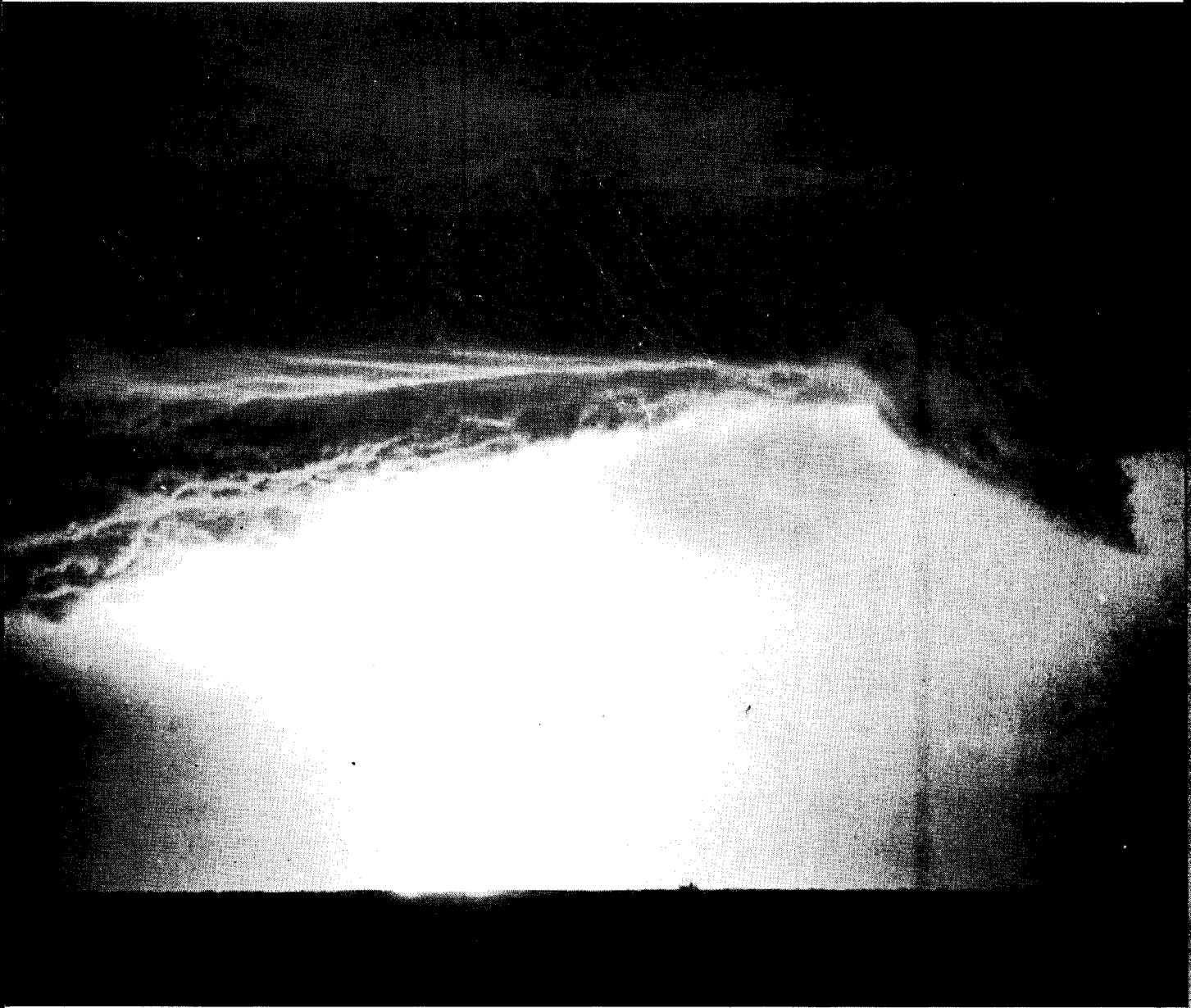


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LIGHTNING STRIKES in the Midwest. Terrific storms of every description are raging through our land. Bible PROPHECY reveals that even more ominous events lie ahead! See the startling article beginning on page 3.

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Winds and waves batter the grounds of Miami resorts as a dangerous storm approaches. This will become a familiar sight to all coastal dwellers.

Heart to Heart Talk with the Editor

DO YOU realize that if it is wrong to do a certain thing, it is wrong to harbour **THOUGHTS** of that thing in your mind?

"All have sinned," says the Scripture. What is sin, anyway?

Satan ought to know—and he is the invisible influence who sways the course of this world. Hollywood is considered by many as the world's mecca of sin. On the newsstands in Hollywood may be found a very worldly booklet, written in a very light, "breezy," and satirical vein, titled "How to Sin in Hollywood." It gives a very worldly definition of sin—perhaps the definition is expressive, and not far from the truth. Here it is: "Sin is thinking thoughts you ought not to be thinking about things you ought not to be doing while you are thinking that kind of thoughts."

God's definition is: "Sin is the transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4). The law of "LOVE," as defined by the Ten Commandments. Jesus said: "That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the

man. From within, out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness" (violations of the law—the Ten Commandments) (Mark 7:20-22).

"All have sinned," says the Scripture. And what man—especially what Christian is there who has not time and again experienced the struggle against sin described by the Apostle Paul? "What I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that I do . . . For the good that I would I do not; but the evil which I would not, that I do." Who is there who has not LOST that struggle, perhaps many times?

Of course no man, of himself, can live above sin. "With men it is impossible," said Jesus, "but with God all things are possible." And Paul continues (Romans 8) to show that the only DELIVERANCE from this "body of death" is thru Jesus Christ, and the indwelling power of God's Holy Spirit—"that the RIGHTEOUSNESS of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit . . . for as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

Yes, but we have our part in it, too. And it all centers in the mind.

REPENTANCE of sin means, literally, to change one's mind in respect to sin. If we repent, and accept Jesus Christ as Saviour, the promise is we shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit . . . "and be renewed in the Spirit of *your mind*" (Eph. 4:23)—the presence of the Holy Spirit is the RENEWING of *the mind*.

How does sin actually happen? "Every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust (desire), and enticed. Then when lust (the desire IN THE MIND) hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin; and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death" (James 1:14-15).

The TEMPTATION is in the *mind*. When you *think* about the thing that tempts you—let your mind dwell on it—turn it over in your mind—whether it be a desire to GO someplace, to DO something, or to HAVE something you know is wrong—that *thinking about it* finally conceives—leads to *action*—and breeds SIN. You finally DO the thing you kept thinking about wanting to do. If you keep thinking about it, after a while you'll be UNABLE to resist it. That's why you've lost so many of these struggles against sin—you kept *thinking* about it, (Please continue on page 22)

America, **WAKE UP!**

Millions are being affected by drought, floods and hurricanes!

Your CREATOR has been warning this nation of specific DANGERS that lie ahead! Millions have been too drugged by religious CONFUSION to heed this last-hour warning. Here are facts you had better ACT ON before it is too late!

by Roderick C. Meredith

WHETHER YOU want to believe it or not, you are CERTAIN to be affected by the rapid fulfillment of *Bible prophecy!* And it will be those *particular prophecies* which we have been explaining to you through the pages of The PLAIN TRUTH magazine and over "The World Tomorrow" radio broadcasts.

You may think: "Well, I don't go along all the way with Mr. Armstrong." You may be satisfied with *your* religion and *your* "ideas" of how things will work out in the future.

But whether you realize it or not, you are now beginning to SEE the fulfillment of *many of the warnings we have been thundering to this nation for years!*

This is YOUR LIFE! You had better snap out of your self-satisfied condition and begin to face REALITY *squarely*. The handwriting is on the wall for America and her allies. It is *later than you think!*

GOD IS WARNING YOU—NOW!

God ALWAYS Gives a Warning!

The Eternal God has promised that He will never intervene to *punish* a people without first sounding a *warning* through His true ministers. Notice! "Surely the Lord God will do NOTHING but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets" (Amos 3:7).

WHERE ARE God's true prophets today? In this age of world chaos and sudden death, you had better rid your mind of *preconceived ideas* and *prejudice* and *honestly* seek to find out!

Listen!

This work has been warning America of *definite* and *tremendous* events to come for *many years!*

The popular, denominationally sup-

ported evangelists often make statements like this: "I believe that God *may* use Russia to punish America for her sins." Or, "It now seems likely that World War III *may* come within five years." Or again: "You had better accept Jesus Christ now because *He may* come back to earth tonight, tomorrow night, or sometime *very soon.*"

They use the words "*may*," "*could*," or "*might*." They are *afraid* to be *definite* and *specific!*

The truth of the matter is that they DARE NOT be specific about the future because they just DO NOT KNOW what the Bible says is going to happen!

But on "The World Tomorrow" broadcast and in this magazine we have dared to unlock the Bible prophecies and apply them to *specific* nations and events that are NOW being affected. Do you grasp the SIGNIFICANCE of this?

What is Definitely Prophesied to Happen

Let us briefly recount some of the outstanding occurrences that we have prophesied in the pages of this magazine. And as we do, remember the inspired words of Jeremiah: "The prophet which prophesieth of peace, *when the word of the prophet come to pass, then shall the prophet be known, that the Lord hath truly sent him*" (Jer. 28:9).

First of all, our long-time broadcast listeners will remember that even *before* the Second World War, Mr. Armstrong was warning our people of the potential danger of *world communism*. Yet we have always made it clear that a United Europe—*not Russia*—would be the power which would ultimately attack us!

In the June, 1948, issue of this maga-

zine, Mr. Armstrong was *definite* and SPECIFIC on this point! On page 4 of that issue, he wrote: "NO SUCH WAR BETWEEN RUSSIA AND THE UNITED STATES IS PROPHESED, contrary to many who profess to understand biblical prophecy."

Here is something TANGIBLE! It is either *so* or it *isn't* so!

In this same article, written over nine years ago, Mr. Armstrong went on to show that we would be taken as SLAVES by a revived *European* power. Indeed—OVER 23 years ago—in the August, 1934, issue, Mr. Armstrong wrote of the coming "beast" of Revelation 17, "a *United States of Europe*, or federation of ten nations within the bounds of the old Roman Empire."

Since that time we have *continually* WARNED this nation that a *revived*, aggressive *Germany* would eventually dominate this coming European union which is prophesied to ATTACK and CONQUER America and Britain!

Here is something DEFINITE! Here is something you can TEST and PROVE!

If you will carefully read your newspapers, you will see that Germany has ALREADY risen from the rubble of war to challenge her former *conquerors* in the world trade markets! And now we are providing her with an army and ATOMIC weapons!

A recent news release states that we now plan to provide West Germany with 1326 first-line jet aircraft. The article says: "The Iron Cross, symbol of German air power, again cruises *Deutschland* skies . . ."

When will we WAKE UP?

For nearly a *quarter of a century*, this work has been WARNING our people that



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A unit of the new West German army at drill. New American weapons are expected to be delivered shortly.

a revived Germany will lead a "United States of Europe" in attacking America and Britain!

God is going to use this power to PUNISH us for our *sins* and our rebellion against His laws!

This is DEFINITE. Most of you will live to SEE it come to pass!

Droughts and Floods Prophesied

The TERRIFIC beating our nation has been taking as a result of *freak weather conditions* has been foretold *again* and *again* in the pages of this magazine.

In the July, 1953 issue, we warned that the *droughts* and *floods*—then only *beginning* to be noticed—would grow *worse* and *WORSE* and be followed by *insect plagues* and horrible DISEASE EPI-DEMICS!

The *droughts* and *floods* HAVE GROWN *WORSE*!

Recent issues of the *Reader's Digest* and several of the widely read news magazines have devoted important articles to showing that a large section of this nation is experiencing *its worst drought in over 700 years*!

But *now*—just this spring and summer—many areas have been hit by *terrible FLOODS* and *HURRICANES*! We are experiencing the topsy-turvy weather con-

ditions prophesied in the book of Amos: "And I also have *withholden the rain* from you, when there were yet three months to the harvest: and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city: one piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon

it rained not withered" (Amos 3:7).

This is a perfect description of the conditions of *drought* and *floods* we have been experiencing! It is not the purpose of this article to give you the detailed Biblical explanation of these conditions. This is simply to remind all of you that FOR MANY YEARS we have been warning you of *these exact events*!

Future articles will *continue to do so*. But the important thing is whether or not *you* HEED these warnings!

Even as I write, I have before me the morning paper with banner headlines: "HURRICANE DEATHS TOP 400; LOOTING AND DISEASE FOUGHT"!

On the same front page, another headline states: "*Geophysical Year Heralded by Sun Blast*." The article describes how great explosions on the sun have just taken place and have caused vast magnetic *hurricanes* and *electric storms*.

Speaking of these very times, and specifically of events of unprecedented magnitude shortly to astound and terrify the whole world, Jesus warned: "And there shall be SIGNS in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the SEA and the WAVES ROARING" (Luke 21:25).

As previously mentioned, the *death toll* from the *hurricane* and HUGE TIDAL

Boats and bus hurricane victims lie high and dry bearing mute evidence of the fury of Hurricane Audrey. The city of Cameron, Louisiana, was almost completely destroyed. Total damage of the storm will run into the millions of dollars.

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WAVE which struck Louisiana is mounting to over 400 at this writing! It is considered one of the greatest disasters of its kind in American history.

But—sad to say—THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING!

Disease Epidemics and Rabid Animals

One of the most startling articles we have ever published was contained in the April, 1956 issue. It was entitled: "DISEASE EPIDEMICS threaten U.S.A. in 2 years!"

It revealed how our people—modern Israel—are destined to be *punished* for their sins by the four different series of seven year punishments described in Leviticus 26.

This remarkable prophecy indicates

that at the conclusion of the *drought* and *floods* we are now just *beginning* to suffer, this nation is going to be punished by horrifying DISEASE EPIDEMICS—*plagues!* At the same time, God said: "I will also send *wild beasts* among you, which shall *rob* you of your *children*, and *destroy* your *cattle*, and make you few in number; and your ways shall be *desolate*" (Lev. 26:22).

No doubt these occurrences will take place on a smaller scale at first—as did the drought and floods. But very shortly these prophesied plagues will be front-page news! You will SEE this happen!

Already there are small premonitions of this very thing taking place in our land. Recently the Asian "flu" germ was reported "well seated" in the United

States. National health officers do not expect any major outbreaks this year, but say that there easily could be by next year.

The local newspaper states: "The U.S. is *seriously threatened* by a number of deadly diseases that are increasingly *epidemic* in Asia, Africa and Latin America. Foremost among them are *yellow fever*, *smallpox*, and *cholera*."

In addition to these warnings, we read increasingly of attacks on household pets by *rabid* squirrels, coyotes and foxes. In the southwest, where the cattle have long suffered from the drought and in many cases now have their water polluted by excessive floods, we will soon find that the hoof-and-mouth disease will spread

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A recent tornado destroyed this housing project in Dallas, Texas. This is only a small beginning of what is prophesied to occur in our nation.

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COMPLETELY OUT OF CONTROL!

These things are *not far off*. They are *here* and NOW!

DISEASE EPIDEMICS are prophesied to begin *soon!* America, *WAKE UP!*

Future Punishment and Captivity

After 1965, we are destined to run into increasing trouble with the Gentile nations. America and Britain will begin to suffer from *trade embargoes* imposed by the brown and oriental races, and by the coming German-dominated "United States of Europe" or "European Empire"—whatever it will be called.

We will begin to experience the pangs of *starvation* and of *scarcity* of goods!

And at the same time, terrible RACE WARS are destined to ravage our lands! The universal hatred of the domineering white man will finally express itself in *violence* and *bloodshed* such as we have never seen!

God intends to PUNISH us for *breaking His LAWS!*

Finally, when we are weakened from

drought, hunger, disease and *riots* within our borders—and our economy crippled by *foreign trade embargoes*—the revived "beast" power in central Europe will attack us! Fully *one third* of our people will *perish* in the *hydrogen bomb* attack.

God says: "I will make your cities WASTE" (Lev. 26:31). This can be done in our age of hydrogen weapons and guided missiles! *It is COMING!*

Our people will then go into a NATIONAL CAPTIVITY until they learn to REPENT of breaking *God's inexorable laws* and treating *His ways* with impunity!

Finally, they will be *restored*—repentant and humbled—at Christ's second coming. Then there will be *joy* and PEACE! They will have *learned their lesson!*

But meantime, these prophecies are REAL! They are DEFINITE and SPECIFIC. They *WILL COME TO PASS!*

You Had Better HEED the Warning!

There is *no other church* or *work* on

the face of this earth that either understands or dares to proclaim these *vital* warnings!

But God has said that His true ministers *WILL* warn the people before He *intervenes* in world affairs. *This is the very work of GOD!*

In following issues of *The PLAIN TRUTH*, and on "*The World Tomorrow*" broadcast we will give you more and more *specific* PROOF of these things.

You can KNOW! You can be SURE!

You are NOW BEING WARNED!

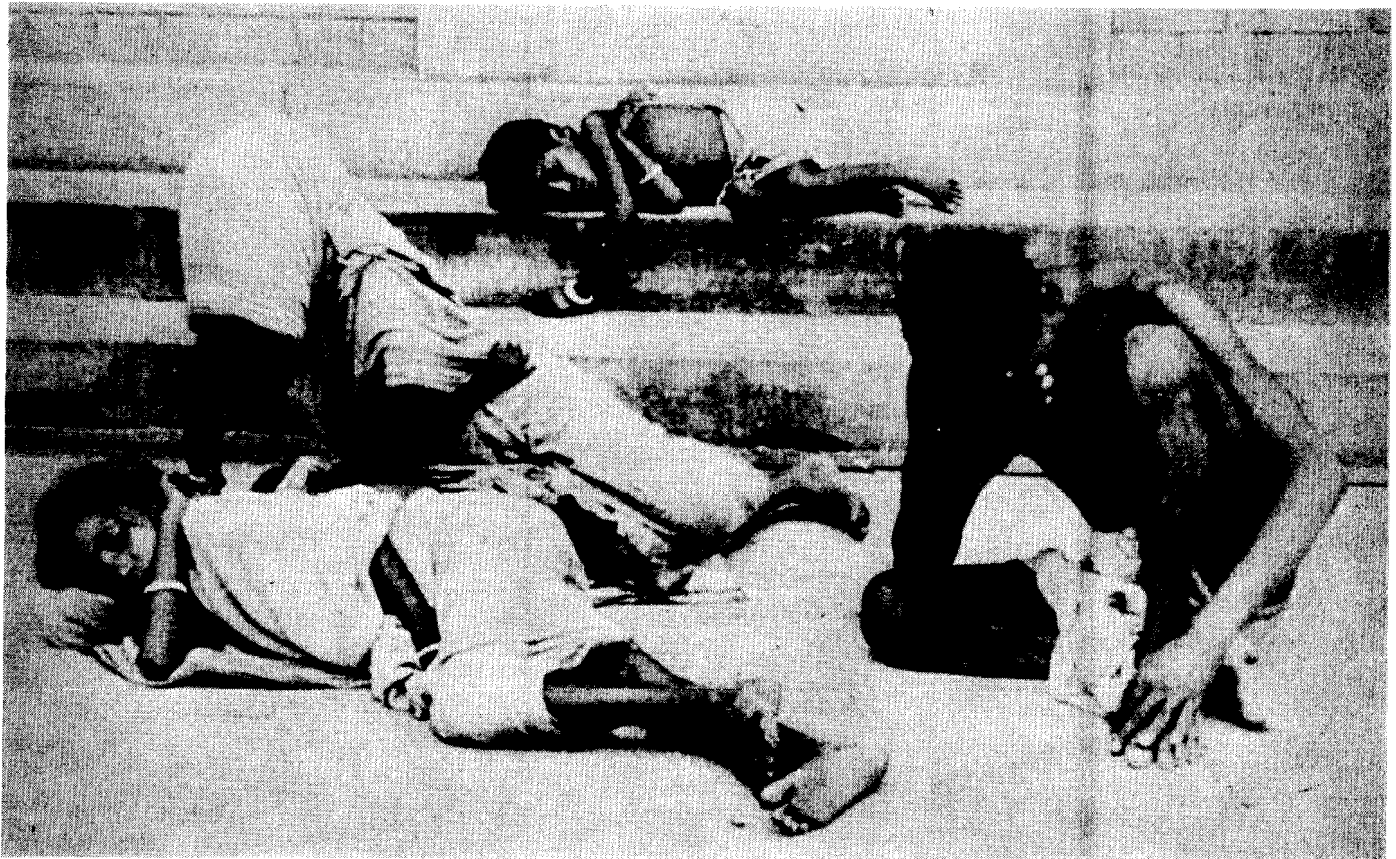
It may interest you to know that the *exact, specific area* which this broadcast has reached in the most powerful manner—the southern Midwest, the South and the Southwest—is the SAME area precisely that has borne the brunt of the *upset weather conditions* sent as a PUNISHMENT from God!

Your blood is on your own head once you have been WARNED! *Rebellious human nature* may cause you to say, "But my church doesn't teach that way," or, "Well, here's the way *I* look at it."

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A starving family in India. Unbelievable as it seems, scenes like this will become a common sight in America within 15 years!

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SEX—the "Scientific" View vs: God's

Never in history has so much impetus been given to public discussion of SEX. Dr. Kinsey is now dead, but his books on Sexual Behaviour of men and women capped the climax of public interest. Here, reprinted from the October, 1953 issue, is the real answer to an ever-growing problem. You NEED this vital information!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

SEX IS NO longer a "hush-hush" subject in America. "Science" now pours forth a torrent of sex discussions threatening to submerge what is left of the nation's morals!

Forty years ago no newspaper or magazine would have dared publish an article openly discussing the "forbidden" subject of sex. It was taboo. Sex was lust, evil, nasty. Nice people never mentioned it. It was shameful. Mothers never instructed their daughters. It would have been too embarrassing, and it would also have been impossible—they didn't know anything, themselves.

World War I and its aftermath let down the moral bars. Young people began to dare to discuss the forbidden subject among themselves, even though their parents were unaware of it. They began "loving up" as it was called forty years ago—they didn't use the word "petting" then—though gradually the terminology evolved into such expressions as "bundling," "mugging," "smooching," and now, today, it is "necking," or "petting." It's all the same thing under whatever happens to be the current slang name.

World War II knocked down additional moral bars, and since 1940 many books have been appearing on book store shelves on the subject of sex. Today many national magazines include an article on sex in every issue—it sells magazines on the news stands.

And Now, SCIENCE Speaks

Strange as it may seem, today there

is more real IGNORANCE about sex than ever before!

Humans tend to swing to opposite extremes like pendulums. From the age of false-modest hush, Americans have swung to the extreme of universal unblushing discussion, but still in total ignorance of the real PURPOSE and RIGHT USE of sex. Consequently, dangerous misinformation is disseminated and diabolical influence exerted in the name of "Science," which today is tearing down the very foundation of happy home life.

Like the ancients, this modern world is unwilling to "retain GOD in its knowledge." Ignoring the basic truth that it was GOD who made us male and female—it was GOD who created sex—and that God designed it for a wonderful PURPOSE and a USE productive of unbounded happiness, "Science," the false messiah of this world, views the subject biologically and purely from motives of selfish physical satisfactions. In so doing it leads people in the diametrical *opposite* direction from the wonderful and truly satisfying happiness sex was designed to bring.

NO BIOLOGIST—NO PSYCHIATRIST—NO DOCTOR OF MEDICINE or any other man of a purely physical and material "science" is qualified to UNDERSTAND and to intelligently teach the people the REAL TRUTHS about sex unless he be also a called and chosen and fully converted child of God, whose mind thru enlightenment of God's Holy Spirit has come to UNDERSTAND God's true pur-

poses in sex and how they can be achieved, thru the revelation of God's Word, the Holy Bible!

The true authority for the dissemination of right UNDERSTANDING of the subject of sex is the called and chosen minister of Jesus Christ.

Kinsey Champions Cause

The great invisible spirit of unmorality and opposition to the laws of GOD—the spirit which sways this evil world—has impatiently awaited this Kinsey report.

It has long needed the cloak of respectability and the mantle of authority which a recognized "man of science" such as Dr. Kinsey could lend it.

And what an avalanche of influence this spirit is now pouring upon a gullible nation! Almost every magazine and newspaper has printed feature stories or articles on this sensational Kinsey report about women over its front pages! It's doubtful whether the news of the atomic bomb received so much publicity! Probably no other so-called pronouncement of "Science," except the news of the atomic bomb in 1945, has ever been given such a surge of publicity!

And now the forces of lax morals and unchastity have a champion whom they can dignify as a "Scientist."

What the Kinsey Report Is

First, before discussing the report and what's wrong with it, let me make plain to you exactly WHAT this much-publicized Kinsey Report is.

Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey is a member of the faculty staff at Indiana University. He is a biologist, once an expert on gall wasps. He spent years studying the life and habits—especially the sex habits—of gall wasps. Of course, all that was of tremendous importance in the eyes of "Science," but then Dr. Kinsey came to realize that science knew more about the sex life of gall wasps than it did about sex behaviour in human beings. So he switched his field, and began a "scientific" study of the sex behaviour of humans.

Indiana University backed him and sponsored his work. After some years devoted to interviewing some thousands of human males, and analyzing information about their sex habits, he published his sensational book, *Sexual Behaviour in the Human Male* in 1948. It became a best seller.

Then with three assistants, all holding doctor's degrees, he set out to learn all about the sexual behaviour of the human female, and in what manner women differ from men sexually. His findings are based on long interviews with and very thorough questioning of 5,940 women. In itself, this fact finding should be helpful.

I have heard women exclaim: "No woman would ever really open up and tell all these secret sex facts about herself." But they are mistaken. Nearly 6,000 women *did* open up and disclose all the facts about themselves freely and in full frankness. Very few people, untrained in the methods of making such surveys, realize how it is done.

The Survey Method

I can well realize it for the simple reason that, so far as I know, the very first survey work of this nature done in the United States was a survey of retail merchandising conditions made in 1914 in Richmond, Kentucky, which I myself originated and conducted. In this survey I interviewed hundreds of consumers in town and in the country outside, and secured data from banks, freight and express offices, and many other sources. My report and analysis of retail conditions in that city were published in full in a national business magazine and created some kind of national sensation at the time.

Later I made numerous other surveys to obtain facts, based on the principle of the law of averages, both by personal interview and by written questionnaire. At one time, in an advertising agency business I operated, we employed college graduates specially trained in this sort of work. They were universally successful in obtaining confidential information pertaining to our clients' business or service which women had never divulged to anyone before.

One of the secrets of obtaining information in this way is the fact that the investigator is altogether non-personal, and merely securing answers to questions which are carefully tabulated along with similar answers from hundreds or thousands of others. The information is never connected with the name of the individual giving it. It is absolutely confidential. I learned years ago that a trained investigator who can inspire confidence *can* obtain the most personal and intimate information from housewives in this way, which they would never divulge to a *local* person or known friend.

In the first ten years of our marriage, Mrs. Armstrong did a great deal of this type of investigative work for me. There was something in her sincere personality which inspired most women to open their hearts and minds to her, and confide in her anything she had reason to ask. Perhaps one out of two hundred women did not respond very well, and once a woman slammed the door in her face. But the point is, PEOPLE WILL TALK TO A PROPERLY TRAINED INVESTIGATOR.

Kinsey's Information Correct

There is no doubt in my mind of the authenticity of the information obtained by Dr. Kinsey and his assistants. They are mature, married, well educated and highly trained men who are undoubtedly well skilled in this work. Every woman was made to understand perfectly that no human being would ever know what she had divulged; her answers were merely tabulated as one more yes or no along with thousands of others; she would be helping other women, and aiding "science," and the doctor who interviewed her was so professional and disinterested personally she well knew he would not remember her individual an-

swers. Oh, yes, I'm quite sure that these 5,940 women did open up and "tell all" on this subject!

What's WRONG With Kinsey's Report

Now let's get to the point.

What's wrong with Dr. Kinsey's report? The *wrong* is not in the statistical report of facts about themselves learned from these thousands of women. The report is undoubtedly the most accurate yet compiled, so far as actual fact-finding is concerned. Of course, it should be understood that the tabulated information reported is not representative of American women as a whole, because it did not come from a representative cross-section of all types, classes, and age-groups. But all this the report itself carefully points out. Dr. Kinsey himself admits that too large a proportion of college graduates were interviewed, too large a proportion of big-city girls and women who are club women or members of fashionable modernist churches where the social activity is the main interest. Too few came from smaller towns and rural sections, too few from lower middle-class and poorer economic groups, too few from the more devout religious groups.

But the **WRONG** is not in Dr. Kinsey's actual fact-finding. Indeed, Dr. Kinsey appears to be the typical modern "scientist,"—exceedingly careful and cautious in his "observations and measurements," which in this case was his careful accuracy in compiling statistics based on confidential interviews with nearly 6,000 women.

But, while "scientific" men as a whole are most conservative and careful in the accuracy of their fact-finding, and in the recording, tabulating and classifying of the literal data, they are at the same time singularly indifferent to the manifest absurdity of their often extravagant and absurd hypotheses—the **CONCLUSIONS** they draw, thru human reasoning, from their carefully recorded facts.

Carnal Viewpoint, Dangerous Recommendations

And that is exactly *what's* **WRONG** with this latest Kinsey report! Dr. Kinsey strays completely out of his field of finding and reporting facts, *and attempts*

to draw conclusions and make recommendations respecting morals in unmarried women!

Dr. Kinsey and his associates are ably qualified to extract information and tabulate the data but they are totally unfitted to teach ways of life where spiritual principles are expressed in physical conduct.

The Holy Bible is a revelation from God Almighty, of basic laws and principles set in motion by the Creator which control human happiness and destiny—a revelation of knowledge essential to our well being which men are unable to acquire in any other way. It reveals the purpose of life and the laws governing it. It reveals the purpose of sex, the basic laws concerning it which affect human happiness, and provides the only right approach to the further acquisition of knowledge on the subject which God has left it for men themselves to obtain.

Dr. Kinsey and his associates appear to be in total ignorance of the Creator's true PURPOSES in sex. They are devoid of the knowledge God has revealed. Not understanding the spiritual laws God has set in motion in direct connection with the uses of sex, utterly lacking this sound spiritual viewpoint, his whole conception of sex is that of carnality. And this viewpoint is his approach by which he arrives at totally erroneous and dangerous conclusions.

Emphasis on Pleasing "Self"

The carnal viewpoint is always that of selfish interest, sensual gratification, greed, or vanity. This is the spiritual principle that travels directly opposite and away from God's LAW. God's law is the principle of LOVE, and obedience to GOD who Himself *is* Love. This Law is a way of life which leads to happiness, peace, interesting, abundant, productive and joyful living and life eternal. The carnal viewpoint seeks to *take* these desired results, and then the carnal mind wonders why it is discontented and unhappy, filled with fears, sufferings and frustrations.

Dr. Kinsey's viewpoint of sex is SELF GRATIFICATION for each individual. Here are a few examples, quoted from one of the magazine articles on his book:

"Many wives, of course, do not achieve sexual satisfaction on all occasions."

Again, "Within the recollection of women now living there has been a notable increase in the proportion of married women achieving sexual satisfaction."

"To have frigidity so reduced in the course of four decades," says Dr. Kinsey, "is a considerable achievement which may be credited, in part, to the franker attitudes and freer discussion of sex which we have had in the United States during the past twenty years, and to the increasing scientific and clinical understanding of the basic biology and physiology of sex." In other words, seeking self-gratification, by considerations *only* of physical sciences and attitudes, constitutes the entire scope of his thinking.

Now do not misunderstand. I do not discount biological, psychological, or other purely physical considerations. They form a vital and most necessary part in arriving at UNDERSTANDING in this subject. But SEX involves a *spiritual principle* which regulates a great deal of human happiness. It is a spiritual principle, or law, associated with physical factors and actions. And the physical considerations in the matter of sex cannot be understood so as to bring the true happiness which God intended and made possible, unless considered in association with and viewed from the approach of the SPIRITUAL LAW which governs it. Complete biological and psychological knowledge, which is physical, is NECESSARY knowledge—but along with, and understood by, the spiritual law.

God's Sex Law

This matter of SEX is so important in the SPIRITUAL LIFE of the humans God created, that ONE OF THE TEN PRINCIPLES OF SPIRITUAL LAW is devoted to it.

The WHOLE Law of God is the principle of LOVE—and love is toward God and fellow-human, while its opposite, lust or greed, is toward self. This great Law, the spiritual principle of life, is sub-divided into TEN BROAD PRINCIPLES. Each of the Ten Commandments is really a broad spiritual principle of life.

One of these ten BASIC PRINCIPLES OF HAPPY LIFE is: "Thou shalt not commit adultery." Jesus magnified this law, showing that even an evil thought in a man's mind toward a woman violates the principle. Then so do all such acts as

fornication, which is sex intercourse *prior* to marriage, homosexuality, masturbation, or even such part-way acts as extreme "petting" or even excessive "necking" which deliberately arouses sex organs.

Dr. Kinsey and his associates apparently see no harm whatsoever in any of these violations. Nor have I ever read any condemnation in published reports of his book of outright adultery.

Their outlook appears to be confined to the physical satisfaction received by the individual, regardless of how. If any act, no matter how contrary to God's Law, provides momentary SELF gratification and pleasing sensation it appears to be entirely justified. They see no harm in it.

Now if God puts a "Thou shalt not" prohibition on every violation of the marriage relationship you may be sure GOD HAS A REASON!

God Created Sex for a Holy Purpose

WHY did God make us male and female? Simply because, as God Himself plainly reveals: "*It is not good that the man should be alone,*" and so God formed WOMAN to be a *help* to man. God intended the wife to be a companion, a help in every way—as a counsellor and adviser sharing life and all its problems. Consequently God created SEX as His instrument for bringing the male and female together, as the stimulus of physical LOVE, for the purpose of endearing them to each other, for the purpose of solidifying and HOLDING TOGETHER the union, so that the home would be held together in LOVE for the protection of the children and entire family. And *this* wonderful purpose is just as great in God's order as the purpose of reproduction.

God intended sex to be the source of LOVE between husband and wife. This relationship, while physical in nature, is SPIRITUAL in principle, and is so SACRED that its violation thru LUST becomes one of the TEN great SINS.

WHY is adultery such a colossal, filthy, abominable SIN? Yes, WHY?

Listen! Read this carefully. Never forget it! Adultery, or any of the associated sins which violate its principle, are such filthy abominations **ONLY BECAUSE**

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Do YOU have an IMMORTAL SOUL?

Why should there be so much **confusion** about what man IS? What happens to a human at death? Does death merely separate an immortal soul from the body? Read the startling **PROOF**, answering these questions that have perplexed millions!

by Garner Ted Armstrong

THE ONLY sure thing about life, they say, is death and taxes! That's a common American saying.

To the average man on the street, death is a vague, far-off, *unreal* something that always happens to someone else—a hazy, cloudy, and distant *possibility* he feels he can worry about when it happens.

When the average citizen reads of the predictions of the National Safety Council concerning some four hundred persons who are to *die* on our congested highways, he *cannot* bring himself to believe *one* of those 400 persons could be him! And yet, true to the stark and tragic toll of lives that are lost every "holiday" in our nation, about the number predicted to die lose their lives in automobile accidents.

While most of us like to shove it out of our minds, to escape having to *think* about it, death is *real*. It's an integral part of *life*. Every living organism follows the pattern of birth, growth, senility and final death. Every day, thousands are dying of automobile accidents, of sickness and disease, of starvation and famine, and being killed in murders and wars! At the same time, many thousands of *new* lives are coming into being—with the many babies being born each day all over the world.

What is this thing called *life*, and, what seems more important to most, **DEATH**?

A Common Conception

There are literally *dozens* of differing ideas about what happens at death. To

many people, it is a fearsome departure into some "other world," from which there can be no return. Most professing Christians believe death to be merely the separation of the soul from the body—with the *conscious* individual living on! Death, they reason, is not really death at all—but continuation of **LIFE** under different circumstances, and in a different "body."

Amid all this *confusion* surrounding one of the most important questions of our lives, you hear various churches argue that human beings have only two places to go after death—heaven or hell. One great church teaches there are *three* places: heaven, purgatory and hell. Others understand there is only *one* place—the grave—and that a resurrection is needed to impart eternal life to human beings.

But what about all these differing ideas?

Why is there such confusion even among all the churches? Have they ever *seen* a "soul" go flitting off to heaven or hell? Has anyone ever **BEEN** there, and returned to *tell* us humans of his experiences?

Are the Dead Conscious?

Take for an example the modern innovation in medicine of "heart massage" as a last-minute emergency measure to preserve human life. The patient has *died*! The doctor, bending over the still corpse to examine it with his stethoscope, pronounces the body **DEAD**! Hurriedly, last-minute preparations are made, and the body is opened. The doctor begins to massage the *heart* of the

dead person—forcing the blood to begin to flow once more. After several minutes, a weak, pulsating "fluttering" of the heart muscles is felt. Gradually, a regular, steady pulse develops, and the heart of the dead person begins to beat! The corpse is not a "dead" person any longer—the *heart* is functioning once more!

This is not some far-fetched idea—but a general description of some *actual* cases that have occurred.

But, during the time such persons were "dead," because their heart had stopped beating, where *were* they? Did they go to heaven or hell, and then come **BACK** into the frail human body they had left immediately at death? And if the *conscious* "you" *leaves* the body immediately at death, *why is it* that **NOT ONE** of the persons can remember **ONE SINGLE THING** during the time they were "dead"?

Have you never realized that if *you* are an immortal soul which can *think* and *know* after you leave the body, you would be able to think and know while you are unconscious, or in such a condition already described?

How Can You KNOW?

Since the "soul" is **NOT** something that can be found by laboratory testing, or by the methods of science, and since even the religionists have mixed-up, **DIFFERENT** ideas about the "soul," and since no soul has ever *returned* to tell us where it had been—then where is the only source of knowledge? How can we ever *find* the answer to this perplexing problem?

There is only **ONE SOURCE**!

That source is the revelation of the Almighty Creator who MADE us, and therefore, He should be the One who KNOWS the answer, shouldn't He?

But—that revelation does NOT reveal what most of us have assumed, or have been taught to believe!

Where *did* all these differing, confused ideas come from? Why *do* the churches teach you have an immortal soul? Does the *Bible* teach it? Did *Christ* indicate it? Did the early Apostles or the New Testament Church believe it? Why does the Bible continually emphasize the resurrection of the dead? Would a resurrection be NECESSARY if *you* continue to live apart from your body?

What Man IS

Most people do not realize what a man really *is*, believe it or not! Yet God plainly tells us the answer. "Then the Eternal God formed MAN of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and MAN *became* a living SOUL" (Genesis 2:7).

There is the answer! Man *became* a living SOUL; that is what man *IS*—a *soul*. Notice there is no mention that man has a soul, but that man *is* a soul!

When God placed Adam and Eve, who were two living SOULS, in the garden, He issued a command, "And the Eternal God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that *thou* eatest thereof *thou* shalt surely die" (Genesis 2:16-17). Notice, God was talking to the *conscious man*, and He said, "THOU shalt surely die," speaking to the man, who was a SOUL!

When God said Adam would surely *die* for taking of the wrong fruit, He was directly informing man of the *penalty* for sin. The inspired Apostle Paul wrote, "For the wages of sin is DEATH; but the *gift of God* is eternal life THROUGH Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

Ezekiel was directed of the Holy Spirit to write, "The *soul* that *sinneth*, IT (*the soul*) shall die!" (Ezekiel 18:4 & 20).

Death is the *absence* of life, the cessation of life—not the continuation of life

under different circumstances. Notice the two *opposite* states given in Romans 6:23. God tells us the wages of sin is DEATH, *but*, on the other hand, the GIFT OF GOD (not something you were *born* with) is eternal life *through* Jesus Christ! If eternal life is the GIFT of God, and comes only through Christ, how is it that humans have assumed they *already* possess eternal life in the form of an "immortal soul?" Ezekiel said the "soul" that sinneth shall DIE! Since man *IS* a soul, and since man can die, and a soul can die, it is obvious that man and soul are one and the same thing!

The Hebrew Proves It!

When God breathed the *breath* that imparted life into the first man, he became a living *soul* (Genesis 2:7). The Hebrew word in this scripture for soul is *nephesh*. *Nephesh* means "a breathing creature, i.e. animal or vitality" and is also rendered in the English as "any, appetite, *beast, body, breath, creature . . . man, me, mind, mortally.*" (See No. 5315, Strong's Exhaustive Concordance.)

Nephesh cannot mean, under any circumstances, ANYTHING immortal, eternal, extra-physical or possessing life other than temporary and mortal!

Open your Bible to Genesis the second chapter and the 24th verse! "And God said, Let the earth bring forth the *living creature* (NEPHESH) after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so." Here the word *creature* is the IDENTICAL Hebrew word that is used THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE OLD TESTAMENT for soul!

Read verses 20, and 21. Here, the identical word, *nephesh*, is again translated "creature" in the English! Insufficient space does not permit the reproduction of every single verse where this word *nephesh* is used, but for a few other references, see Genesis 2:19, 9:10, 12, 15, and 16. Here the word *nephesh* is used in every case, and always translated creature!

Nephesh is used in many places where the revisers have supplied our English word "body." Turn next to Leviticus 21:11. "Neither shall he go in to any *dead body* (NEPHESH), nor defile himself . . ." A *nephesh* is called a *dead body*

in this scripture! In Numbers 6:6, 9:6, 7, and 10, 19:11, 13 and 16 you can find identical renderings, where the Hebrew word *nephesh* is translated into English as "DEAD BODY."

The prophet Haggai used the same word when he said, "If one that is unclean by a *dead body* (*nephesh*) touch any of these, shall it be unclean?" (Hag. 2:13).

These scriptures are plain, clear and absolutely conclusive evidence that the same word rendered "soul" wherever it appears in your Old Testament is also rendered as "dead body!" Why have not men been willing to look into the inspired Word of God and find its true meaning?

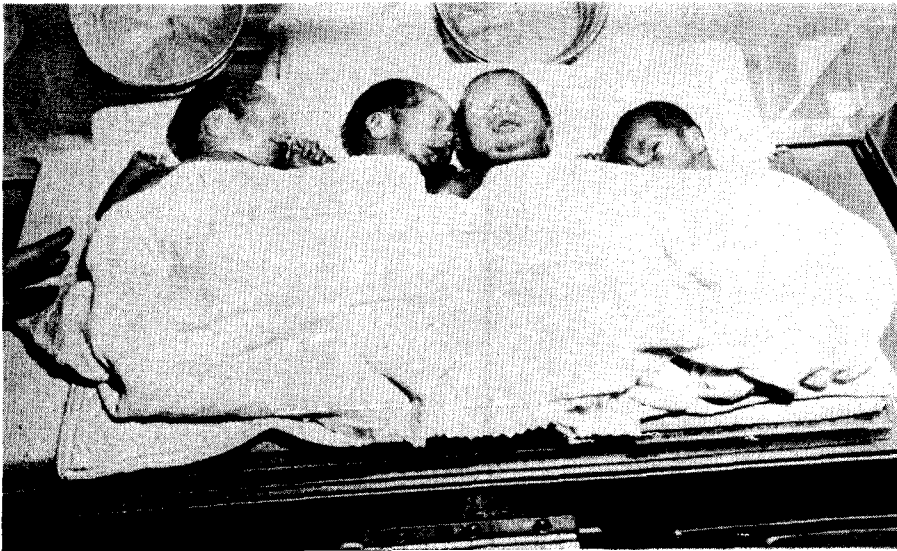
It is with a gasp of surprise that many people turn to *their Bibles* and find that most of the *traditions* and the assumptions of MEN *just are not there!* How about YOU? Are you willing to CHANGE your ideas when you can see it PROVED, NOT from the vain "ideas" of men, but from the plain, clear, inspired Word of God?

You have already read—as quoted from YOUR BIBLE—the PROOF that a *soul* is an ANIMAL, a BODY, and CAN DIE!

What About the LIFE?

When God breathed into Adam's nostrils the breath of life, He started the process of the oxidation of oxygen with the *blood*, which then carried the oxygen to all parts of the body, thereby imparting physical, animal life. The *life* of a human being is in his *bloodstream!* A wounded soldier on the battlefield fights to stop the flow of blood from his wounds, knowing that the loss of BLOOD means the LOSS OF LIFE! The same is true in every case of wounds causing bleeding. You already *know*, and *have known* all your life that the loss of blood causes *death*—just as the Bible says. Then why have you blindly ASSUMED differently about the vague, hazy, nebulous ideas on the "immortality" of the soul?

God told Noah the *life* of any animal, or *nephesh* was in the BLOOD! "But flesh with the *life* (Heb. *nephesh*) thereof, *which is the blood thereof*, shall ye not eat" (Gen. 9:4). Here, the word "life" comes from the same Hebrew word



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These quadruplets have just been born. Do babies come into the world already possessing immortality? What if they die? Would God be fair to send them immediately to a blazing "hell"?

nephesh which is elsewhere rendered "soul," or "body." Read on, in verse 5, where the same word is used for our English word "life," this time in reference to NOAH and every man! The life of *man* and the life of *animals* is the same! MORTAL life!

"For the life of the flesh is in the blood . . . he shall even *pour out* the blood thereof, and cover it with dust. For it is the *life* (*nephesh*) of *ALL* flesh; the blood of it is for the life thereof: therefore I said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall eat the blood of no manner of flesh: for the life of *ALL* flesh is the blood thereof." (See Lev. 17:11-14, where every word translated "life" comes from the Hebrew word *nephesh*, and is said to be the life (blood) of *ALL* flesh, including all animal life as well as humans.)

Moses gave the Israelites God's warning about eating flesh with the blood still in it, "for the blood is the *life* (*nephesh*) and thou mayest not eat the life with the flesh" (Deut. 12:23).

The soul of man, therefore, is kept alive by the coursing of the blood through his veins, taking life-giving oxygen to the body cells. There are *many* other Biblical references where the word "life" is directly connected with the *blood*, and is rendered *nephesh* in each case! See Genesis 19:17, 19; 32:30; 44:30 with Exodus 4:19; 21:23 and 21:30.

Christ Shed His SOUL for Us!

Remember, you have already seen amply proved that the *life* or the *soul* of any animal or human consists in the life-giving *blood* in the body. For another amazing proof, turn to Isaiah the 53rd chapter. In this prophecy concerning the coming of the promised Messiah to die for the world, God shows it was the *soul* of Christ that was given for us. "Yet it pleased the Eternal to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his *soul* (*nephesh*) an offering for sin . . ." (Isaiah 53:10).

How did Christ die? Any extremely *casual* student of the Bible knows it was His shed BLOOD that caused His death, not the sentimental "idea" of humans that Jesus died of a broken heart! Isaiah 52:14 describes the horrible BEATING Christ took when He was *scourged* before being forced to drag His own cross to the place of the skull. (See Matt. 27:26 and I Pet. 1:19.) Jesus died because of the loss of His life BLOOD! It was His blood that was "shed," (Matt. 26:28) and "poured out," " . . . because he hath *poured out* his *soul* (*nephesh*) unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors" (Isa. 53:12).

Did you notice it?

Jesus Christ died because He BLED to death—yet your Bible expressly states it was His SOUL that was poured out!

Of course! The "soul" is the physical, temporary LIFE of the human body, which can *die* (Ezek. 18:4 & 20), be cut off (Ex. 31:14), and sent to the grave (Psalm 30:3)!

Nephesh is the word used for "soul" in your Old Testament; *nephesh* CAN NOT mean, EVER, anything whatsoever to do with immortal life, or spiritual essence! *Nephesh* is always speaking of the temporary, physical, animal *life*, which is supplied by the oxidation of oxygen with the blood!

The Amazing Origin

Since the idea of the immortality of the soul didn't come from the Old Testament, which comprised the *only inspired scripture existing until long after the time of Christ*, then where did the idea come from?

It came from the pagan GREEKS, and was introduced into an apostate, paganized "Christianity" nearly TWO CENTURIES after Christ!

The Greeks obtained it from the Egyptians, who taught it soon after the apostasy at the tower of Babel.

Herodotus, who was a famous Greek historian, living in the fifth century before Christ, wrote: "The Egyptians were also the FIRST that asserted that the soul of man is immortal . . . This opinion some among the *Greeks* have at different periods of time *adopted as their own*" (*Euterpe*, chap. 123).

Socrates, the pervert, who was also a famous Greek philosopher, travelled into Egypt and consulted the Egyptians on this very teaching. After his return, he taught the pagan error to Plato, his most famous student. Compare the present-day teachings of the *churches* with what Plato wrote in his book, the *Phaedo*: "The soul whose inseparable attribute is *life* will never admit of life's opposite, death. Thus the soul is shown to be immortal, and since immortal, indestructible . . . Do we believe there is such a thing as death? To be sure. And is this anything but the separation, of the *soul and body*? And being dead is the attainment of this separation, when the soul exists in herself and separate from the body, and the body is parted from the soul. *That is death . . . Death is merely the separation of soul and body.*" Plato, the student and intimate acquaintance

of Socrates, the sex pervert, did not *believe* death was really death! Rather, he conceived it as a *separation* of the "soul" from the body.

Did you assume the doctrines of most of our modern churches have all come straight from the Bible? Did you believe the doctrines most of us have been reared to believe were the true doctrines of God's Own Revelation?

NO! THEY ARE NOT!

Instead of following the revelation of Jesus Christ, the early apostate churches followed the teachings of the pagans.

Early Catholics Teach That Soul Is Mortal

The introduction of the pagan superstitions into a modern "Christianity" was *gradual*, however. For TWO CENTURIES the apostatizing churches continued to teach and believe the soul to be MORTAL, just as Christ had said it was!

Such early Catholics as Justin Martyr, who died about 166 A.D. wrote: "But our Jesus Christ, being crucified, and DEAD, and having ascended to heaven, reigned; and by those things which were published in His name among all nations by the apostles, there is joy offered to those *who expect the IMMORTALITY PROMISED BY HIM*" (Ante-Nicene Fathers, Vol. 1, p. 176).

The early Catholics knew that when Jesus died, as the Bible says He did, He was DEAD, not in some abode of spirits. They also knew that He promised *future* immortality to overcomers, not that man already had an immortal soul.

Catholic Doctrine Changed

Toward the close of the second century, a school of professing Christians in Alexandria, Egypt, adopted *Platonism* plus the Bible as their creed. One of their chief teachers, Origen, wrote: "Souls are immortal." He continues to speak of "The Platonist, who believes in the immortality of the soul" (Vol. IV, pp. 314, 402).

Notice, this teaching *came from Plato*, NOT the Bible!

Tertullian, another important teacher at the close of the second century, wrote: "For some things are known, even by nature: the immortality of the soul, for instance, is held by many . . . I may use,

therefore, THE OPINION OF A PLATO, when he declares: 'Every soul is immortal'" (Vol. III p. 547).

However, even as late as the FOURTH century, some Catholic writers and teachers, such as Arnobias, said of those who were "carried away with an extravagant opinion of themselves that souls are immortal . . . Will you lay aside your habitual ignorance, O men, who claim God as your Father, and maintain that you are immortal just as He is?" (Vol. IV, p. 440).

The truth was gradually submerged under the flood-tide of paganism, however, until by 1513 A.D. the Catholic Church even issued a decree against the faithful few who "dared to assert concerning the nature of the reasonable soul that it is mortal" and said that they must be "punished as heretics."

During the Reformation, instead of returning to the "faith *once* delivered," the churches *continued* in the same pagan errors that had been perpetuated on the ideas of *men*.

What Did Christ Actually Teach?

Many are firmly convinced Jesus MUST have taught the immortality of the soul, because they have *heard* that

He actually taught this doctrine!

But did He?

Let's find out what the *Bible* says!

When Jesus sent out His disciples on a training mission during His ministry, He gave them instructions for their journey. He knew they could come in contact with men who would *hate the truth*, who would even try to KILL some of them. Because of this, He said, "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to *destroy both SOUL AND BODY* in Gehenna" (Matt. 10:28). The word "hell" is improperly rendered in the English, from the Greek word *Gehenna* which meant the "*lake of fire*" God will use to destroy the wicked! Christ said very plainly the "soul" (Greek—*psuche*) can be DESTROYED by a fire!

When a young man came to Jesus and asked what good thing he should do to OBTAIN eternal life, Christ didn't inform him that he *already* possessed it, in the form of an "immortal" soul. Rather, He said, ". . . but if you will *enter into life*, KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS!" (Matt. 19:17).

The "golden text" of the Bible is another *proof*, "For God so loved the

The three children killed in this accident represent only a small fraction of the thousands who lose their lives in similar accidents each year. What happens to them after death? Are their souls still living?

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world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not *PERISH*, but (on the other hand) have everlasting life." Even this most-often quoted scripture of the Bible shows that Jesus Christ came that humans would not *PERISH*, and that they might, on the other hand, *enter into* everlasting life.

Christ told the Jews, when they told Him of the dead Galileans, "I tell you, Nay: but, *except you repent*, you shall all likewise *PERISH*" (Luke 13:3-5).

What About Lazarus?

Most professing Christians believe the basis for the doctrine of the "immortality" of the soul is found in Christ's parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man. But, most do not realize what the Bible *actually says* about this parable! You will see that the beggar and the rich man BOTH *DIED* (Luke 16:22). Space does not permit a full, detailed explanation of this parable here. If you have not yet read the amazing booklet, "Lazarus and the Rich Man," then write in for it right away!

Some astounding questions would be precipitated *if* the pagan doctrine of the immortal soul were true. WHY, if the "soul" immediately departs to go to its "heavenly reward" at death, did Jesus Christ resurrect His beloved friend, Lazarus?

WHY, if the whole purpose of Jesus Christ was to *SAVE OUR SOULS*, did He call Lazarus *BACK* into the frail, *human body*, when He had been experiencing "heavenly bliss" for *FOUR WHOLE DAYS*? Does this make sense? Is it logical?

The answer is obvious!

Jesus did not *TEACH* any such doctrine of the "immortality of the soul" at all! Rather, He taught the "soul" would *perish* unless it repented, and showed God had the power to *BURN IT UP* in Gehenna fire, which is the second death!

What About the Early Church?

The major teaching of the early New Testament Church centered around Jesus Christ—and His resurrection from the *DEAD*!

Paul, in His inspired letter to the Corinthians, explained, "Now if Christ be preached that He rose from the dead,

how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ nor risen: And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain!" (I Cor. 15:12-14).

But—WHY would a resurrection of the *body* be needed, if the *SOUL* were already in heaven? The answer is *SIMPLE*—the entire New Testament proves it—THE *SOUL DOES NOT GO TO HEAVEN*—IT *DIES, AND GOES TO THE GRAVE*!

The only real *HOPE* of a Christian, as taught by the original *inspired* Church, was to attain to the resurrection! They knew and understood the only *WAY* to attain eternal life was through a resurrection from the *dead*. "That I may know him, and the *power of his resurrection*, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; If by any means I *MIGHT ATTAIN* unto *the resurrection of the dead*" (Phil. 3:10-11). Paul repeatedly explained this great mystery, and preached it unceasingly to the *Gentile* Christians of his day. Paul said, "Christ *died* for our sins" (I Cor. 15:3), and went on to explain, in the entire fifteenth chapter of First Corinthians, that the *dead* must be *raised*, or else our entire faith is vain (vs. 16-17); that the physical man is *earthy* (vs. 47); and that a *change* via a resurrection is necessary before we may have eternal life! (vs. 52).

On the Day of Pentecost, when the Church was built, God inspired the Apostle Peter to say, "Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both *DEAD* and *BURIED*, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day" (Acts 2:29).

Peter went on to say, "For David is not ascended into the heavens . . ." (vs. 34). Did you notice it? *David*, a man after God's own heart, was *NOT* up in heaven!

Of course! Jesus Christ also tells us, "And *no man* hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven" (John 3:13).

What About "Soul" in the New Testament?

But didn't the New Testament Apostles talk of "saving human souls"? some

will ask. For example, we read in the opening days of the true Church: "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand *souls* (Acts 2:41).

But *remember*, your Saviour said *souls* can be *DESTROYED*. Then what is the answer? The simple truth is that the *souls* spoken of as having repented and come into the Church is merely an English expression which means "persons" or "lives"! The Greek proves it!

What "Soul" Means

Believe it or not, there is not one single expression in the entire New Testament of your Bible where the word "soul" can have anything whatsoever to do with immortality, eternal life, extra-physical life, or anything other than mortal, temporary life!

Soul in the Greek, comes from "psuche," which means, "breath." The word comes from the root "psucho" which is the Greek verb, "to breathe." Thus, it corresponds *exactly* to the Hebrew *nephesh* which means the temporary life of animals!

Biblical Examples

See the Companion Bible, Appendix 110, for the usage of *psuche* throughout the New Testament. The word is used of the lower animals twice, exactly as the Hebrew *nephesh* can mean the life of lower animals. Two scriptures for reference are found in Revelation 8:9 and 16:3, where the word is rendered "life," and "soul," with reference to the life of lower animals.

Psuche is used of man as an individual (just as we speak of a ship going down with every soul on board, or of so many lives being lost in a railway accident), and appears 14 times in the New Testament as *soul*. *Psuche*, used of the life of man, which can be *lost, destroyed, saved, laid down* and so on, occurs 58 times, and is rendered *life* and *soul* interchangeably. (See Ap. 110, Companion Bible.)

Having proved the usage of *both* the Hebrew and Greek words, we can see there is not one single place in the *entire Bible* where *soul* has anything to do with *immortality*!

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TRUE SPIRITUALITY

What Is It -- Do You Know?

by Herbert W. Armstrong

HOW OFTEN do we hear one say, "He is *so* SPIRITUAL"; . . . or, "Those people are not very spiritual." What *is* true spirituality—do you know?

We need, just now, to be warned against being deceived into a false standard of spirituality. We need to examine the true scriptural standard.

Four Things Usually Accepted As Sure Evidence

There are four things generally regarded as sure evidence of a spiritual mind.

1. Speech, noise, emotion, demonstration.
2. Knowledge of the Scriptures.
3. "Faith."
4. Rigid standard of righteousness.

It will prove interesting, and profitable, to take a brief look at each, and measure according to the scriptural standard.

1. The most commonly accepted evidence of spirituality is the way people talk, write, or demonstrate.

Some people have deliberately cultivated spiritual-sounding language. Or, perhaps, they have unconsciously acquired the habit of using "spiritual" sounding expressions. People say, "My, isn't Brother so-and-so *spiritual*?"

Many think a church service does not amount to anything unless there is more or less noise, mass enthusiasm, and a great deal of emotion worked up and visibly expressed. They never enjoy a sermon, no matter how edifying, unless the preacher is full of certain emotional enthusiasm, fluent in the accepted spiritual phraseology, and able to generate in his audience the usual emotional reactions and outbursts expected in this type of meeting. If such things are present, these folk enjoy themselves immensely, whether they learn anything really worth while or not.

Usually the advance announcements of such meetings assure the people of the "big time" they are going to have. And they go away talking about the "fine time" they enjoyed.

Getting a Right Balance

This is not to discount or to criticise the natural emotional expression resulting spontaneously from a genuine spiritual experience, or the true spiritual language springing naturally from an honest heart. Far from it.

Some people are naturally emotional. Some are not. We shall see from the Scriptures that emotion and spiritual phrases of themselves are not the essence of spirituality. They may be the natural result, the honest and spontaneous expression of it; or, if deliberately generated and "worked up," put on for show and effect, they may be only its counterfeit. And the sad part is that those who deal in counterfeit always *insist* they have the genuine. "By their *fruits*," Jesus said, we shall KNOW.

It is important that we get a right balance.

Other Snares and Pitfalls

2. The second class is well indoctrinated. Usually these people do not believe in much, if any, noise or any spiritual manifestations. They have a great deal of head knowledge, but most of this class have a great deal of misunderstanding, and often they have queer personal theories and hobbies resulting from misapplied, wrongly divided Scriptures.

They love to try to trap and corner others with the Scriptures, and especially do they delight in it if they are able to corner some minister. Arguing Scripture is their one great interest in life.

These misguided people believe their arguments, contentions, and beliefs will win their eternal salvation, without real repentance, or living a surrendered,

righteous life in Christ Jesus, showing the fruits of the Spirit in their lives.

Saved by Faith Alone

3. And then there is the "faith" group. These say they are saved "by FAITH, and faith ALONE." They are not so much concerned about the Holy Spirit, and seldom mention such things as repentance, utter surrender, or any need of submission and obedience to God's will and Law.

Their religion never works any miracle-changes in their lives. Since "Jesus died for our sins," we do not have to obey. "Just BELIEVE on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved," is their sole condition to salvation. The invitation of the ministers of this group is "Give the preacher your hand, and the Lord your heart."

And when, later, you ask such "converts" what they did—what really happened—when they "gave the Lord their heart," they usually just look blank. They do not know. It really did not MEAN anything. It was merely a FORM. The churches of this class should be called social clubs—they are not soul-saving institutions.

The Self-Righteous Christian

4. Finally, there are those whose spirituality consists of a rigid standard of righteousness. In fact they usually are so strict about following God's commandments that they fall into the error of keeping the strict LETTER of the law in their own strength. They are scrupulously honest, severely punctual, critically exact. But, as Paul said of the strictest sect of his day, they are "going about to establish their OWN righteousness," and have not "submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God" (Rom. 10:3). And they are usually harsh, stern, critical, intolerant of those who do not live up

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to their particular ideas of the standard of righteousness.

The True Scriptural Standard of Real Spirituality

Now, let us turn to God's Word, and humbly seek to learn what is GOD'S standard of spirituality.

Of the true spiritual mind, God says to us, through Paul, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Phil 2:5).

But HOW can you have the mind that was in Christ Jesus in YOU? Jesus says: "Behold, I stand at the door (of your heart) and knock: if any man hear my voice, and OPEN the door, I *will come in to him*" (Rev. 3:20). And Jesus meant exactly what He said! He will come in, through His Spirit, and literally LIVE His life of true righteousness in you, if only you will surrender all of SELF and let the blessed Saviour IN.

"For ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, IF so be that the Spirit of God dwell IN you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, HE is NONE OF HIS." Unless His Spirit abides within you, living His life of true righteousness in you, you are not a real Christian! "And if Christ be IN you, the body is dead because of sin: but the Spirit is life because of righteousness" (Rom. 8:9-10).

When God first begets us as His children, he takes us who have been proud, worldly, sensual, disobedient. His ultimate aim is to make us like unto Himself. This transformation (not *reformation*) is a tremendous undertaking. It requires a miracle.

God stands pledged, upon real thorough repentance, and faith in Christ (Acts 2:38) to start the performance of this tremendous miracle by putting His Holy Spirit literally WITHIN you! But God will work the complete change in your life ONLY if you are willing to SUBMIT to the process! The FIRST condition is real, deep, thorough repentance. You will have to be willing to accept correction and repeated chastisements at His loving hands, for "whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth" (Heb. 12:6).

The Spiritual mind is the *surrendered, yielded* mind. It is the mind that has given up all wanting its own way. It is the mind that has been thoroughly CON-

QUERED in its rebellion against God. It is the mind that, henceforth, is *willing* to obey God, no matter what the cost, and which continually studies God's Word, not to argue and strive and corner others, but to *learn* more of God's will, and to WALK in it! It is a mind FILLED to overflowing with real LOVE for God and all fellow men—even one's enemies—and which has sympathy, patience, and kindness for others in their ideas and beliefs, their faults and mistakes, which speaks softly, gently, kindly; which seeks only to help and to serve. It is the mind that has DIED to SELF.

True Spirituality

The real spiritual mind can say with the Apostle Paul: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; *yet not I*, but CHRIST LIVETH IN ME" (Gal. 2:20). When you can say that, then you have the mind that was in Christ Jesus.

The real spiritual mind is a SOUND mind! "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of *power*, and of *love*, and of a SOUND MIND" (II Tim. 1:7).

To those being carried away with a false and pseudo-spirituality, where real manifestations of the Spirit were being counterfeited by DEMONSTRATIONS of SELF in a fanatical emotionalism, Paul, correcting them, said: "Brethren, *be not CHILDREN in understanding*" (I Cor. 14:20).

True, Paul said to these same Corinthians, "I would that ye all spake with tongues, BUT," he added, "*rather* that ye prophesied (preached): for *greater* is he that prophesieth (preaches) than he that speaketh with tongues" (I Cor. 14:5).

True, Paul said to those overly-emotional Corinthians, "I speak with tongues more than you all, YET," he continued, "in the church I had rather speak five words *with my understanding*, than by my voice I might teach others, also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue" (verses 18-19). And also he said, "God is not the author of confusion," and "Let all things be done decently and in order" (verses 33, 40).

Let us get a proper balance. Let us get things in the position of their relative *scriptural* importance.

"By their FRUITS," not by their tongues, their language, their emotion,

their ability to argue, their empty profession of faith, their self-righteousness, said Jesus, shall we KNOW their true spirituality.

And the true FRUIT of God's Spirit is "Love" first of all, then "joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." *These things*, expressed in living character, determine true spirituality.

These things are the expression of "the LOVE of God, shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit" (Rom. 5:5),—and thus the Holy Spirit *in us* is simply GOD'S LAW *in action*, in our lives; for LOVE is the fulfilling of the law. And that, and that alone, is true Christian spirituality.

The Four Substitutes

REAL Spiritual-mindedness is the mind of LOVE, for God is LOVE.

So let us review our four SUBSTITUTES for spirituality in the light of God's Word.

1. "Though I *speak* with the tongues of men and of *angels*, and have not LOVE, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal" (I Cor. 13:1). Did you ever hear one speak with the tongues of ANGELS? Spiritual TALK, "tongues," or "manifestations," are only a lot of wind, or a noise like beating old tin pans, *if you have not LOVE*.

2. "And though I have the gift of prophecy, and ALL KNOWLEDGE:" and,

3. "Though I have ALL FAITH so that I could remove mountains, and have not LOVE, I *am* NOTHING" (v. 2).

4. "And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not LOVE, *it profiteth me* NOTHING" (v. 3).

What is it to have LOVE? The next four verses tell. Here is TRUE spiritual-mindedness:

"LOVE is very patient, very kind." Are YOU? "LOVE knows no jealousy; love makes no parade, gives itself no airs, is never rude, never selfish, never irritated, never resentful; love is never gladdened when others go wrong; love is gladdened by goodness, always slow to expose, always eager to believe the best, always hopeful, always patient (I Cor. 13:4-7; Moffat's translation).

Read those three verses again, substitute (Please continue on page 22)

Do YOU have an IMMORTAL SOUL?

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A Deception of Satan

Satan the Devil, the great deceiver, who has succeeded in blanketing the *whole world* in false doctrines such as this (Rev. 12:9), has *not always* used the same beliefs to deceive!

At this present time, most men believe in his fable of the immortality of the soul. Therefore, it is easy for him to have his demons and evil spirits *masquerading* as the "departed souls" of human beings! Many people have actually *seen* or *heard* extra-physical and supernatural manifestations which have been responsible for perpetrating this pagan doctrine even further.

During the days of Saul, however, the people did not *believe* in the "immortality" of the soul! Therefore, when Satan wished to *deceive* anyone by means of a supposed "calling back from the grave," he used the entire *BODY* in the form of an *apparition*, not just a *voice* or rapping which is supposed to represent the departed *spirit*!

Read, in your own Bible, the account of Saul's visit to the witch of Endor. Saul, in his desperation, wanted to seek to a woman who had a familiar spirit (demon), instead of to God! Instead of masquerading as the departed *soul* of Samuel, the spirit masqueraded as the *RESURRECTED BODY* of Samuel! (Read I Sam. 28).

Solomon knew the man died exactly as did the beast: "For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even *one* (the *sole* thing—thus the Latin derived "soul" in the English) thing befalleth them: as the one *dieth*, SO *DIETH* THE OTHER; yea, they all have one *breath*; so that a man hath no pre-eminence above a beast: for all is vanity" (Eccl. 3:19).

Did you read that with your own eyes,

in your own Bible? Your *Bible* says the death of a man is just like the death of a dog or a cat!

"All go unto ONE PLACE: all are of the DUST, and all turn to dust again" (Eccl. 3:20).

David, under inspiration of God's Spirit, said the same thing, "Put not your trust in . . . the son of man, in whom there is no help. His *breath* goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his *THOUGHTS* perish" (Ps. 146:3-4). The consciousness *perishes*—not continues to exist in a different place!

"For the living *KNOW* that they shall *DIE*: but the *dead know not anything!*" (Eccl. 9:5).

What About Hell?

But you have assumed people in heaven can hear the shrieks of the tortured people dancing, leaping, writhing in supreme agonies in hell, haven't you?

Where did you ever read any such thing in the Bible? If you have not yet written in for the booklet on Lazarus and the Rich Man, which explains this false concept *thoroughly*, then do so immediately.

Now *did* Jesus ever say anything about a hell fire? To be sure! But Jesus did *not* describe a place where the wicked are *tortured* for ever and ever. Let's notice what He *did* say. "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, *but* the righteous into *life eternal*" (Matt. 25:46). Notice Jesus' words. He said the wicked would receive eternal punishment, not eternal punishing, and there is a great difference. The "wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23) and the *death*, which is the *absence* of life, is for ALL ETERNITY. It is eternal *punishment* by remaining DEAD for all eternity—not remaining *alive* and being tor-

tured in a fictitious, burning *hell-fire!*

Remember Jesus' warning to fear Him who has power to DESTROY the soul in Gehenna fire (Matt. 10:28).

The prophet Malachi gives us a description of this fire when he says, "For behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven: and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be STUBBLE: and the day that cometh shall BURN THEM UP, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch" (Mal. 4:1). Notice! They are to be burnt UP, totally *consumed* in the fire—not tortured by some kind of fire that never *burns*. "And ye (speaking to the righteous) shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ASHES under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts" (Mal. 4:3). There! Do you see now? The wicked will be *consumed*, and their remains will be just the *ashes* and vapours left from the fire that burns them up. They will be *dead*, for all eternity!

Only God Is Eternal

Your Bible tells you that ONLY God has immortality. "Who *only* hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen" (I Tim. 6:16). The word "immortality" is used ONLY in SIX PLACES in the Bible: Romans 2:7, I Cor. 15:53, 54, I Tim. 6:16, and II Tim. 1:10. STUDY those scriptures. In each case, immortality is something that is *brought to light*, that must be *obtained*, that God ONLY has, and in no case is something man already possesses!

God's Plan

Jesus Christ proclaimed the coming of the world-ruling Kingdom of God. He told Nicodemus a man must be BORN into that kingdom, which is also a *family*, the family of God! (See John the 3rd chapter.)

The entire message of the New Testament surrounds being born into that world-ruling family by a *resurrection* from the DEAD. Jesus Christ was resurrected from the DEAD, and said the time is coming when ALL the *dead* are to be resurrected. The pagan ideas of men, perpetrated by Satan, the arch-deceiver

of the world, have kept men BLINDED to the overawing GLORY that awaits every true believer! God's plan is being fulfilled with every passing day. His plan is to ultimately *give* as His free GIFT *ETERNAL LIFE* to mortal, sinning human beings—after they have *repented* of their sins and begun to keep His laws.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the DEAD shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and they that hear shall live. For as the Father hath life *in* himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life *in* himself . . . marvel not at this for the

hour is coming, in the which all that are in the *graves* (not in heaven or hell) shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of LIFE, and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation" (John 5:25-29).

You do *not* have an immortal soul! You are physical, fleshly, susceptible to DEATH! The ONLY way to live for all eternity is to REPENT, or else you will finally *perish*! (Luke 13:3).

The decision is *yours*—and it will be a decision for all eternity! May God grant you will make the *right* choice!

SEX—the "Scientific" View vs: God's

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THEY VIOLATE A RELATIONSHIP GOD HIMSELF MADE SO HOLY AND PURE AND CLEAN AND GOOD AND RIGHTEOUS!

Let me put it another way. The use of sex, as an expression of LOVE in marriage *does not rob either party of any enjoyable physical "satisfaction,"* but on the contrary VASTLY INCREASES THAT SATISFACTION, because the *spiritual* ecstasy of LOVE is then added to the voluptuous physical sensations so as to produce inexpressible delights, *in the sure knowledge of God's full approval and richest blessing.*

Jesus truly said, "It is *more* blessed to GIVE than to receive." He did not say there is any curse in receiving. Indeed He implied there is BLESSING in receiv-

ing—but there is GREATER blessing in giving, because then it comes back with huge interest.

God has set LAWS inexorably in motion regulating this principle in the matter of sex. Sex expressed AS GOD INTENDED in marriage increases love, endears the husband and wife more and more to each other as the years go by, contributes toward filling their lives with rich happiness and joy. But any violation of this God-ordained love for a mate is always LUST, and it tends to destroy the marriage tie and the home, brings the sense of guilt, robs those involved of the happiness God made possible, and leads often to terrible suffering. GOD'S LAWS WERE SET IN MOTION TO PRODUCE AND PRESERVE HAPPINESS!

Here's What's WRONG!

Finally, the point which stirred my mind with the righteous indignation which prompted this article, is simply this:

Dr. Kinsey's FACTS seem to indicate that a considerably larger percent of women who entered marriage between 1900 and 1914 were virgins than those who have been married during the past ten years. Today, he finds, more than

half of all brides have experienced premarital sex relationships. He adds to this another fact discovered, that a much smaller percent of the brides of 40 or 50 years ago received sex satisfaction

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GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY

Should You Submit to It?

by Herman L. Hoeh

This is a democratic nation. Our people are regularly subjected to the oratory of candidates seeking *political office*. They listen with enjoyment or disgust to campaigners as they travel from city to city making grandiose promises and hurling political "mud" to secure votes.

But in the midst of all this oratory, you probably are *failing to hear* a single word of a far more vital message.

Do you know what it is?

It's your relationship to the government under which you live.

Is it your duty to reform the government or to resist bureaucratic ordinances? Do you really have to show respect and pay taxes to political office holders even when they abuse their high offices? Are officials responsible "to the people" or to God? Which?

What Does the Scripture Say?

The past few generations have grown up in an atmosphere of disrespect toward authority, both in the home and in public life. Nearly everyone wants to act *according to the way he feels* about leaders, and *not* according to the way *God says* we should conduct ourselves. It's high time to realize that there is a judgment coming and that it does make a difference how you act toward those in authority.

The apostles devoted many verses in their epistles to explain the relationship of Christians to human governments. Paul wrote at great length because he knew how easily this subject would be neglected, as it is today in nearly every denomination. Here is what he said in Romans 13:1-7:

"Let EVERY soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be ARE ORDAINED OF GOD. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: AND THEY THAT RESIST SHALL RECEIVE TO THEMSELVES DAMNATION!"

Notice the emphasis which the apostle

places on this matter. "They that resist"—those who refuse to submit to authority—"shall receive to themselves damnation."

"For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: for he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. *Wherefore ye must needs be subject*, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. For this cause PAY YE TRIBUTE ALSO: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. RENDER THEREFORE TO ALL THEIR DUES: TRIBUTE TO WHOM TRIBUTE IS DUE; CUSTOM TO WHOM CUSTOM; FEAR TO WHOM FEAR; HONOR TO WHOM HONOR."

This is not just Paul speaking. It is Jesus' directive to His church for all times and generations. It is very important—let every person be *subject to higher authority*.

Instead of preaching this truth from the Bible, most ministers preach their own words about "getting out the vote" and "supporting a Christian candidate." "It is your duty," they say. This is not what Jesus or the apostles taught. The real Christian duty is NOT to mix with the political affairs of this world, but to be subject to authorities. You are to be *separate from* the world, although living in it (John 17:15, 16).

Does Government Authority Come from the People?

Contrary to the common teaching, the Bible proves that government authority and power is ORDAINED OF GOD. It is not derived "from the consent of the governed"—the people.

"There is NO authority but of God." "The authorities that exist are ordained

of God." Human beings seem to reason that because men may be elected or appointed or may seize power, that their only authority proceeds from the people that supported them. How untrue this assumption is!

This is an age when men don't know who rules in earthly affairs. Almost everyone is as ignorant of this matter as was Pontius Pilate because the clergy is failing to preach the truth. Jesus had to tell Pilate that the authority vested in him came from the Almighty. Notice how similar Pilate reasoned compared with people today: "Then saith Pilate unto him, Speaketh thou not unto me? knowest thou not that *I have power* to crucify thee, and have power to release thee?" Jesus answered, "Thou couldst have no power at all against me, EXCEPT IT WERE GIVEN THEE FROM ABOVE" (John 19:10-11).

Since all authority is ordained of God we are to be subject to it. Anyone WHO RESISTS THE AUTHORITY OF HUMAN GOVERNMENTS IS ACTUALLY REBELLING AGAINST GOD WHO ORDAINS THAT AUTHORITY. This applies equally as well to anyone in a position of authority, whether a school teacher or a foreman in a factory.

Thinking Up an Excuse

It is only human nature for people to think of an excuse to circumvent these ways in which God says we should live. You have heard it said that God does not approve of the evil that some politicians or other officials commit. Then it is argued that corrupt leaders have thereby forfeited their right to command our respect and submission.

This is a clever but faulty argument. Why?

God ordained rulers to punish evil works, not good works. Even though officials may be elected or appointed by the people, rulers are actually *accountable to God who permits them to exercise authority*. Persons in responsible po-

sitions may fail to execute the commission of their offices—to punish wrong deeds and to preserve order. They may corrupt the government. But as long as God permits them to be in authority and to retain their office, you are commanded to REMAIN in subjection to the divinely ordained position which they hold.

You pay respect to God by respecting the men who hold their offices by God's permission and authority. Until He removes them, you would be rebelling against the will of God by refusing to honor the position which such representatives exercise.

It is so hard for human beings to conceive this principle because nearly everyone has been deceived from childhood by the fable that God has nothing whatsoever to do with the civil governments of this world. Perhaps you were never told that *the right to exercise authority over human beings is solely the prerogative of the divine Creator*. Human beings do not inherently have the right or the ability to rule properly over fellow human beings. But God is a God of order, not confusion. Since men won't submit to His own government and laws, He has given permission *in this age*, before the return of Jesus Christ, that men may exercise authority in all phases of life.

Human beings in any position may be serving themselves and the devil, but the OFFICE is *ordained of God!* You honor the person *because of the office* which he holds, even though his deeds may be evil.

Example of Saul and David

Consider the case of Saul and David. King Saul obtained his position from God, as do all rulers. Saul was disobedient to the Eternal and David knew it. Did David therefore rebel and seek to organize the people to remove him from office?

No. Instead, David said this: "The Lord shall smite him; or his day shall come to die; or he shall descend into battle and perish. The Eternal forbid that I should stretch forth mine hand against the Eternal's anointed" (I Sam. 26:9-11).

Notice that David recognized the fact that it is *God's right* to put persons out of office. It could not be the people's

right since the people have never been given the right in God's sight to put such men into office in the first place. David respected and honored and submitted to the office which Saul exercised. He left it in the Lord's hands to remove him from office. Christians must do the same.

Nebuchadnezzar had to learn this truth, and it took him seven grueling years. He finally admitted after gaining his sanity that "the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever He will, and setteth up over it the BASEST OF MEN" (Daniel 4:17; 2:21).

If God decides to place in office the least capable and the basest men, because of the sins of the people, who are we to condemn the wise judgment of God? *And strange as it may be, it is often the people, who, in their attempt to make themselves wiser than God, elect the least capable,* ACCORDING TO THE PLANNED FOREKNOWLEDGE OF THE ETERNAL GOD.

God never sanctions the corruption, the abuses of office holders. Neither should you. Your obligation is merely to respect *the authority of the office*, not the corrupt deeds, the gifts of mink coats, the lucrative vote-getting jobs.

Is Submission Always Obedience?

There are certain powerful churches, particularly in Europe, but also in America, which teach that human government is not only of divine origin, but that respect for authority and submission to officialdom means TOTAL OBEDIENCE TO LEADERS and even dictators.

This teaching is absolutely false!

Jesus' words in Matthew 23:2-4 are quoted to support this terrible error. In speaking to the multitude and the disciples, Jesus said: "The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat: *all* therefore *whatsoever* they bid you observe, that observe and do . . ." It is at this point that these denominations stop quoting the words of Jesus to give the impression that you must observe everything that a person in authority commands.

But what did Jesus continue to say? "But do NOT ye after their works: for they say, and do not."

There it is. Those Jewish religious leaders taught part of the truth, but they themselves were not obeying the truth.

Therefore Jesus had to instruct the people that the *religious authority* of the scribes and Pharisees must be respected. They were to observe whatever truth was preached, but they were *not to follow the error*.

In Acts 4:19 you are given the true Bible definition of "submission." The disciples were commanded to *disobey* God. What did they say to the authorities? That *obedience* to God is more important than obedience to men. Notice, however, that the apostles did not resist them. They *submitted* to the *penalty* imposed by their accusers (Acts 5:40).

Thus you have the true relationship that should exist between every Christian and the human government under which he lives. You are to honor and respect authority and *submit to every ordinance of man*. ONLY when obedience to human rules and regulations would violate the laws of God should you steadfastly decline to obey. But then *you must submit to the penalty*. So said the apostle Peter.

What Does Peter Command?

The apostle Peter recognized the importance of Christians' relationships to human government. He had the courage to preach the truth to the congregations. Here is what he said: "*Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake*: whether it be to the king, as supreme; or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. FOR SO IS THE WILL OF GOD . . . Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king."

Take careful note of his wording. "Submit yourselves to every ordinance." Peter did *not* say, "Obey every ordinance." Of course not, because he *knew* that many human regulations *were* wrong. Here again you can see that Peter intends that all Christians should obey whenever possible, and always submit to the penalty in case obedience to a human law would be sin.

Christians are always to be examples of perfect submission to government regulations, no matter how childish or absurd some stipulations may be. "Be
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America, WAKE UP!

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But once you have really been WARNED God holds you RESPONSIBLE. You had better HEED this warning!

May God help you—as an individual—to *honestly* and *sincerely* look into and PROVE these things to yourself. Study the prophetic articles in this magazine. Take them *seriously* and *prove* them in a way you may never have done before.

Follow with your Bible "The World Tomorrow" broadcast. Be willing to

accept *new truth* as God reveals it, and to "live by every word of God."

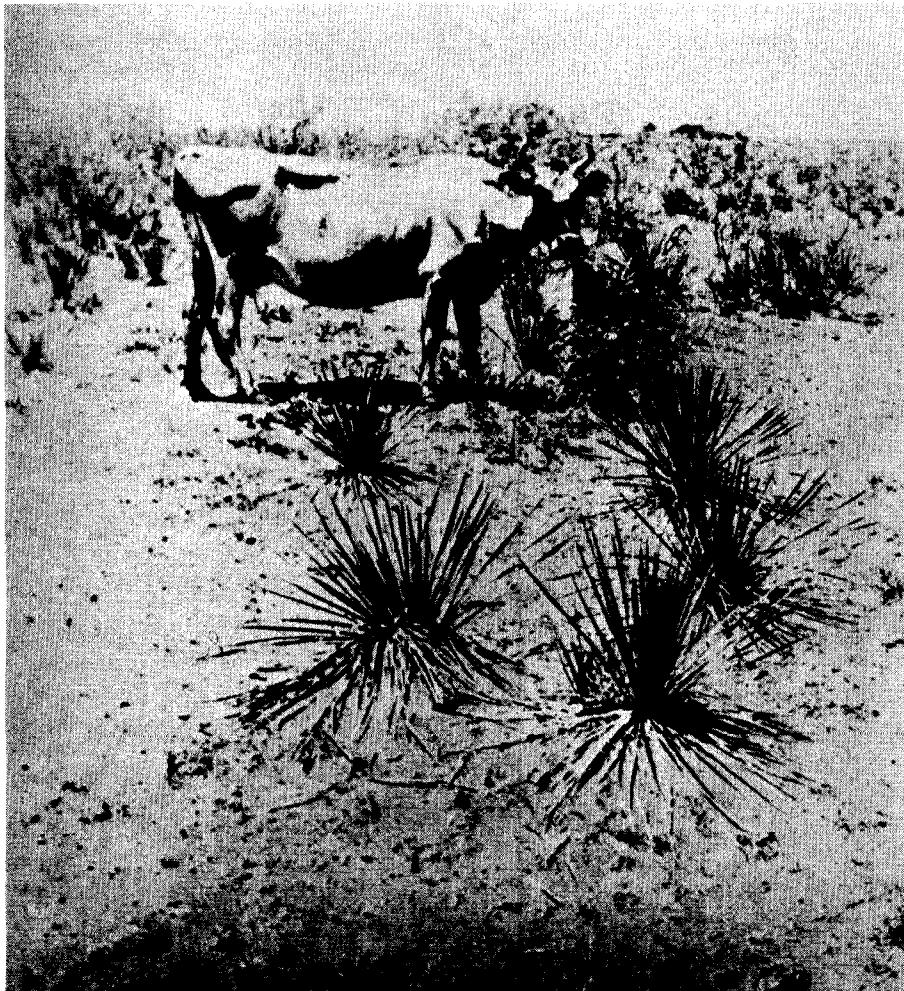
Don't "kid" yourself. This generation is destined to WITNESS the *supernatural intervention* of the Creator God in the affairs of men! That intervention is ALREADY *beginning*.

Horrifying DISEASE EPIDEMICS are next! Will you—*personally*—have to suffer and die before you will BELIEVE?

America, WAKE UP! Your house is on fire!

Increasing drought has left this cow meager forage. This area between Brownfield and Lamesa, Texas, has been declared a disaster area.

Wide World Photo



True SPIRITUALITY What is it — ?

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tuting your own name wherever "LOVE" appears. Try it as a test on yourself. It will tell you how truly SPIRITUAL you are. Let us seek more real, genuine SPIRITUAL-MINDEDNESS!

Heart to Heart Talk with the Editor

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desiring it, wanting it, then seeking it.

The way to prevent sin is to let God's Spirit fill the mind. "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth." (Col. 3:2).

The way to put a thing OUT of the mind is to put an opposite thought IN the mind. So often I have noticed parents of babies strive so hard to "shush" up the baby when it is crying in church. There's something in the baby's mind that is causing its crying or fretting. Just saying "Shush!" or commanding the baby to stop fussing doesn't usually get very good results. We have reared four children, and long ago I learned the trick of quieting the baby by *getting its mind on something else*. Instead of commanding it to stop crying, attract its attention with some new object—get it interested in playing with that object (I have often used my fountain pen with excellent results)—and before you know it the child will forget all about its crying.

Try using this same method on yourself. But instead of material or worldly things, a mature person should use self-discipline and set his mind on spiritual things. Open your Bible. Put the study of some spiritual subject in your mind. Next time you are tempted, try it. Pray over it. Ask God to help you. See how rapidly you begin to win the victory over temptation and sin, and how marvelous will be your spiritual and CHARACTER growth.

Government Authority

Should You Submit to it?

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subject to principalities and powers . . . to be ready to every good work, to speak evil of NO man" (Titus 3:1, 2).

Is It Wrong to Speak Evil of Officials?

It is a common practice for people to resist government regulations and to accuse office holders, whether the President or the corner policeman. This supposed "right" of the people is being abominably misused. There is a righteous limit to the "freedom" of speech.

The Bible sets that limit by commanding you to refrain from speaking evil of dignitaries. Solomon said you are not to curse officials even in your thoughts. (Ecc. 10:20)

It is reproachful to Christ as well as a dishonor to His authority for Christians to hurl or to repeat *needless accusations* against rulers. This, of course, does not mean that you can't say anything about a man's mistakes. Rather it means that no gossip or misrepresentation of facts which damage a person's character is to be repeated.

Christians should not fight the government in its own courts as certain deceived religious sects sometimes do. Rather submit, and patiently pray for God to change the circumstances according to His will.

Most Christians ought to pray more earnestly that their minds and hearts would be free from slanderous thoughts, NO MATTER HOW MUCH THE PERSON SEEMS TO DESERVE THEM. Not even the righteous Michel *accused* Satan. He calmly said, "The Lord rebuke thee." Only the *ungodly* dig up evil to throw needlessly at their enemies (Prov. 16:27).

There is also another important point which has often been overlooked. In Romans 13:4, you read that Christians are to "be afraid" of government power, if they have committed evil. Yet Jesus taught us *not* to fear man, but rather

fear God (Luke 12:5). How can you reconcile these verses?

By the fact that Christians are *not* actually to be afraid of the *men* in office, but rather "*of the power*" which they wield by God's permission. You fear their authority because they are the servants or revengers of God to curb crime. In reality, then, you are only fearing the power of God who gave this authority to rulers.

When you do good, you "may boldly say, 'The Lord is my helper, and I will NOT fear what *man* shall do unto me'" (Hebrews 13:6).

Is the Payment of Taxes Necessary?

Now comes an often misunderstood part of this vital message. Should you pay taxes if you are a Christian? If so, why?

Paul said that Christians MUST PAY TAXES, CUSTOM DUTIES AND TRIBUTE to those in authority. Why? "For they are God's ministers," His servants, "attending continually upon this very thing." It is their job, their work to regulate society and to punish crime. They are worthy of their hire.

Because of covetousness, especially when income tax or land tax bills appear, some seize upon the words of Jesus in Matt. 17:24-27 as an excuse for failure to pay taxes. Notice what Jesus really said: Christians, being free and heirs of the Kingdom of God, should not be required to pay tribute to a *foreign* government, "notwithstanding, lest we should offend them . . . give unto them" the tax.

Yes, Christ commands you, just as Paul did, to pay taxes, and they should not be paid grudgingly either. It is the right of leaders to receive remuneration for their duty. But what if officials are not performing their duty properly or are squandering tax money for private ambition? Are you to pay taxes?

Certainly. As long as any person is in

office, you are to honor that office by submitting to it. It is so easy to forget that human beings are not the judges of one another, but God is the Judge. Officials are not responsible to the people but to God. Your responsibility ceases once you have honestly paid the tax or the duty. It is the official's responsibility to see that he properly administers the money.

Although this is the day of exorbitantly high taxation, you should never fear that God will fail to provide the amount necessary to conform to state laws. Jesus provided Peter with the extra tribute money beyond the normal increase (Matt. 17:24-27).

Prayer for Officials

In the days of the Roman Empire, when Jesus was training his disciples, it was the custom of the government to *compel people to carry mail* and goods belonging to the Empire. Jesus referred to this forced practice when he said, "Whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain" (Matthew 5:41).

Notice that Jesus taught submission not resistance.

Today the government does not compel its citizens to bear this responsibility. How thankful have you been for this fact, as well as for all the other *benefits* that have accrued in the fields of communications, transportation and public safety? It is so easy to forget and to neglect Paul's admonition that "supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and giving of thanks*, be made for all men: for kings, and FOR ALL THAT ARE IN AUTHORITY; that we may lead a life in godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour" (1 Timothy 2:1-3).

Now do you see that the Father has established earthly governments to *keep order* until His Kingdom should come? It is your commanded duty to submit to them, patiently, excusing the obvious faults inherent in human leadership. It is your privilege as a Christian not to be burdened with the heavy responsibilities of this complex world, but rather to recognize that all human history is a record of the tragedy of human self-direction contrasted with obedience to God.

SEX—the "Scientific" View vs: God's

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from their husbands than modern girls who had sex experience *before* marriage.

THEREFORE, he concludes, according to his erroneous carnal reasoning, girls ought to throw away all religious scruples and indulge freely in sexual intercourse before marriage, *as a means of attaining greater personal satisfaction after marriage.*

This reasoning is FALSE, and it is DIABOLICAL!

First, this so-called "scientist" apparently sees the only goal of sex as SELF-SATISFACTION, physically received *from* the mate. He appears to know nothing of the joys and ecstasies of LOVE *given to* a mate, which, combined with the physical satisfactions God has made possible, multiply the delights and blessings of the experience.

Second, the *reason* so large a percentage of women of the old prudish days of hush and ignorance received only pain and frustration and sense of "guilt" in their marriages was not even remotely connected with the fact of their premarital chastity—but entirely the result of IGNORANCE and WRONG MENTAL ATTITUDE. As his own facts themselves show, those women who found themselves frigid—who found marriage an unhappy experience—who bitterly decided all men were "brutes," and wives were victims of their lust—were women who had been falsely taught that sex, itself, is a nasty, filthy, evil thing. Their parents had reared them under the supposed protective teaching that sex itself is evil in the belief that this teaching would keep them "pure" until marriage.

WHY were they not taught that SEX IS SO BEAUTIFUL, AND CLEAN, AND SACRED, AND WONDERFUL that its *violation* is one of the ten great sins!

WHY are not girls taught that truth today?

Instead, as Dr. Kinsey found, the wives who get personal gratification out of sex today are more often than not

those who, because of premarital experience, may have learned that women could receive exactly the *same* physical sensations and satisfactions out of sex that men can, and who have no mental prejudicial barriers against sex or else they probably would not have entered upon their premarital experiences. What a situation!

The ANSWER lies entirely in MENTAL ATTITUDE toward sex—and in technical and biological knowledge of the subject itself.

There is still so much ignorance of the subject that many wives even today do not realize that God INTENDED wives to receive the same physical as well as spiritual rewards from sex in marriage that their husbands do. And very few among the "wise of this world," smug in their supposed biological knowledge of the subject, realize that the real supreme blessing intended by GOD comes from the right and intelligent blending of the spiritual principle of LOVE with the physical union!

The invisible SPIRIT OF EVIL which sways this world with deception certainly welcomes this advice being published abroad now, purported to emanate from a noted "scientist" and authority such as Dr. Kinsey.

Now the influence of the devil can say to the young women of America: "Put away all outgrown moral and religious ideas. Science now approves sexual intercourse before marriage. You will be happier after your marriage if you gain experience beforehand."

So says "Science"!

Sounds like the same old voice that spoke so coyly and deceivingly to mother Eve in the Garden of Eden! Yes, the argument has the same satanic ring! And millions of American girls will listen to that siren song, and plunge heedlessly down the path to their own degradation and loss of the full happiness a loving GOD made possible!