing another third of our populations, taking the remaining third as slaves!

Yes, believe it or not, THIS is the only punishment—and the ONLY kind of preaching from God—that our rebellious peoples will voluntarily heed.

When this last third of our once proud peoples is *driven* to work and production by the lashes of taskmasters, as SLAVES, their spirit of rebellion against God finally will crack. In dungeons—in wildernesses—they will at last turn to God and REPENT!

Millions, *then*, will remember THE WORLD TOMORROW broadcasts—the two-page Messages in Reader's Digest—the telecasts—the PLAIN TRUTH warnings, and *at last*, with no other place to turn, they will turn to their own Creator and their living Saviour Jesus Christ!

To accept and to receive JESUS is to accept and receive into your LIFE and WAY OF LIVING, the teachings of the Bible—for Jesus Christ *is* the living WORD of God. The Bible is the *same* Word *in writing*! That is what we preach. But people have been misled and deceived. They will not receive it NOW! But they are WITHOUT EXCUSE—for God is sending it to them!

Finally, God will send the hordes of Russians and Chinese rolling over and destroying Europe and this resurrected Roman Empire. He will pour out the last PLAGUES in punishment on them, to bring *them* to the only right ways of peace and prosperity and eternal HAPPY life!

Finally, at the climactic great BATTLE of this Day of God Almighty, at Armageddon, God will send CHRIST, in full divine splendor, power, and glory, with all the holy angels—to RULE the entire earth—to usher in the peaceful, happy WORLD TOMORROW, to set up the everlasting KINGDOM OF GOD as the world-ruling Kingdom!

THAT is what today's developments MEAN. THAT is where they are leading! YOU had better heed, while it is day!

PERSECUTION!

Certain broadcasters, world wide, of "religion," are mailing out slanderous lies about this work, and against Mr. Armstrong, personally.

THIS work of God is being persecuted. The persecution is increasing. If this were not so, we would have cause to worry.

Jesus said that if they persecuted Him, they would persecute those whom He sent out to preach His Message also. "All who will live godly in Christ Jesus *shall* suffer persecution."

They did not persecute Jesus because they disliked his looks or his personality, but only because they HATED HIS MESSAGE FROM GOD! The carnal, unconverted mind is hostile to God (Rom. 8:7). We are persecuted today by those deceived and misguided individuals who hate that same Message of God!

Hitherto we have kept silent. But when others, who also broadcast nationwide or around the world, constantly send out false accusations intended to defame and to discredit God's TRUTH, we know that at least a few hundred may be listening to them or reading their literature who may wonder whether there is any truth to their irresponsible statements.

There is an axiom. One who accuses others is always guilty himself of the very thing of which he accuses another. "Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things." (Rom. 2:1).

It is not our purpose to accuse or judge others. But we do in this way express thanks to the hundreds who have swamped a certain radio personality with protests against his false accusations captioned "Satanic Deceptions." We do not accuse this man, but we do state the plain truth that he should turn his mirror around and look into it himself to discern *who* is guilty of the satanic deceptions; and to state that he has published, without verifying

accuracy, false statements which are *total* untruths. We shall not dignify this villainy by detailed denials, further than to say, as most of our readers know anyway, that his accusations are altogether false, malicious, and published without verification of the TRUTH.

Other false accusations have been published with wide circulation. These have reached Britain, Australia, and other countries. Not one of these purported reports on this work or on Mr. Armstrong which has come to our attention contains true facts—every one we have seen has been an irresponsible and reprehensible piece of slander and defamation of character intended to injure, based on heresy and false reports, without having verified the TRUTH!

If any readers want the true facts, either as to the background of this work, the personal history of Mr. Armstrong, or as to what we believe and teach, the place to learn it is not from enemies who prove themselves irresponsible and careless with the truth, but direct from us. We will not lie to you. But it is well to remember that one who does not hesitate to misrepresent and twist the facts about us would also misrepresent and twist the truth of the BIBLE!

These self-appointed preachers, whom Christ never sent, do not, we know, keep God's commandments. One of those commandments which they despise forbids bearing false witness. An article on this commandment appears in this issue. Our false accusers won't read it, but we know *you will*! A man who is a liar (and see also I John 2:4) is a man devoid of character, not to be trusted.

AGAIN WE SAY: Do not trust MEN! Do not follow MEN, or sects or denominations of men. Listen, as the Bereans did, with OPEN and unprejudiced minds, and then search the Scriptures whether these things be so. PROVE what is

preached BY THE BIBLE. Then **BELIEVE** what you see with your own eyes in your BIBLE. Always we have said on the air: "Don't believe ME—don't believe others—just LISTEN without prejudice, check up, and BELIEVE THE BIBLE!" Then even if all these lies and fabrications of the persecutors were true, you would not be harmed, but would believe the TRUTH. Yes, the TRUTH of God can stand on its own feet!

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a way of escape from *yours*. You can leave your problems and discouragement behind by applying these principles from God's Word—the same principles by which Christ forgot *His* own problems.

Of what value is the Lamsa translation of the Bible? And what about his hypothesis that the New Testament was written in Aramaic, not Greek.

On the market is a recent translation by George M. Lamsa of the Syriac, or Aramaic, Bible into the English language.

This work is *not* a translation from the Hebrew Old Testament or the Greek New Testament. It is a translation into English from the Aramaic Bible used in the Near East.

The Lamsa translation is based on Eastern (Aramaic) manuscripts from which the standard text of the Syriac churches is taken. The Aramaic or Syriac Bible is commonly known as the Peshitta (which means "simple," "clear" or "common"). Its New Testament text is claimed by both the Patriarchate of the Church of the East and Mr. Lamsa to be the original text which the Apostles wrote.

This foolish and groundless claim has unfortunately led some people to acknowledge the Peshitta Bible to be the most accurate body of Scripture. Consequently they assume the Lamsa translation to be the most accurate English translation of the original text.

First, let's look at the Old Testament portion of the Peshitta. There is ample proof, admitted by all competent

authorities, that this part of the Aramaic Bible is a poor translation from original Hebrew manuscripts. This is also *proved by the Bible itself*.

God entrusted the JEWS—not the Syrians—with the preservation and transmittal of the Old Testament Scriptures (Rom. 3:2, Acts 7:38). The Old Testament in the Peshitta is clearly a *translation from Hebrew texts*. It is frankly acknowledged as such by the overwhelming majority of scholars of Aramaic.

Furthermore, the entire Syriac translation of the Old Testament was foolishly *revised* at a late date by comparing it with the Septuagint, a *corrupt* translation of the Old Testament into Greek which was begun in Alexandria in 275 B.C. Hence the Syriac Old Testament admittedly "is *not very trustworthy* as evidence for the Hebrew text" (*Our Bible and the Ancient Manuscripts*, by Kenyon, p. 81).

Second, let's look at the New Testament portion of the Peshitta. Two basic questions need to be answered. First, were the New Testament Scriptures originally written in the Aramaic language, as Lamsa and the Church of the East claim? And second, is Lamsa's translation into English a trustworthy translation of the Syriac text?

The earliest existing Aramaic New Testament manuscripts are of the 5th century A.D. and are rejected even by Lamsa himself and the Church of the East. These manuscripts are known to be late and corrupt revisions and one-time versions which were made by renegade bishops from faulty Greek texts (See Lamsa's *The Holy Bible*, Introduction, p. VIII).

The earliest manuscripts of the Syriac Peshitta text are now lost, but copies of them were used by Lamsa for his translation. For many years scholars debated the question of whether these manuscripts were prior to the 5th century A.D. It is now acknowledged that "there is the possibility that the Peshitta is a direct translation from the Greek made at a time *long anterior to* (long before) 300 A.D." (*The Oxford Debate on the Textual Criticism of the New Testament*, Miller, p. 38).

It is because the evidence goes back to early times that Lamsa and the

Church of the East have mistakenly *assumed* that their manuscripts were copies of others originally written by the Apostles in Aramaic, rather than translations from the inspired, original Greek.

But this assumption is not true! The Bible proves that the preservation of the text of the New Testament has been entrusted to the Greeks. The most accurate New Testament text is to be found in the official Greek text of the Greek Church (Rom. 1:16, 3:2 and 10:19-21).

GREEK, not Aramaic, was the universal language of the Roman Empire. It was so commonly used that it was spoken almost as much as Aramaic in those eastern countries of the Roman Empire where Aramaic was the native tongue.

Notice the proof of this in Mark 15:34. This surprising verse **PROVES** that Mark wrote in a language *different* from the one in which Jesus spoke! Jesus was speaking in Aramaic. There—
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PAPACY Answers Red Threat!

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Not only do the Catholics want church unity, but the Protestants are striving to bring this unification about. Protestant theologians admit today that the criticisms of the Augsburg Confessions are now "no more valid as a fair and true controversy" (*Deutsches Volksblatt*, August 8, 1960).

In a meeting of the *Una Sancta*, a world-famous movement for church unity, a spokesman said that the Catholic Church was ready to permit the Protestant Christians to have their own separate church organization with separate ordinances, rituals, and regulations in order to bring about church unification.

For the last service of the Congress, the Pope said in a recorded message: "As our apostolic office requires and as our good will for the German people is close to our hearts, so is our striving directed for RELIGIOUS UNITY and freedom. May heaven grant that all who boast in the name of Christ would turn toward the true and complete creed of the holy *Bonifatius*, to the one and only holy Church."

Catholic Quest for World Power

This Eucharistic Congress is so important to the Catholic Church that the Pope himself would be here if it would not break traditional precedent by leaving the Vatican in Rome to attend a meeting of this kind in another country. To take his place, the Pope sent a message through his personal delegate, Cardinal Testa. In this message, the Pope said that Catholics must pray "that Christ's religion (*catholicism*), after the obstacles are removed, can spread to the entire round earth."

One of the obstacles preventing world evangelism of catholicism is *protestantism*. The Protestants will first be encouraged to *voluntarily* unite with the Catholics. If this fails, the Catholics will resort to *force*! The Papal Hierarchy is out to *rule the world*—both religiously and politically! *Every means at its disposal will be used to this end!*

Pilgrimage to Dachau

For the celebration of the "Day of the Cross" during the Congress, there was a pilgrimage—a "march of atonement"—of 3,000 young Catholics to Dachau—about ten miles from Munich. On the site of the former concentration camp, a memorial service was conducted in honor of 30,000 people who, during the war, were shot or had died of starvation and then *cremated*.

There is now a museum in the crematory building where the German Catholics observed photographs, letters, documents and other evidence providing *proof* enough that what took place there was *more* than most Germans want to admit and believe.

Here at Dachau were thousands of Catholics assembled to worship a *false* Christ and a *pagan* cross. They saw the gas chamber and cremating ovens, the "blood ditch" where prisoners were shot down, and even one of the flogging clubs used to beat the inmates. They saw actual photographs and slides of the brutality inflicted by hard-hearted and cruel men.

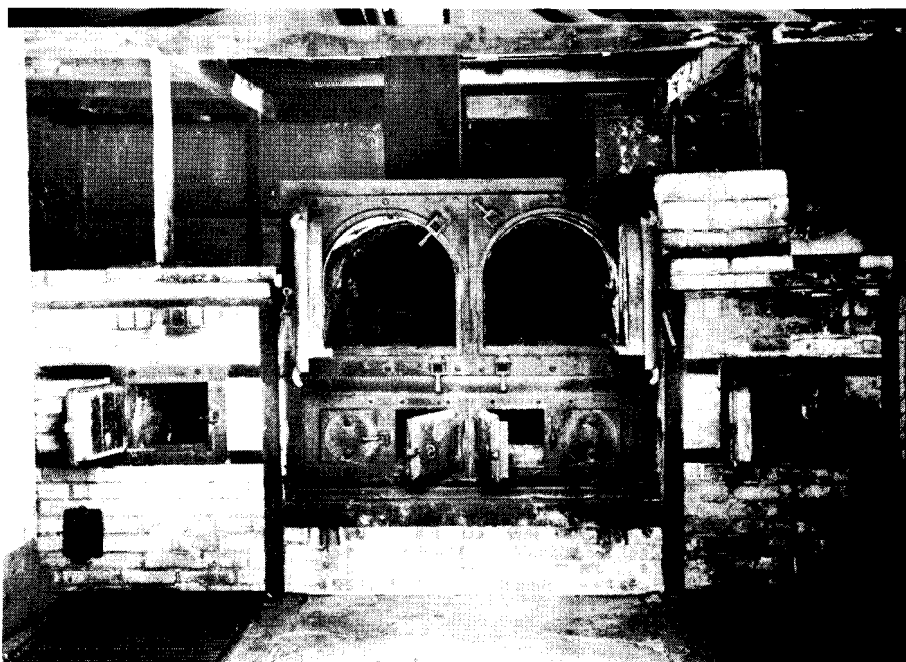
Some left with tears in their eyes, but most observed without comment and tried to forget about it as if this were a historical event of the past and would never happen again.

But—IT WILL HAPPEN AGAIN! A great "martyrdom of saints" is *yet to come* when thousands again will be persecuted and killed because of religion. Anti-semitism will *not* be a big issue in the coming conflict since there are now only a few thousand Jews still living in Germany. Catholicism will become the national religion. Those who *protest and rebel* against Papal authority will be thrown into a concentration camp such as this one at Dachau. Instead of anti-semitism, *anti-protestantism* will be the religious issue of that time!

Of all those Catholics visiting Dachau that day, how many thought that they might some day be in such a concentration camp as this—some perhaps as prisoners and others employed to do the flogging, operate the gas chambers, to stoke the ovens and to bury the ashes. It is often too easy to think that it could never happen to you or that WE could never do such a thing. Dachau is a *stark witness* of what men can do when they reject God and are given the blood-thirsty mind of wild beasts.

The slogan of Dachau is "Never Again!" The German Catholics who assembled there sincerely don't want it to happen again, but it is *in their heart* to DESTROY nations and KILL those who do not submit to their rule and domination.

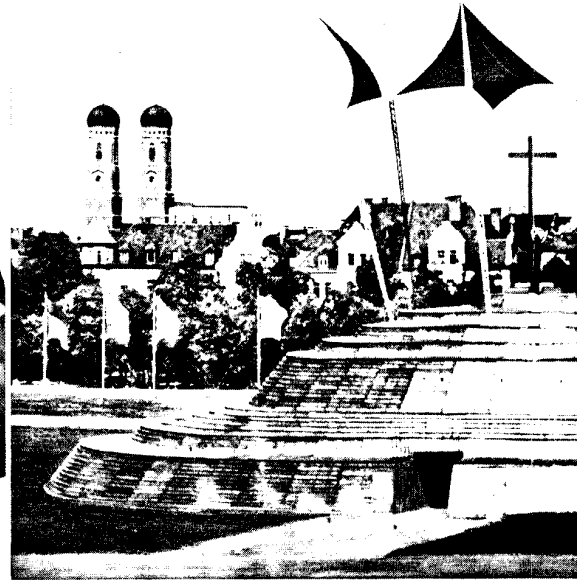
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The frightful Old Crematorium at Dachau used by the Nazis to dispose of the bodies of their enemies.



The sermon at the opening of the Congress was delivered by Cardinal Dr. Josef Wendel.



The site of the main meetings of the 37th Eucharistic Congress. Chancellor Adenauer and political leaders attended. A million who attended.

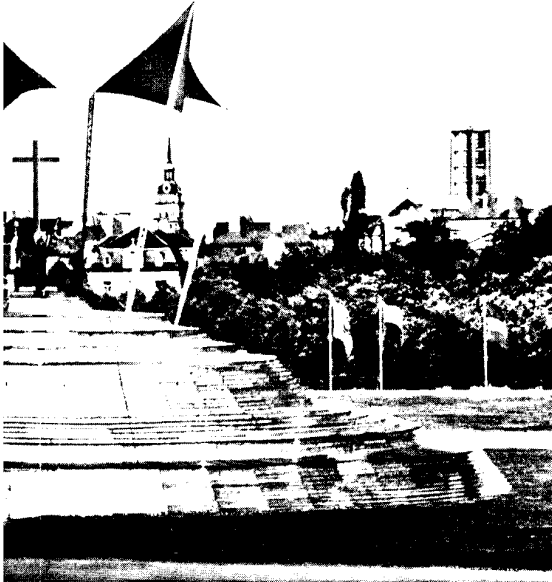
THE 37TH EUCHARISTIC

Catholics devoutly gather in the Square in the opening of the Congress.

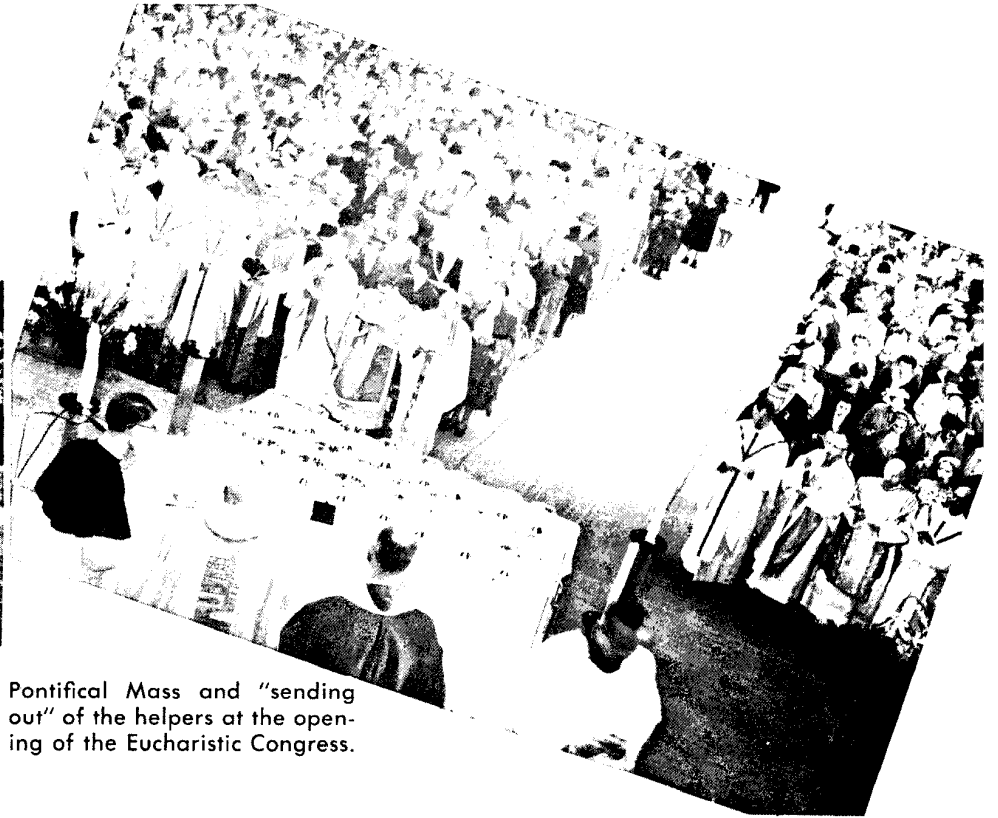


Arrival of the Papal Legate Gustavo Cardinal Testa at the Eucharistic Congress.





37th Eucharistic Congress in Munich, German politicians from Austria were among one



Pontifical Mass and "sending out" of the helpers at the opening of the Eucharistic Congress.

TIC WORLD CONGRESS

quare in front of the Theatiner Kirche for



Cardinal Dr. Josef Wendel, archbishop of Munich and bishop of the German armed forces.

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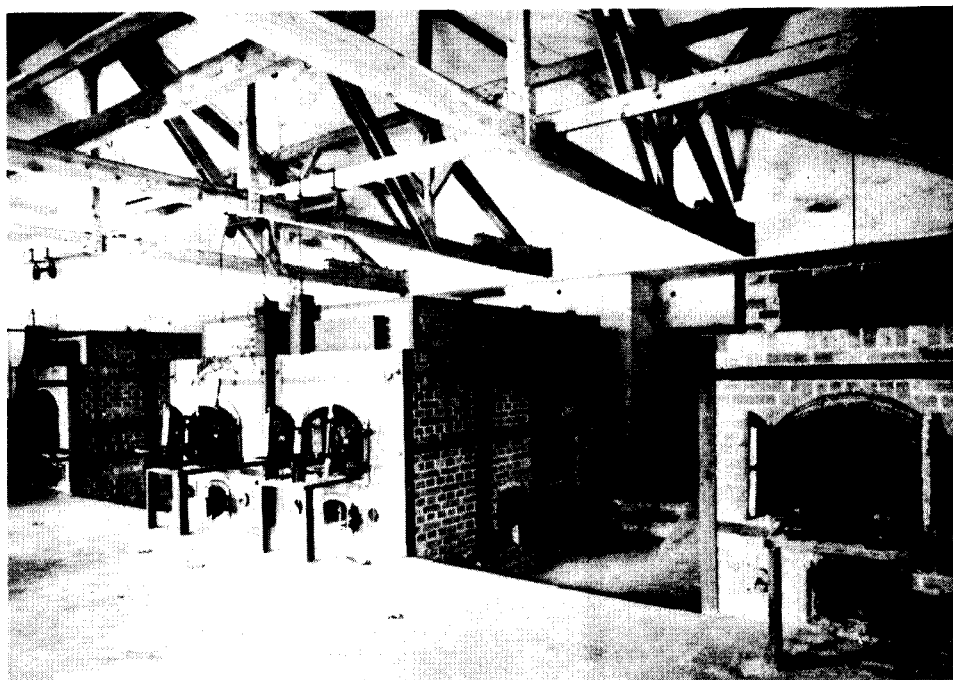
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tion (Isaiah 10:5-7).

Catholic Power Underestimated

Cardinal Koenig, the archbishop of Vienna, told the International Press during the Congress that the religious powers of the Catholic Church are too much *underestimated* and are not employed to their fullest extent. By this he meant that the influence and power of the Catholic Church to uproot leaders and nations is underestimated because they are not *now* being fully employed.

In the future, the Vatican will have more and more to say about the governing of this world. The governments of the European nations will recognize that the Catholic Church is a *power* to contend with. The Bible says the Papacy—the government of the Catholic Church—*will RULE* the coming United States of Europe (Rev. 17:3).



Furnaces in the New Crematorium at Dachau. These were necessitated, said the Nazis, when the number of dead caused the overcrowding of the Old Crematorium!

The Bible does not give us all the details as to how this will all come about. One thing is certain, however; once the Catholic Church gains power over the nations, there will be a *religious con-*

flict resulting in millions being *killed* in *MARTYRDOM*! We must *watch world events* and *PRAY* that we will be accounted worthy to *escape* this coming time of *GREAT TRIBULATION*!

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fore, if Aramaic were the original language of all the New Testament, Mark would not have had to translate the words of Jesus because everyone would already have clearly understood what Jesus was saying in His native tongue. But Mark had to translate it!

Notice: "And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, 'Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?' which is, *being interpreted*, 'My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?'"

Now consider this astounding fact. If the Syriac rather than the Greek text formed the original New Testament, there would be no reason for us to find in the Peshitta Bible the words "which is, being interpreted, 'My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?'" But what do we find?

The Aramaic New Testament repeats

the original Greek text word-for-word! The Aramaic text when translated into English reads, "And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, 'My God, my God, why has thou forsaken me?' which is, being interpreted, 'My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?'"

There could be no stronger proof—despite the false claims of Mr. Lamsa and the Church of the East—that Aramaic is *not* the original language of the New Testament. The Syriac manuscripts which form the Peshitta text are merely early translations of the original, inspired Greek text which God has preserved through the Greek people.

Dr. Lamsa *attempted to cover up* this devastating truth by cleverly leaving the Aramaic words of Jesus untranslated in his English version.

What about the trustworthiness of the Lamsa translation? Lamsa's translation of Mark 15:34 provides yet another shortcoming of his translation. Lamsa mistranslates the words of Jesus to

read, "My God, my God, for this I was spared!" This is a far cry from the Aramaic text which Dr. Lamsa purports to properly translate. The Aramaic does not read as Dr. Lamsa renders it. It reads exactly the same as the original inspired Greek: "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

Jesus' words are a direct quote from Psalm 22:1, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Jesus *was* forsaken when he became our sinbearer (II Cor. 5:21). The Father *let* Jesus die *for* our sins! That's why Jesus was forsaken *unto death*.

Yet to hide the fact that Jesus quoted Psalm 22:1 as He faced death, Dr. Lamsa *purposely mistranslates* Psalm 22:1 as, "My God, my God, why hast thou let me to live?" What error! Jesus did not live. He *died* for our sins and had to be resurrected.

Another example of the shoddiness of Lamsa's translation is found in Luke 23:54. Here Dr. Lamsa deliberately
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The Ninth Commandment

This is the most cynical age in all human history—an age of DOUBT, disillusionment, fear. The CAUSE is revealed by the Ninth Commandment of God.

by Roderick C. Meredith

THIS IS the age of "payola." It is the age of the "sophisticated lie," the double standard of morality.

This is the age of respectable appearing industrial leaders and college professors perjuring themselves on the witness stand and even before the United States Senate. This age also presents the peculiar spectacle of millions of people who believe in evolution attending churches which nominally, at least, believe in the Creator God of the Bible.

The Christ of the Bible thoroughly condemned the HYPOCRITES of His day. *What would He say about our generation?*

Society Living a Lie

In his book, *Sex, Vice and Business*, Monroe Fry tells of "the willingness of communities to accept vice when it brings an indirect profit to their respectable businessmen." His book shows plainly what thousands of sophisticated adults already know: that "respectable" church and civic leaders are often ready and willing to support gambling, prostitution and narcotics if it is to their financial advantage to do so.

To the community at large, they appear as the pillars of virtue and respectability. To the procurers of prostitutes, narcotics or big-time gambling czars, they are ready to make an "undercover deal." They are ready to use their civic influence or position to let organized vice and crime flourish in their community—so long as they get a financial "cut."

In plain language, they are *living a LIE!*

The revelation of how much our entire "Christian" society is based on this type of HYPOCRISY is absolutely astounding! But we are paying a stern penalty nevertheless—for we are breaking the ninth commandment of God.

In this continuing series of articles expounding the Ten Commandments,

we have seen that the GREATEST sin of all is putting something else *in place of* the true God. This, in turn, leads to *idolatry*, to *blaspheming* God's name, to *breaking* His Sabbath, to *dishonoring* our human parents, to *murder*, *adultery* and *stealing*.

And the exact SAME principle applies to the *ninth commandment* of God.

The Ninth Commandment

"They shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor" (Exodus 20:16).

It is only by seeking for and bearing witness to the *truth* that man is associated with God. For, in literal fact, God is TRUTH!

Jesus said: *"Thy word is truth"* (John 17:17). And again: *"I am the way, the TRUTH, and the life"* (John 14:6).

No matter what other faults and weaknesses a man may have, IF he is willing to speak the *truth*, live openly and *truthfully* what he really is, and acknowledge the *truth* when it is shown to him, that man can be *respected* and *helped* to overcome his personal weaknesses.

The far-searching spiritual application of the ninth commandment is *tremendous*. Consider: (1) There is a personal, living Almighty God of this universe whose ways and laws are intrinsically "right." (2) Therefore, a man who is *honest*, who is willing to speak the *truth* and acknowledge the TRUTH when it is revealed, MUST eventually be "converted" to the true God and His ways!

But a man whose word is no good, who is in the habit of LYING to others and to himself—that man's very *character and mental processes* are so TWISTED and PERVERTED that he can NEVER come to understand even the truth of God until his mind is literally "cleaned up!"

That is why it is so VITALLY important that—even though among humans there may be honest differences of

opinion on many matters—we all learn to *live and speak TRUTHFULLY*.

Yet, we are living in a society which is increasingly *permeated* by various forms of untruth, hypocrisy and self-deception. If we are ever to build the character of God—and inherit eternal life—we must consider the *ninth commandment* in all of its ramifications—and learn to OBEY it.

The Danger of False Testimony

The ninth commandment *protects* every upright and decent man in that it helps guard his *reputation*. Perhaps there is no more despicable sin than that of *slander*, the lie invented and spread abroad with intent to harm one's fellow man.

A thief takes only material goods, which may usually be replaced. But a false witness who slanders may rob one of esteem and reputation in the eyes of his fellow men—and the chances make it difficult for it ever to be fully regained.

The aggressive nature of man makes him the most guilty party in countless outward acts of sin. But one of the most common and degrading sins among women is that of spreading *gossip* and *slander*. How many lives, homes and careers are wrecked by this vile practice is known to God alone.

The apostle James was inspired to warn against this careless use of the tongue: "And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell" (James 3:6).

The first and basic application of the command is against false testimony in the courts of justice. This we call *perjury*. It is a criminal offense and rightly so, for justice is based upon *truth*.

Yet even this most basic application of the command stands as an indictment against literally THOUSANDS of men and women in our society who have

the effrontery to call on the name of God to witness to their wretched lies and wholesale distortions of truth. The parade of witnesses openly doing this before the American congressional committees is alone a terrible parody on our nation's morals—a tragic spectacle for our children to behold. For it reveals an entire society of businessmen, industrialists, government bureaucrats, labor leaders and even college professors all basing their lives on *deception, lies* and *HYPOCRISY*.

More than most people fully grasp, this is a *dangerous situation*! For this means that we must not only distrust our avowed enemies, but also our professed "friends." It means that MILLIONS of man-hours and dollars or pounds must be spent in order to "check up" on the honesty of those in the government, in business, and so on down the line. And it breeds throughout our entire society an attitude of *cynicism, despair* and *futility*.

For it is the result of *breaking God's LAW*.

The Practical Value of Honesty

The immediate value of being able to rely on a man's word would not only guard every decent man's reputation, and eliminate millions of wasted hours from the burden of "investigating" every statement and report several times over, it would prevent unworthy men from ever being placed in high positions of responsibility. It would literally "clean up" our society!

How often today are entire NATIONS guided by men who are in power *only because of their ability to delude and deceive their own people*!

Throughout the world, we see puppet dictators arising and promising their followers "something for NOTHING." By means of clever propaganda, the leader makes the people believe what he himself knows to be a big LIE. Then follow many months or years of uncertainty, anguish, frustration until ultimate disaster strikes and the TRUTH is finally made plain only by force of circumstance.

Even in our democratic nations, men are all too often recommended for high office—*not because of integrity and ability*—but because of what seems

"expedient" at the moment in party politics. The political and governmental leaders who countenance this are certainly "bearing false witness" against their fellow countrymen! They are *living a LIE*—as well as helping tell one.

In the field of industry and business, think of the TREMENDOUS benefit that would come to the public if each company would really tell the TRUTH about its own product and honestly seek to *serve* the consumer's real needs! The effects of this would be literally AS-TOUNDING!

Think of a society where each brand of toothpaste and breakfast cereal, for example, was not just an imitation or needless variation of another but was the only and BEST of its particular type, *honestly* priced and *truthfully* advertised! Apply this to every phase of society and you get something near UTOPIA.

But this is NOT a far-fetched or fantastic suggestion. It is simply the BLESSINGS that would come if the entire society really and literally *obeyed* the ninth commandment of God!

If you would live *forever* in the society of God, you are COMMANDED by Him who gives you life and breath: "*Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man TRUTH with his neighbor: for we are members one of another*" (Eph. 4:25).

The *unbounded blessings* that would result from obedience to this eternal law of God stagger the imagination. *Every* bit of propaganda, *every* bit of news in the papers, *every* advertisement of any and all products, *every* business dealing, *every* personal conversation—all would be based on TRUTH. Jesus Christ expressed how this living law would operate to *bless* those that obeyed Him completely: "*And ye shall know the TRUTH, and the truth shall make you FREE*" (John 8:32).

Apply the Ninth Commandment in YOUR Life

The very root principle of all sin is VANITY. "Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; *ALL is vanity*" (Eccl. 1:2).

The real reason most men reject the true God is that *they* want to be "gods" in their own eyes and the eyes of their

fellow men. It is *vanity*.

Every sin that is committed by man has its ultimate roots in this one principle. And so it is with *every form of lying*.

Men LIE because they are more concerned with their own self-esteem and sense of importance than they are with the ultimate good of their fellow man. They speak and act *falsely* because they fear the opinions of men much more than that of Almighty GOD Himself! The daily actions and words of nearly all men bear eloquent testimony to the literal truth of this statement.

As John said even of the religious leaders of his day: "*For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God*" (John 12:43).

Men and women are often ashamed of what they call "failure" in a business or social sense. They will cheat, falsify and LIE in order to avoid this "failure"—or to cover it up.

But from the point of view of what is intrinsically "right"—and of *eternal* values—the thing they should fear is SIN. For, as the apostle Paul said, "*If God be for us, who can be against us?*" (Rom. 8:31.)

Jesus said: "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall speak all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake" (Matt. 5:11).

We had all better QUIT WORRYING so much about what puny, mortal *men* think—and become far more concerned about what Almighty GOD thinks! Then we will learn to cease from all *hypocrisy* in business, in social life, in politics—yes, in our *religious* and *scientific* endeavors.

Remember that many whom this deceitful world condemned have received God's blessing and are heirs of *eternal* life. Never forget that it was through the sin of *false testimony* and *lying* that Jesus Christ was MURDERED! "*For many bare false witness against him, but their witness agreed not together*" (Mark 14:56).

Since, *through vanity*, men want to believe what is "popular" at the moment, they will "kid themselves" and their associates into believing even religious and scientific theories that have
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The Bible Story

by Basil Wolverton

CHAPTER TWENTY-FOUR

SAFE AT LAST!

“KEEP on toward the east!” Pharaoh shouted from the floor of the Red Sea. “The Israelites are just ahead! We can overcome them within the hour!”

That was one of the last sentences Pharaoh uttered.

While the Egyptians were struggling in the slippery mud, the last parts of the Israelite columns were coming up out of the gulf of the Red Sea. A mounted messenger was sent ahead with the information that all the people had reached the east shore of the gulf. As soon as Moses had received the news, God spoke to him, telling him to stretch his hands and shepherd’s rod out toward the sea so that the parted waters would merge. Moses halted the movement of the people, and went to the shore to obey God’s instructions. (Exodus 14:26.)

Pharaoh Perishes

At that same time, in the deepest part of the Red Sea gulf, thousands of frantic Egyptian soldiers struggled through knee-deep mud to get back to the west bank of the gulf. Chariots were left behind. Riderless horses floundered helplessly in the mire. Yelling in terror, the Egyptians crawled and pawed over one another in their wild efforts to get back to the west beach. From his royal chariot Pharaoh tried to keep on issuing orders for his men to pursue the Israelites. But no one heeded his commands. The king of Egypt became furious, screeching orders at the top of his voice. It was impossible to be heard above the tumult. And even if the soldiers could have heard their commander, they wouldn’t have obeyed.

It was then that God allowed the divided waters to flow together. Imagine, if

you can, two invisible walls three or four hundred feet high holding water that deep. Think what would happen if those invisible walls, hundreds of feet apart, were suddenly snatched away to let two bodies of water rush together.

The lofty waters thundered together with such force and fury and sound that the entire Egyptian army was crushed to death as instantly as a stream from a fire hose would drown mosquitoes. (Verse 27.)

This was the abrupt end of the man who had planned to wipe out the people God had chosen for a special task in His plan for things to come. This was sudden death for thousands who had a part in Pharaoh's efforts to enslave or destroy the Israelites. Probably that Egyptian king was born for the very purpose of troubling the Israelites. God used him for a purpose, even permitting the king to be more stubborn than usual. Nevertheless, Pharaoh himself chose to get revenge on the Israelites by his own free will. As a result, not one of the pursuing Egyptians escaped the awesome destruction by two bodies of water smashing together like the jaws of a gigantic vise. (Verse 28.)

The Israelites, moving slowly to the south along the east side of the Red Sea gulf, had been startled to see the water suddenly recede from the shore and move northward like the current of a swift river.

Suddenly there had been a thunderous roar. A long, frothy curtain of water had spewed skyward all along the area where the Israelites had walked through the Red Sea. By that time they had moved too far away to see that this upshooting sheet of water hurled men, horses and chariots high into the air where the two parts of the sea waters collided.

The astonished Israelites had no idea that their pursuers were being crushed and drowned by that massive clash of waters. But the sea became so turbulent that soon great waves started crashing up on shore. Up from those waves came objects that caused many of the Israelites to turn aside and hurry to the beaches to see what the waves had washed onto land.

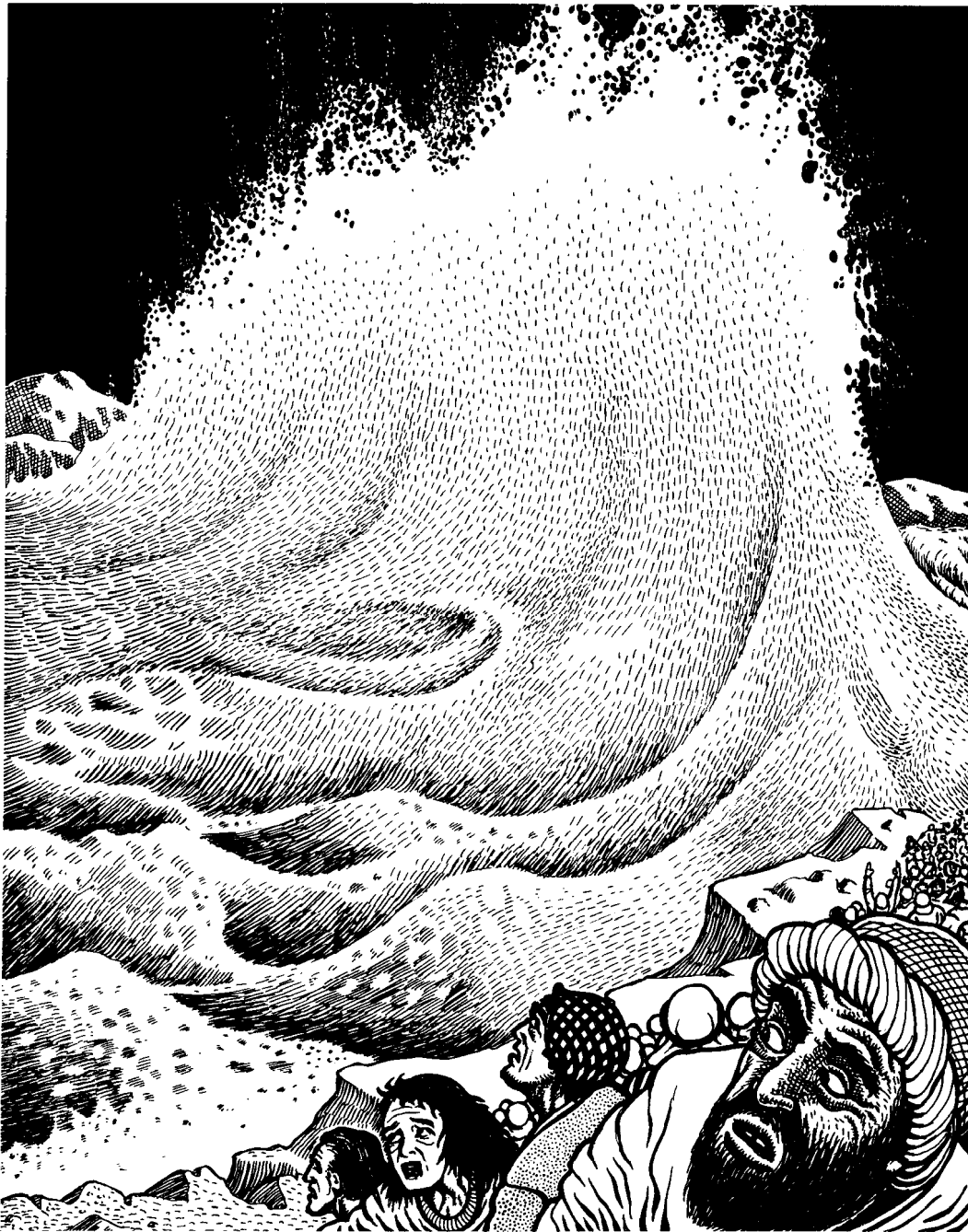
"Bodies!" some of the foremost to the beach exclaimed. "Bodies of people!"

"Egyptian soldiers!"

That was the remark that fell from the lips of many astonished Israelites. (Verse 30.)

Not until then did the Israelites begin to realize that the Egyptian army had been right behind them as they passed through the Red Sea, and that Pharaoh's fighting force had been caught in the tremendous collision of the parts of the sea that had been divided.

Realizing at last what had happened, the Israelites were greatly impressed by



The two sections of water crashed together, forcing a long, frothy curtain of water into the sky across the Red Sea gulf.

this miracle God had provided for their protection, and a great feeling of thankfulness welled up in most of them. (Verse 31.)

Corpses weren't all that the waves brought up. Thousands of dead horses soon littered the shore. Even heavy chariots were thrust up on the beaches. When the people examined the chariots, they found that many of them contained knives, swords and shields. They took all these things, along with spears and other weapons washed in from the sea. Inasmuch as most of the Israelites had left Egypt with very few necessities, here was their opportunity to also obtain clothes, leather harness, tools and numerous other items lost by the destroyed Egyptian army. Thus the Israelites were supplied, through the drowning of the Egyptian army, with many of the things they needed for their trip to come—a trip that was to last much, much longer than they imagined.

Moses Assembles the People

Because of their huge numbers and because they were spread out over so much territory, not all of the Israelites were close enough to the sea to witness the huge waves and what the churning waters washed ashore. Word quickly spread to all the people. When the news reached Moses, he wasn't surprised. Because of his close connection with God, he knew what to expect. His main concern was to give thanks to the One who had kept the Israelites safe.

Moses sent word for all the Israelites to assemble as closely together as possible for the purpose of thanking their Creator for completely freeing them from the Egyptians.

Back in those days, as well as now, there were people who had great ability to produce beautiful music, and others who could write well-chosen words to go with the music. Such talented ones, inspired by God's mighty deeds, quickly produced a wonderful song for the Israelites to sing. Probably Moses was among those who hastily created this song. You will remember that he was raised by an Egyptian princess, and was well-trained in culture.

Millions of people gathered together over hundreds of acres to sing praise to God or to listen to the singing. The song was started by Moses. He sang a few words, then hesitated while those around him repeated the words and tune. Then Moses sang a few more words and the people again repeated while their leader hesitated. This went on until the whole song had been sung to God for the wonderful things He had done for the Israelites.

It might seem impossible that such a vast host of people, scattered over many miles, could successfully sing together. Probably not all of the Israelites sang. Those thousands closest to Moses raised their voices in such tremendous volume that the crowds far beyond them were able to hear and appreciate the song. Possibly the most

distant parts of the crowd repeated the words and music they had heard from those nearest Moses, so that the music swelled up from different areas of the crowd at different times without confusion.

In any event, it was probably the greatest and loudest mass display of gratitude ever to come from man to God. (Exodus 15:1-19.)

Strong male voices, accompanied by horns, flutes and other wind and string instruments, were joined by the voices of women and the rhythmic beat of their tambourines. Miriam, a sister of Aaron, led the Israelite women in a graceful dance. This woman had long before been chosen to lead and instruct the women in many things. Now she directed the female dancing in a way that was pleasing to God. (Verses 20-21.)

Later, in preparing to travel on, the Israelites watered their animals from the full wells in that area. They also filled their gourds and leather water bottles with the precious liquid that was so scarce in the arid regions into which they would travel.

Moving into the Desert

The people now moved on to the south, following the cloud and gradually edging away from the east shore of the Red Sea gulf. This led them into a region where there was mile upon mile of sand dunes. All day long they slipped and skidded through the shifting sands. It was a hot day. They consumed a great part of the water they had brought, but this didn't concern most of them because they believed that water would be available at a place they would reach at the end of the day.

But when darkness came on and it was necessary to camp, there were no signs of wells, springs or streams.

Next day, traveling in the heat of the desert, the water supply dwindled swiftly. The people used up most of what they were carrying, and there was little or none for their animals.

By nightfall there was no sign of water. Again they camped on the warm sands of the desert, then started out into a third hot day without enough water for themselves or their animals. Many of them began to doubt that they could get through the day on what little water was left. (Verse 22.)

Somehow a rumor became started that by sundown they would reach a place where there was plenty of water. This bolstered the hopes of the worried Israelites.

Late that afternoon their hopes began to be realized. The first columns of the caravan arrived at a place called Marah. Palm trees and other lush vegetation indicated that water must be present.

First men to enter the green area were overjoyed to see quite a large pool of

clear, sparkling water. In the middle of the pool it gushed out of the ground in a cool, splashing geyser.

Men rushed to the pool to fall face down and gulp the cooling, life-giving liquid. But their joy was cut short. They spewed the water out of their mouths and struggled to their feet.

"It's bitter!" someone shouted. "We can't drink this!"

"Perhaps it's poisonous," someone else remarked as he continued spitting.

Regardless of the remarks of the first tasters, Israelites by the thousands milled around the place where the water gushed from the ground. But all who tasted agreed that it was far too bitter for people or animals to swallow. (Verse 23.)

Having become accustomed to the unusually fine flavor of the water of the Nile, the Israelites began to bitterly complain that they would die of thirst unless better water could quickly be found.

"Moses has led us into this hopeless and miserable situation," was the comment that began to come from many Israelites.

This ill feeling against Moses blossomed out to such an extent that Moses' officers reluctantly reported it to him. Moses was disappointed and discouraged that millions of people blamed him for the fact that the water at Marah was bitter. (Verse 24.)

Realizing that something had to be done at once, Moses called on God for help.

The Water Becomes Sweet

"There is a tree growing just outside your tent," God told Moses. "Cut it down and throw it into the pool where the water gushes out of the ground."

Moses obeyed. People who were gathered around the water hole thought it very strange that their leader should walk up and toss a small tree into the pool. This strange act must have caused some to lose even more faith in Moses as a leader.

Meanwhile, hordes of people continued pressing in to taste the water that was causing such dissatisfaction. All of them, annoyed at the taste of the water, spit it out in disgust.

However, after Moses threw the tree into the pool, the water tasters began to change their attitudes.

"I do not find this water bitter," remarked one who had just arrived. "Why are people complaining that it doesn't taste good?"

From that moment on the complaints against the water were wiped out by the happy remarks of thousands upon thousands who arrived to obtain water. Hordes of people and their flocks began an almost endless movement up to the pool which had suddenly and miraculously given out water that wasn't bitter. (Verse 25.)

It quickly became plain to the Israelites that God had performed another miracle by causing the water at Marah to become sweet and pleasant to drink.

This was another test for Moses, who once again had to rely entirely on God for help during a trying time. God spoke to Moses, telling him to tell the people that if they would carefully obey their Creator, He would keep them free of the many diseases that He had brought on the Egyptians.

"I am your healer," God said, "Keep my commandments, and I will keep you healthy." (Verse 26.)

Since that time, only a very small part of this world's inhabitants have observed God's laws. But those who have done so have been able to claim that promise God made to the Israelites. God has protected and healed multitudes of such faithful people.

Today, in all this world, commandment-keeping people number only in the thousands, whereas there are many, many millions of so-called Christians. Those relative few who keep God's laws still are claiming that ancient promise, and are enjoying the miracles of protection and healing from a merciful and loving Creator.

Within only a few years from now, however, millions upon millions of people will turn to keeping God's laws. As a result, good health, prosperity and happiness will rapidly spread throughout the Earth.

On to Sinai

Refreshed with water and rest, the Israelites later set out southward. Still in desert land, many of them wondered how soon they would reach fresh water again. They journeyed many miles through the hot, arid land. Then, to their relief, they arrived at a place called Elim, where there was even more green vegetation than there was at Marah. (Verse 27.)

They camped for several days at Elim. Strange as it may seem, there were twelve wells there—one for each of the twelve tribes of Israel. Furthermore, there were just seventy palm trees—the exact number of Israelite elders.

After leaving Elim, the people continued southward over a vast desert area. By then it was about a month since they had left the Nile region, and their food was beginning to run low. (Exodus 16:1.) Even though sheep, goats and cattle could have been slaughtered for food, the Israelites began to complain that Moses and Aaron had brought them into the desert to starve.

This feeling against their leaders became so strong that soon Moses heard about it from some of his officers. (Verse 2.)

"Bring some of these complainers to me," Moses told his officers.

A few men who claimed they were spokesmen for the people were brought

before Moses and Aaron and some of the elders.

"Why are the people saying that we have brought them out into the desert to starve?" Moses asked them.

"There is no more food," one of the spokesmen muttered bitterly. "The grain we brought from Egypt is almost gone. So is our oil. We will soon have nothing with which to make bread!"

"Why not use some of your flocks for food?" Moses asked.

"If we eat up our animals, how shall we start our livestock ranches where we are going?" queried another spokesman in a sarcastic tone.

"Our people are unhappy," another spoke up. "We feel that it would have been better to die along with the Egyptians than to wander around out in the desert and run out of food." (Verse 3.)

"You mean that the people would rather be back in slavery in Egypt than to be free out here in the desert?" Moses asked.

"That's right!" one of the spokesmen answered. "We worked hard back there. But we had plenty to eat. The Egyptians gave us all the meat we wanted. We had enough bread and other good things, too. Out here, all we have to look forward to is day after day of marching in the hot desert, only to die under the scorching sun when our food is completely gone."

Moses was again disappointed and discouraged, just as he had been several times before when the Israelites had become upset and unreasonable.

"I told you before that God will protect and take care of us." Moses told the spokesmen from the Israelites. "He hasn't failed us and he won't fail us. Go tell that to the people. And tell them to stop complaining against their Creator, who is giving them life from day to day!"

Moses took the matter to God at once, asking Him for help in handling the unruly and unreasonable Israelites. As usual, God acted to aid his servant Moses.

God Acts for Moses

"I have heard the people complaining," God told Moses. "To remind them that I am mindful of their needs, I shall give them flesh in the evening, and in the morning bread from heaven will come down for them. I want them to learn to be obedient and to depend on Me for help. Therefore from morning to morning, through a miracle, I shall give them what they require to keep alive. Each day they must gather only what they need of this special bread for that day. On the sixth day of the week, the day before my holy Sabbath, they must gather twice as much. Then they may grind it for meal, bake it or cook it for eating the next day." (Ex. 16:4-5.)

God gave Moses other instructions for keeping the people under control. Moses passed these things on to Aaron, who spoke to thousands upon thousands of persons who had been told to gather together to hear messages that had come from God. (Verses 6-9.)

"Either you have already forgotten the great things God has done for us," Aaron said to the crowds, "or you seem to think that your Creator's power is quite limited. You have been blaming Moses and your elders and myself for bringing you here, and for the many miseries that exist mainly in your imaginations. Very soon you will see something that will remind you that our loving and powerful God is the real leader of this journey from Egypt. Instead of complaining, you should be thankful for the kindness, mercy and patience He has shown toward all of us."

Even as Aaron spoke, shouts of excitement welled up from the crowds. People began pointing to that mysterious cloud that had guided them. It was off to the south-east, hanging over the desert. (Verse 10.)

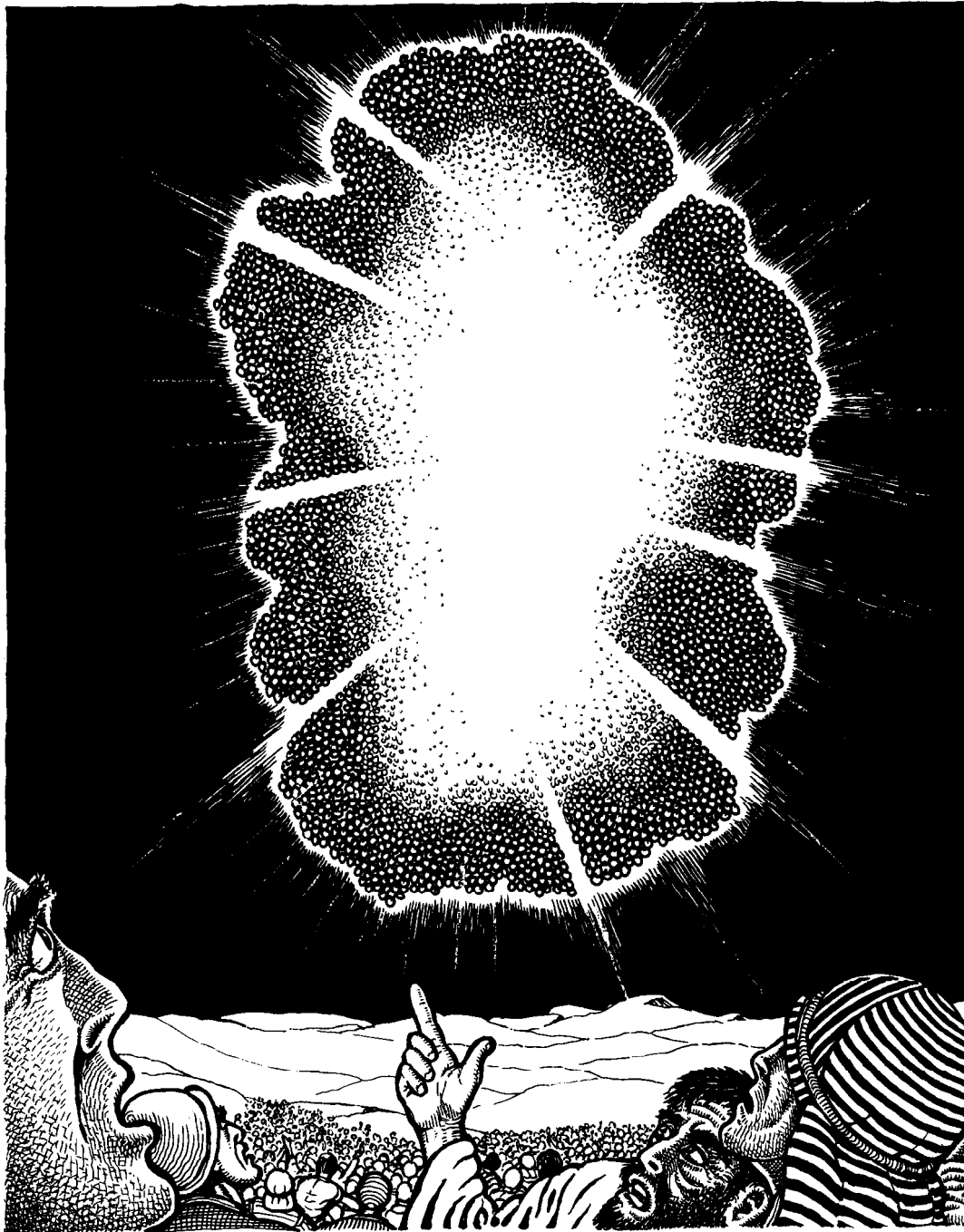
One might think that the very presence of that cloud, changing to fire at night, was enough to keep the people in awe of God. But most of the Israelites had become spiritually dulled from years of servitude and slipping away from the truth of things that were important. They were filled with awe when they walked across the bottom of the Red Sea—but not for long. They were wide-eyed with wonderment when they first saw the guiding cloud which became a pillar of fire. But after a month of seeing it, it became as common to them as the sun or the moon. What impressed the Israelites most were the material things that gave them relief from their strong physical needs and desires. Other things didn't matter much to them.

Once again, however, they were filled with awe when they gazed up at the cloud. Its vapors were moving and tumbling in a peculiar, rhythmic fashion. Here and there an opening appeared in the cloud, releasing dazzling beams of light in all colors.

While over two million people gazed in astonishment, the shape of the cloud kept changing, and with each change there was some other beautiful display of light. At times the cloud glittered as though it were a pulsating mountain of diamonds. Then it would turn into moving ribbons of brilliant color, cascading masses of dazzling sparks or swirling flashes of multi-colored flame!

To most of the Israelites this was nothing more than an amazing display of God's power. Hearts beat faster in awe and excitement. But it wasn't until the cloud became a glowing mass as bright as the sun that the people became startled and afraid.

Many of them drew back in fear, blinking into the blinding light. A loud, booming crash, like that of intense thunder, roared out of the cloud. Many of the people shuddered in alarm when this deafening clap of noise occurred. It lasted for many



The Israelites became fearful when the cloud glowed brighter and brighter.

seconds, and it sounded like the bass voice of a tremendous giant muttering words of warning the people couldn't quite understand. Gradually, then, the rumble and the

light faded away, and there again was the cloud floating peacefully over the desert.

The awed throng was silent. Probably there wasn't to be found even one person among those millions, right then, who had the slightest desire to complain about anything.

To be continued

Ninth Commandment

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NO BASIS WHATSOEVER in actual fact!

God warns against all such HYPOCRITES: "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who hold the truth in unrighteousness" (Rom. 1:18). Most Bible commentaries or lexicons show that the expression "hold" should have been translated "hold down" or "suppress." Men *suppress* the truth.

For God is condemning those who knowingly *hold down* or SUPPRESS the truth of God's existence and His purpose on this earth! God says the vain philosophers and scientists of this world are "without excuse" for denying that God literally CREATED this universe and is now *ruling* it through His power (verse 20).

Most scientists and theologians who believe in the Satan-inspired theory of evolution *ought to know better*. Some of them *do* know better! But they are going along with what pleases men, and they are *living* a LIE!

God says they are "without excuse!"

And in the same category are those ministers and Bible students who continue to teach and practice what they KNOW are ancient *heathen* and *pagan* beliefs and customs *condemned in the Word of God*. In all too many cases, *they know better!*

They are "without excuse."

The continued teaching of these basic scientific and spiritual LIES is the very thing that is BLINDING most of this world from the real *nature* of God and of His true plan and *purpose* here below. This is the truly TERRIBLE re-

sult of bearing false witness, self-deception and LYING.

For as long as supposedly "educated" leaders keep deceiving themselves and others about the very *existence* and *power* and *plan* of God, our civilization is DOOMED!

Live by the TRUTH

In your own personal life, then, learn the importance of *telling* the truth, *believing* the truth, *living* the TRUTH. Be CAREFUL not to base your whole life on a series of LIES—whether they be personal, political, scientific or religious distortions of truth.

Remember, it is the real TRUTH which will make you free (John 8:32).

In your personal speech, *guard your words carefully*. You need not always speak everything you know. But when you speak, let it be TRUTH. Remember: "*Death and life* are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof" (Pro. 18:21).

Never forget that a man is only as good as his *word*. If a man becomes a habitual liar, it is almost impossible to help him—for anything he says or does may simply be another deception.

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The very diametric opposite of God's character is that of Satan the Devil. As Jesus Christ revealed: "When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: *for he is a LIAR*, and the father of it" (John 8:44).

Those who follow Satan in his refusal to live by truth have a terrible fate awaiting them: "But the fearful, and unbelieving . . . and *all LIARS*, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death" (Rev. 21:8).

Remember, there are no "white" lies in God's sight. They are all BLACK. Half-truths, distortions and deceptions are *condemned* throughout God's Word.

Jesus said: "Thy word *is* TRUTH" (John 17:17). Let us *live by* that inspired Word that we may inherit eternal life in the kingdom that is *based on* what is literally *true* and *right*.

This is the message of the ninth commandment!

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Family from Nampa, Idaho

NOTICE!

We regret there is no Autobiography in this issue due to Mr. Armstrong's pressing duties in England. Read it next issue—and also the astounding article "How Would Jesus Vote for President?"

Short Questions

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mistranslated the word "preparation" by the word "Friday". The word "Friday" is not in *any* authoritative manuscript. This is an out-and-out misinterpretation of the original text and a direct perversion of the truth. Friday was not the preparation.

Such evidence should make even the most skeptical realize that the Lamsa translation cannot be considered as an authority in textual problems.

But is the Lamsa translation of such little value that it should not be used at all?

No, by no means. Like many other translations, it makes a few passages more understandable, as Hebrews 4:9. It can therefore be of help *if it is compared with a more literal and accurate translation of the inspired Greek text* (such as the King James version) *so that the intended meaning of the scripture will not be misunderstood*.

The claims of Dr. Lamsa and the Church of the East regarding the New Testament being originally written in Aramaic are not true. Lamsa's translation cannot be trusted in many places. Yet it can sometimes be useful in making the meaning more clear. It should always be compared with an authoritative translation of the inspired *Greek* text.

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