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Heart to Heart Talk with the Editor

Do you know what Jesus meant when He said: "The children of this world are, in their generation, wiser than the children of light?"

That is, those whose minds are on material, worldly things only—unconverted minds—are wiser in worldly things than Christians, whose minds have been illuminated by the Holy Spirit, are about spiritual things.

Those of the world feel a patriotism surging through their being. It may be patriotism for country—or for college or high school, political party, society, lodge, fraternity, club or business.

Nearly all the larger colleges and universities play football. Now only eleven men play at one time on the team—the total squad of the average university will range from 33 to 70 men, out of a student body of, say, one to twenty thousand. The team will have a captain, and is managed and directed by a coach.

Every student in the university feels a deep sense of patriotism, loyalty, enthusiastic fervor, for that team! Only a very small percentage of students take active part on the team, yet every student feels it is his team!

After a game he does not say, indifferently, "I see the Coach's team won another game."

He says, with ENTHUSIASM, "WE won again!"

Tho he does not direct it, play on it, or have any personal part, *he feels he is a part of it*—feels a sense of deep partisan loyalty. He heatedly defends it against its critics. When the games are at home he buys a ticket, sits in the stands and yells his throat hoarse cheering his team on to victory! And when a touchdown is made, he LEAPS into the air with wild shouts of joy!

The children of this world can be whipped up to frenzied fanaticism for the work of the devil. Remember the terrific zeal of Hitler's Nazis in setting the world in flames and of the Communists' zeal today?

But what of the "children of light?" God has called us to a Mission a thousand trillion times more important than football, or the "cause" of conquering and enslaving the world. Ours is the only truly GREAT CAUSE—to preach and publish HIS GOSPEL to the world, winning precious souls! Only few of us can take personal active part. But should we not feel that those whom GOD *has called* to direct and do the active work of the Gospel compose OUR "TEAM"?

Should we not feel a deep, fervent LOYALTY to this all-important work—a deep-down spiritual HEART INTEREST, transcending every other interest or consideration? Should we not defend it when criticised, sacrifice for it, "pull" for it, encourage it, with far deeper zeal than a college student for a football team?

Should we not feel that God's work is also OUR work? Should we not support it with incessant, prevailing, heart-rending, believing prayer—and with our pocketbook?

Is it not FIRST, *above* personal in-

terest or material *desire*? And should you not feel a surge of JOY when our work wins more and more souls—as *it is doing continually*? Don't you just THRILL when you hear the broadcast or read another PLAIN TRUTH, realizing that scores of thousands of *others* are hearing and reading the precious Message, too—many being brought to Christ?

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World War III Threatens to EXPLODE in Middle East!

The Middle East is boiling! The United Nations is desperately trying to stave off a full scale war. Here are the amazing prophecies about the FATE of Egypt!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

WOULD you say that it is an amazing thing if 2600 years ago there were men who could look down into the future and foretell what is going to happen to Egypt?—and to all major nations in the next 15 or 20 years in this last half of the 20th century?

You would say that that is impossible, I suppose.

But Is It?

Such men did exist! Such prophecies were made. And yet, what chance would there be of making a prophecy of that kind and bringing it to pass without divine inspiration?

Weather experts fail in foretelling the weather sometimes even 24 or 48 hours in advance. What chance would anyone have of foretelling such specific catastrophic events to happen to great nations like the United States? to Britain? to Russia? or to China, for instance, 2600 years before the terrific events happen?

And yet the prophets who have foretold the fate of the world's nations today—who have foretold what is to happen in the next quarter of a century, in your lifetime and mine—prophesied 2500 years ago what seemed *fantastic, improbable*, to the great city states and the great nations of that world. **THEY FORETOLD THESE EVENTS 1900 TO 2600 YEARS AGO. These events have happened, precisely as the prophets foretold.**

If the Bible could foretell the future of all the leading nations of that day 2500 years ago—Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Greece, the Roman Empire—and bring all of those prophecies to pass, *it's about time we begin to pay attention and to look into those prophecies of the Bible* to see what they say about today's nations—to see what they record about

your nation where you live today, and what is going to happen in the next 25 years to us. *We are included in these Bible prophecies.*

Notice, now, **THE PROOF OF THE INSPIRATION OF BIBLICAL PROPHECY!**

The FATE of EGYPT

Have you read of the play boy, ex-king Farouk of Egypt. I know you have. Did you know that he was really a foreigner, that he was never really an Egyptian at all? And do you know that the present rulers of Egypt are not actually Egyptians? And do you know this was prophesied in your Bible thousands of years ago?

Prophecy fulfillment is the **PROOF of the existence of God Almighty**. It's the **PROOF of divine inspiration of the Bible**, and that the Bible is the *revelation of facts from God Almighty that we could not otherwise find out.*

Whoever was the real inspiration behind these prophecies of the Bible knew 2500 years ago the condition Egypt would be in today, and also the condition of the United States and of Russia, and of China, and of Britain, and of all of the leading nations of the earth. He knew what is going to happen in the next 20 or 25 years.

Notice the amazing facts.

The prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel lived some 600 years before Christ. Egypt was then already very ancient. It was the leader of civilization, of the world at that time. It was far advanced in science, and arts, luxury and magnificence. It was the grainery of the world with its rich Nile valley. The mightiest buildings on earth—the pyramids—were there.

Have you ever heard the real truth about the pyramids, and about the great

pyramid, especially? Those were the proud monuments to Egypt's greatness. Egypt possessed the longest dynasty ruling on the throne of any city or of any nation on the face of the earth at that time. Now who would have ever predicted an end to that kind of prosperity? Comparatively, it was greater than the prosperity of the United States in today's world.

When Ezekiel wrote, Pharaoh Hophra was on the throne, and his military and commercial successes for 25 years had made him proudly secure. He had built Egypt to a mighty position in the ancient world. The historian Herodotus has said in his history, Volume II, page 169, that Hophra boasted that no god could deprive him of his kingdom.

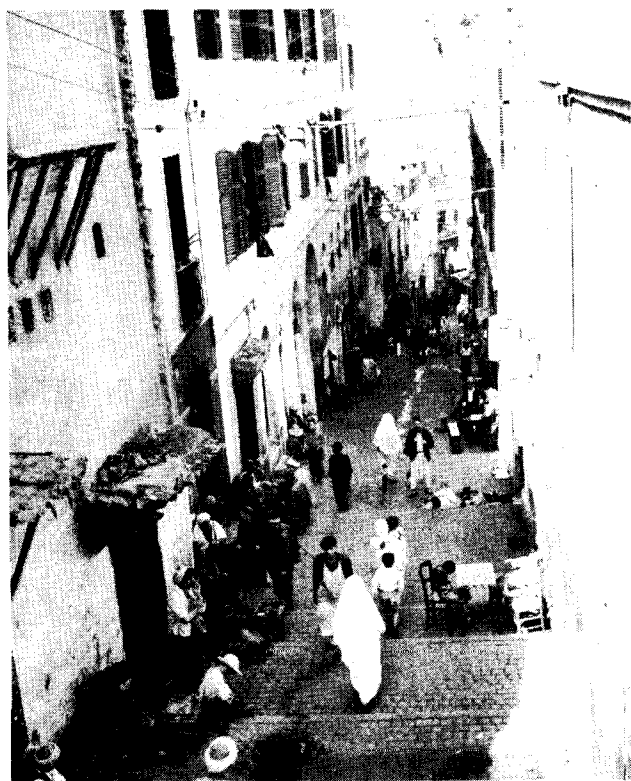
When he boasted that, the Eternal God responded. No man could have foreseen Egypt's downfall at that time any more than a man can see the downfall of the United States or any other great nation today. God knew what would befall Egypt. God knows what's going to befall us today. It's recorded in your Bible.

God's REPLY

At that time, Judah had been conquered by Nebuchadnezzar. The Chaldean Empire was rising. A colony of Jews had been left behind in the land of Palestine. The rest of the Jews had been taken captives and slaves to the land of the Chaldeans in Babylon. This little colony of Jews had been left behind. They wanted to flee down to Egypt.

Notice. They inquired about it from the prophet Jeremiah. They asked him to consult God about it.

"The word of the Eternal came to Jeremiah. Thus saith the Eternal, If you will abide in this land (Palestine), then



Above: Here you see the degenerate conditions under which many Arab refugees from Palestine must live. What a contrast to the mighty people who once inhabited this region!

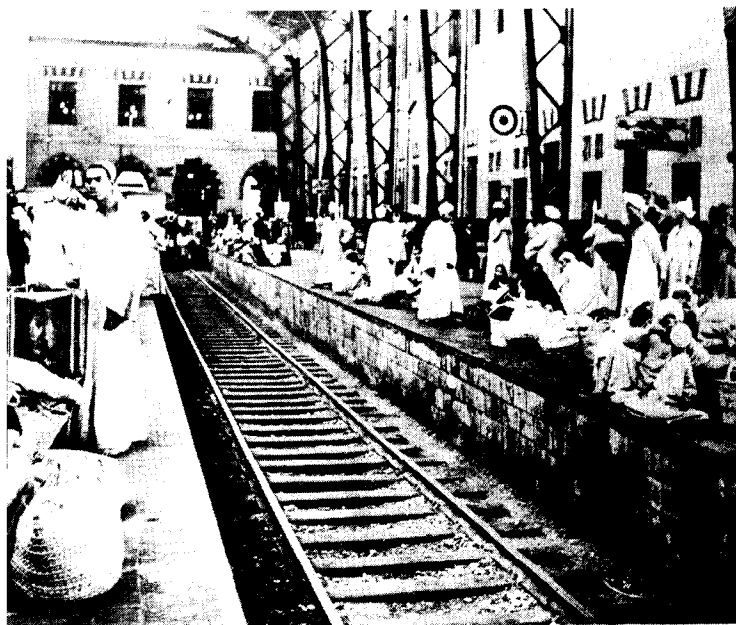
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Left: A main street in typical middle-eastern cities. From such a street usually run torturous alleys and narrow pathways. Note the salesmen lining the street with their wares.

—Wide World Photo

Below: How would you like to wait for a train in this teeming railway terminal in the Middle East? This station—with its platforms crowded by Arabs—is the main station in Cairo, Egypt!

—Wide World Photo



I will build you. Be not afraid of the king of Babylon, but if you say, we will not . . . obey the voice of the Eternal our God, saying, no, but we will go into the land of Egypt where we shall see no war, nor have hunger, nor bread, then said God, *It shall come to pass that the sword which you feared shall overtake you there in the land of Egypt, and there shall you die*" (Jer. 42:7-16).

Now notice Jeremiah 44:29 and 30.

"And this shall be a sign unto you that I will punish you in this place that you may know that my word shall surely stand. I will give Pharaoh Hophra the king of Egypt into the hand of his enemies, and into the hand of them that seek his life, as I gave Zedekiah, the king of Judah into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, his enemy that sought his life."

Notice. Here is someone quoted in the Bible claiming that He is God Almighty. He is telling what He is going to do to the kings of this earth. He claims to make and unmake the kingdoms of this world.

And it happened!

Pharaoh Hophra was dethroned by Nebuchadnezzar shortly after that was written. And Ahmoses was substituted as a vassal king by Nebuchadnezzar.

Did man write this prophecy, or did God Almighty? Whoever wrote this had the power to make and to unmake nations and empires. Today, the high critics seem to have the conception that the Bible is merely the literary efforts of an ancient small Jewish race, groping in darkness, trying to find a concept of God. They don't really believe in any God. They don't believe in any *divine inspiration*.

Then, who is this quoted, saying, "I am God," and passing sentence on those ancient city states and now on this great nation of Egypt *and bringing it to pass over a period of 2500 years*.

Why Egypt Is a Weak Nation

I want you to notice Ezekiel's prophecy. Ezekiel 21:1-2:

"The word of the Eternal came unto me saying, Son of man, set thy face against Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, and prophesy against him and against all Egypt." Now the 8th verse:

"Therefore, thus saith the Lord Eter-

nal, behold, I will bring a sword upon thee, and cut off man and beast out of thee, and the land of Egypt shall be desolate and waste, and they shall know that I am the Eternal, because he hath said,—"that is, the *Pharaoh* had said—"the river is mine, and I have made it. Behold, therefore, I am against thee, and thy rivers." This is from the King James or the Authorized Translation. Actually the proper translation of that is not "rivers," but "irrigated canals." They had them in Egypt at that time.

Continuing: "And," God said, "*I will make the land of Egypt utterly waste and desolate*. Neither shall it be inhabited for 40 years." That happened in the days of Babylon's greatness for 40 years.

Now notice the 15th and the 16th verses of this same chapter. "It shall be," notice that God said Egypt would *continue to exist*, "IT SHALL BE THE BASEST OF THE KINGDOMS." It was to exist, but it was to be the *basest* of the kingdoms. It had, prior to God's pronouncing sentence, been the proud lion among the others. "*Neither shall it exalt itself anymore above all nations*," says God, "*for I will diminish them*."

Who is this speaking?—claiming that He can make and unmake nations? Who can say, "I will diminish thee," diminish the greatest nation on earth at that time? Was that just some ignorant, mortal Jew writing?

Whoever wrote it, brought it to pass. It happened. What are you going to do with that?

I want you to know what actually happened as recorded in history. This is from the *Imperial Bible Dictionary* on the article, Egypt. "The population of Egypt must have been very large in the earliest times. It has been placed at 7,000,000 under the Pharaohs—at 7,500,000 (exclusive of Alexandria) in the time of Nero . . ." At the present time, it is about 20,000,000. The population of Egypt has barely doubled—think of that—in 2000 years. *And the bulk of the present population represents* DESCENDANTS OF FOREIGN NATIONS. Egypt has *not* grown like other nations. It has remained comparatively small.

A Poverty-Stricken Land

Notice Ezekiel 30:10-13:

"Thus saith the Lord Eternal, I will also make the multitude of Egypt"—the word "Multitude" is rendered by other translations as "wealth," the wealth of Egypt is really meant—"I will make the wealth of Egypt to cease by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon. And he and his people with him, the terrible of the nations, shall be brought to destroy the land that they shall draw the swords after Egypt, and fill the land with the slain. And," God says, "I will make the rivers"—or irrigation canals—"dry, and sell the land into the hand of the wicked." That is, outside, or foreign nations.

"And," God says, "*I will make the land waste* and all that is therein by the hand of strangers," which means outside nations; "I the Eternal have spoken. Thus says the Eternal. I will also destroy the idols, and I will cause their images to cease out of Noph"—which is Memphis—"AND THERE SHALL BE NO MORE"—notice—"THERE SHALL BE NO MORE A PRINCE OF THE LAND OF EGYPT. I will put fear into the land of Egypt."

Egypt would never again be ruled by a native son—a native prince.

Was whoever wrote that in this ancient book of Ezekiel about to bring that to pass? That is a "Thus saith the Lord." Is there any real God back of it? Or was it just a man writing?

Egypt was conquered by Nebuchadnezzar just as the prophecy said. God set him over the kingdom (Dan. 2:37). God is the Supreme Ruler of the universe. That is the lesson that the *nations* of the earth have FORGOTTEN. That's the lesson that the *peoples* of the earth have FORGOTTEN.

The Record of History

I want to quote for you from *Rawlinson's Ancient History*, "The History of Egypt," Volume II. Here is the fulfillment of this prophecy in history. It actually happened!

"Thus," says Rawlinson's history, "Thus perished this unfortunate monarch, the last of the long line of Pharaohs, which commencing with Menes had ruled Egypt as an independent monarchy for about 16 centuries"—nearly 1600 long years. Frequent revolts characterize the period of their subjection to

Persia. But again, and again, the Persians proved their superiority in the field, and forced the Egyptians to submit to them." In 527 B.C. was the last Pharaoh, the very last one. *There has never been one since. There has never from that time been a native king ruling over Egypt.*

Later, Egypt was conquered and ruled by Alexander the Great. Then it was ruled after that by one of Alexander's four generals, the one that is mentioned in the book of Daniel, chapter 11, as "the king of the south." Later, Egypt was ruled by Rome. Then by the Mohammedans. Then later by the Turks. It has been ruled by the French, by the British, and finally, it has recently been made a republic, June 18, 1953.

Ex-king Farouk was the king until Egypt became a republic. But KING FAROUK WAS NOT DESCENDED

FROM EGYPTIAN BLOOD. He was an Albanian. He was descended from Mohammed Ali.

Most Egyptian rulers today are NOT Egyptians. They are native *Arabs*. God said it would be like that, *and it has been.* NEVER IN 2500 YEARS HAS EGYPT BEEN UNDER A NATIVE PRINCE. You can read that in Rawlinson's Ancient History.

It ALWAYS Happens

There was nothing when those prophecies were written to indicate such a future—such a future as has happened to Egypt—as the Bible prophecy said it would happen. Think of it! God pronounced a fate on the ancient city state Tyre, never to be rebuilt. That happened.

On Ashkelon, extinction, never to be rebuilt. That happened.

On Sidon, to be diminished, but to continue to exist. And that happened. Sidon is a town of 10,000 population today.

Egypt was to continue to exist, but to be diminished, *never again to be ruled by a native son.* The fate of Babylon was extinction. That happened.

But, how did Ezekiel know, if a mere man wrote all of this? I ask you, **HOW?**

Here is a challenge to the skeptics. Skeptics don't want to have anything to do with prophecy. The skeptics *run away* from prophecy because they can't answer it. And the only way to answer it is to sneer at it and to ridicule it. Skeptics admit that Egypt according to the

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The excavated remains, below, reflect the past glory of Egypt. Centuries ago Egypt could afford to build these mighty stone buildings—today its people live in comparative poverty.

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AMBASSADOR COLLEGE Is Different

Here is the ANSWER for those who would be truly educated. Here is the amazing story of a college destined to exist in two worlds!

by Roderick C. Meredith

WHERE on earth can you find the answers to the really BIG problems in life? Where can you find the true answer to *why* you were put on this earth, *how* the earth and all life came into being, what is the great *purpose* of human existence, what are the immutable *laws of life* which regulate human destiny?

Are these matters "inconsequential"? Are they worthy of the "educated" man's attention and study?

Role of the Schools

Within the last few decades, America has become the most "educated" nation ever to exist in earth's history.

Before we start rejoicing over this fact, we had better examine the *results* or "*fruits*" of all this mass education. Jesus Christ said: "Every good tree bringeth forth *good* fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth *evil* fruit" (Mat. 7:17).

First, realize that a normal child spends more of his waking hours attending school than at any other occupation. Therefore, IF properly utilized, the knowledge and habits acquired during these hours *should* play the greatest part in the development of the child's *attitudes* and *character*.

Secondly, although parental teaching and example certainly have a big part in the development of a child's interests and character, yet the parents themselves are products of our modern educational system and their knowledge—or *LACK of knowledge*—of how to train their children was acquired to a large extent in our schools.

Bearing in mind the fact that our schools do play a *major* role in developing and influencing the minds of our youth, what, then, is the "fruit," the *RESULT* of all this education?

Results of Education

America's "educated" youth are now the frenzied participants in an unparalleled orgy of teen-age murder, rape, theft, and destructive crime of every description. Nothing in all earth's recorded history compares with the *insolence*, *depravity*, and utter *lack of conscience* and *CHARACTER* exhibited by America's rampaging youth.

In 1954, more than *one-half million* youngsters in age brackets 10 through 17 were arrested in the United States.

A typical example took place in Chicago recently when a gang of four teen-age hoodlums beat another youth near the point of death. When charged by a grand jury with assault to kill, one of the youths was quoted as saying the gang "had nothing to do and thought we'd get us a few kicks."

What kind of warped, twisted thinking does this represent?

The mounting wave of this type of "civilized" savagery indicates a serious lack of *right thinking* and *right knowledge*. Such knowledge *SHOULD* be imparted in every *home* and in every *school*. The knowledge of the *value* of human life and the great *purpose* of human existence is, in truth, the very *foundation* of all true education.

A False Foundation

But in nearly every school and college this very *FOUNDATION* of education is missing—*left out!*

Young people are taught certain academic skills, they are taught how to make a living, they are taught how to build instruments and weapons to *destroy* human life.

But they are *NOT* taught *how to live*, what the *laws* are that govern human

happiness, and what is the ultimate *purpose* of human existence. Modern "education" has rejected the very *foundation*—the starting point of all *true* knowledge. It is a *FALSE EDUCATION* built on a foundation of sand—the God-rejecting "theory" of evolution. Both it and its product, our "civilization," are *coming apart at the seams*. Because we have rejected the very *source* of all true knowledge, the Creator and His revealed *laws* of life, our society and our educational system are on their way *down* and *OUT*, even though most of the world is not yet awake to this fact.

Even in our warped society, the majority of young people entering college still believe in God. But statistics show that after four years of "higher education" most of them are either *atheists* or *agnostics*.

This, then, is the ultimate *RESULT* of our system of "education"—puny men, skilled only in *material* knowledge, shaking their fists at God, denying the Creator that made them and His laws given to produce happiness.

Is this the result of *true* education? *How* did it happen and *what* can we do about it?

How False Education Began

The "intellectual" concept that we humans actually came from *worms* which lived in the warm ocean slime, the futile explanation of a creation without a Creator—all this actually started among the ancient pagan philosophers soon after the flood. The more recent form of this God-denying philosophy was developed by Aristotle, Socrates, and Plato.

The ideas of these *pagan* philosophers has since become the *foundation* of our "modern" educational philosophy. The apostle Paul wrote of these men: "And

even as THEY DID NOT LIKE TO RETAIN GOD IN THEIR KNOWLEDGE, God gave them over to a *reprobate* mind to do those things which are not convenient" (Romans 1:28).

Think of it! The very ideas *condemned* by God in His Word have now been accepted as the basis of education in our so-called "Christian" nations.

Notice the character description of the men who evolved these pagan philosophies: "Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate . . . haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents . . ." (Rom. 1:29-30).

Isn't it significant that this *also* happens to be a PERFECT DESCRIPTION of America's youth today—the ones whose education is admittedly based on these same Godless ideologies? Yes, God inspired the apostle Paul to describe the horrifying RESULT of our educational system *in advance!*

When will we WAKE UP?

The Solution

The ONLY real solution to problems caused by FALSE EDUCATION is to restore the true knowledge of the true God as the *foundation* of all educational policy.

When Jesus Christ returns to this earth as King of kings and Lord of lords, this WILL be accomplished! "And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will TEACH us *his ways*, and we will walk in *his paths* . . ." (Is. 2:3).

Yes, at that time the earth shall be full of the KNOWLEDGE of the Lord (Hab. 2:14). The *knowledge* of God, of His *ways*, his *laws*—of the great PURPOSE of human existence—this *most important* of all knowledge will then be taught. TRUE EDUCATION will be restored!

Unfortunately, very few of today's educators have any inkling of how that kind of education should be disseminated.

But there is *one* college which is awake to the evils of this world's education. It has set out to *correct* these errors by imparting the knowledge of the purposes of human existence—by objec-



An Ambassador College class in session—reflecting the excellent faculty-student ratio which facilitates personalized instruction.

tively and with open mind studying the revelation from God, the Holy Bible—by using this most fundamental of all knowledge as the FOUNDATION of its educational policy. The courses in liberal arts are taught here. But they are taught from the point of view of—and in their relationship to—the most fundamental basis of all knowledge as revealed by God.

This college is *Ambassador College*. And the spirit and vision of its educational policy is unique in all the world.

Ambassador is Different

Ambassador College is a liberal arts and theological institution, fully recognized by the State of California and empowered to confer degrees. Believing that the most effective development of character, personality, poise and true culture is achieved by social contact of both sexes, Ambassador was made co-educational.

From the beginning, it was operated with a full and competent faculty and has maintained a very high ratio of instructors per student.

Realizing the dangerous drift toward materialism and collectivism in modern education, the founder and president of the college, Mr. Armstrong, determined that Ambassador would be different.

From the beginning, students here have been encouraged to think independently on any and every subject. But

they are taught to look for the *real truth*.

Students are challenged to *prove to themselves* the existence of God and the inspiration of the Bible as His direct revelation to man. And without being hindered by the traditions of men, or fixed ideas of any kind, Ambassador's students are able to learn previously hidden truths on *many* subjects.

College Atmosphere

Perhaps the most important educational advantage at Ambassador is that students are taught *the real PURPOSE of human life*. This enables them to properly orient themselves in any other subject they may ever study—and to properly evaluate its true merits as related to the great *purpose* being worked out here below.

An amazing insight into many subjects is gained by students here because Ambassador encourages a vigorous intellectual curiosity in its faculty and student body alike.

Because the student enrollment is still relatively small, and the ratio of instructors high, many advantages are gained by a personalized type of instruction which is almost non-existent in the average university or college. This is especially desirable in the foreign language classes.

Unusual opportunities in the field of musical training are provided at Amba-

sador. The Ambassador Chorale is an outstanding example of the type of musical training received here, and many of you will soon be able to both see and hear the chorale sing on the "World Tomorrow" television program.

Also, the Ambassador College Orchestra shows unusual promise and is becoming an important addition to the musical training afforded Ambassador students.

Excellent training in the field of public speaking is offered at Ambassador. In addition to regular courses in public speaking and voice phonetics, the men students may join one of the *Ambassador Clubs* which are patterned after the Toastmaster's International Clubs—after-dinner speech clubs usually composed of business and professional men. The *Ambassador Clubs* have proven to be a most enjoyable and helpful addition to the speech training of all participating students. Ambassador affords truly excellent opportunities in this field.

Overall, even the visitor to the college will be impressed by the Ambassador attitude of being alert to question and study *anything* about how to live happily and successfully according to God's physical and spiritual laws. Special lectures on nutrition and diet are presented from time to time, and the students are challenged to come to a really *sound* basis for healthful, zestful living. There is a course in sex and the marriage relationship which is outstanding because it is taught completely from *God's* point of view, involving an understanding of His great *purpose* in creating sex, and at the same time incorporating all the latest scientific and medically proven data vital to the subject.

This atmosphere of *learning to live*, this spirit of true *intellectual freedom* unshackled from tradition—these things distinguish Ambassador College from all others.

Location and Facilities

Ambassador's location in beautiful Pasadena, California, is a most desirable one. Within a few miles of the campus are great libraries, two world famous astronomical observatories, famous galleries and museums, and outstanding technical institutions where great research projects are always in operation.

Downtown Los Angeles is fifteen minutes from the Ambassador campus by automobile on the freeway; Hollywood twenty minutes.

Recreational areas lie in every direction. There is nearby mountain hiking and skiing, ocean beaches, Pasadena's famous Rose Bowl and its Civic Auditorium, where world renowned recreational and cultural attractions are presented frequently.

The beautiful Ambassador campus and buildings are an attraction themselves, and provide a truly inspiring atmosphere in which to study, work, and play. Ambassador's grounds are acknowledged to be among the most beautiful in Southern California, and the athletic

field, though small, is fully equipped with track and field facilities and two of the finest tennis courts in this area, with flood lighting for night play.

Priceless Opportunity

The chance to come to Ambassador College should take on new meaning to any young person of college age. When you understand it, the opportunity is *matchless*—PRICELESS!

Here you will study and learn those things which really COUNT in life. *In no other place on earth* can you so fully learn the *real PURPOSE of life*—and with God's guidance develop your *whole being* to fulfill that purpose. You will

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Another scene of the expansive Ambassador campus providing the students with a restful and cultural background for their studies.



World War III Threatens to EXPLODE in Middle East

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prophecy was to continue to be a nation reduced, no longer prosperous, no longer a mighty world ruling nation, no longer to be ruled by its own native prince. They can't deny it. They are able only to *run from it!*

Who is the real Ruler? Why, God Almighty.

SKEPTICS Can't Disprove the Fulfillment of Prophecy

Every detail of the prophecies con-

cerning Egypt, has happened. This prophecy was not written after the fulfillment, because *the fulfillment has been happening, and has been being fulfilled right on down through history even to very recent years!* It has been a slow, gradual fulfillment, as prophecy said it would be.

Even in the time of Christ, there was NOTHING to indicate Egypt's glory was gone forever, absolutely nothing. Then, Egypt was still very powerful. Its

Below you see the fully excavated remains of the Great Sphinx of Gizeh, Egypt. This giant stone carving stands near the world-famous Great Pyramid.

—Wide World Photo



population over 7,000,000. It was the bread basket of the Roman Empire at that time. In the 3rd century A.D., the *Encyclopedia Britannica* says that Alexandria, Egypt, continued some time, esteemed as *the first city of the world after Rome*.

Suppose that the Eternal had said that Egypt was to be totally destroyed, but that Babylon would continue, diminished. But He didn't. He didn't say that, and that isn't the way it happened. He said that Babylon would be destroyed. And it was destroyed! He said that Egypt would *continue submerged*, as a minor nation. And it has happened. And *never once* in 2500 years has Egypt been ruled from that time by a native Egyptian prince.

Never in world history has any nation been subject to foreign governments and foreign rule so long as ancient Egypt was.

Now, I want you to compare what happened to Egypt with what was prophesied to happen to Rome.

Rome was mentioned in prophecy before it even came on the scene—all these prophecies written even before there was a Roman Empire. Rome was like iron (Dan. 2:40)—the mightiest of all of those ancient nations, the most powerful, more powerful than Egypt or Greece, or than the Chaldean Empire, or than the Persian Empire. It happened! But it was foretold that it would fall.

In Biblical language, it was to have a "deadly wound," but the "deadly wound" was to be healed (Rev. 13:3), Rome was to be revived *seven different times after it fell*. It has been revived and resurrected six times, and *the seventh resurrection is taking place right now*. You are going to live probably to see it happen in the next few years.

Always, everything that has been previously prophesied in your Bible for the past centuries has been fulfilled. But there are many, many more prophecies that are to be fulfilled *from this moment on!* We are just coming now to the grand smash climax of this whole age when there are far more prophecies—far more world shaking events—to happen in the next 15 or 20 years *than ever happened before in the history of the world!*

Why TEEN-AGE CRIME?

Here is the CAUSE behind one of America's worst problems—teen-age crime! Why are increasing numbers of juveniles brought before courts for burglary, auto theft, murder, rape and unprovoked, vicious attacks?

by Garner Ted Armstrong

AMERICA stands alone as the *leading nation* in teen-age crime! News magazines and newspapers across the nation and throughout the world tell of horrifying atrocities committed by **MERE CHILDREN**—*some of them 15 years of age and younger!*

Civil authorities are frankly worried. President Eisenhower, in his message on the State of the Union, January 6, 1955, said:

"To help the States do a better job, we must strengthen their resources for preventing and dealing with juvenile delinquency. I shall propose federal legislation to assist the States in dealing with this nation-wide problem."

Think of it!

The greatest "Christian" nation that has ever existed—building hundreds of churches—sending missionaries abroad—translating the Bible into foreign languages, and yet—the President of this nation finds it necessary to *ask for government aid* in helping the various States combat their problems of juvenile crime!

WHAT'S WRONG? WHAT IS causing THIS TREMENDOUS UPSURGE IN JUVENILE CRIME AND VIOLENCE?

Worried parents, accompanying their children to court, ask the question, "What did I do wrong?" Teachers, weary with the lawlessness of the modern classroom ask, "What can I do about it?"

Why Most Cures Fail

"Build more institutions for juvenile criminals!" shout the authorities. "Request government aid in building public and private 'rehabilitation' centers."

These and many other "cures" such as hiring more social workers trained in modern psychology, staffing prisons with competent psychiatric workers, providing larger police forces and improving juvenile courtroom procedure have been proposed. Many articles have been writ-

ten about parental responsibility—with special emphasis placed on child psychology, training and schooling—articles telling of courtroom laxity, schoolroom negligence and lack of authority, and lack of facilities for youthful activities. *But these articles have not produced the real solution!*

Dozens of cures are advised, and many methods of coping with the existing problem; but *there is no real solution*. No one, it seems, understands the real CAUSE of child crime! We cannot CURE the terrible disease of a nation filled with teen-age violence—*unless we first stamp out the CAUSE!*

Childish Pranks—Or Real Crime?

Some still ask, "Do you mean the juveniles are actually committing serious crimes?" When asked a similar question, Judge Samuel S. Leibowitz, who has presided over Brooklyn's Kings County Court for the past 14 years, answered:

"Horrible crimes—mere youngsters are now holdup men, armed with loaded guns, iron knuckles, switch-blade knives, daggers; crimes such as muggings, rapes, home burglaries, felonious assault, arson, dope peddling. I had a safecracker before me the other day who was barely 18 years of age."

Stop and think! A CHANGE has taken place! Adults who used to smile at children plucking grapes from the neighbors' vines, who were mildly amused at accounts of watermelon patch escapades are now faced with a generation of teen-age criminals—*committing gruesome atrocities of all descriptions!*

From all parts of the United States comes the ghastly news of unmerciful viciousness committed by boys and girls barely in their teens.

Listen!

In Kansas City, Missouri, nine youngsters brutally beat a man because he had

no cigarettes for them. In Galion, Ohio, an 18-year-old boy slashed a woman and her small daughter with his knife when the mother fought his attempted rape. In Memphis, Tennessee, two boys shot a 16-year-old girl in the stomach because she resisted them. In Atlanta, Georgia, a gang of teen-agers tortured four smaller children for three hours in the woods, then forced them to commit perversions. In Brooklyn, New York, four teen-agers were tried for murder—after freely confessing to a horror story that involved everything from horsewhipping girls to pouring gasoline over an old man and setting him on fire for the fun of it! **REAL CRIME?** Yes—even more than that—the *heart-rending account of misery and death dealt innocent victims at the hands of vicious hoodlums barely in their teens!*

The story doesn't stop here—it only begins. Hundreds of similar cases are reported in communities all over the United States each year, as the authorities see the percentage of crimes attributed to juveniles skyrocket uncontrollably.

Actual Statistics

Facts published by the Federal Bureau of Investigation show an astounding increase in juvenile delinquency over the past number of years. The number of juveniles brought to court has *doubled in thirteen years*. At the current rate of climb, the number of actual court cases in 1960 could be set at 540,000. This is a U.S. Government guess. However, it must be remembered this only represents *those actually apprehended* and brought to court, and is not representative of the *thousands of unsolved incidents* occurring each year.

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, said:

"The nation can expect an *appalling increase* in the number of crimes that will be committed by teen-agers in the

years ahead unless the crime rate among juveniles can be lowered.

"In 1953, persons under 18 committed 53.6 per cent of all car thefts; 49.3 per cent of all burglaries; 18 per cent of all robberies, and 16.2 per cent of all rapes . . . even the *present* number of juveniles, committing crime at the present rate, in the next 33 years—approximately a generation—will commit 7.4 million automobile thefts, 15.8 million burglaries, 2 million robberies, 3 million aggravated assaults and 200,000 murders."

Read over those figures again—and—THINK! That means unless something is done—*two hundred thousand* people within the next generation are destined to lose their lives in horrifying violence and torture at the hands of teen-agers!

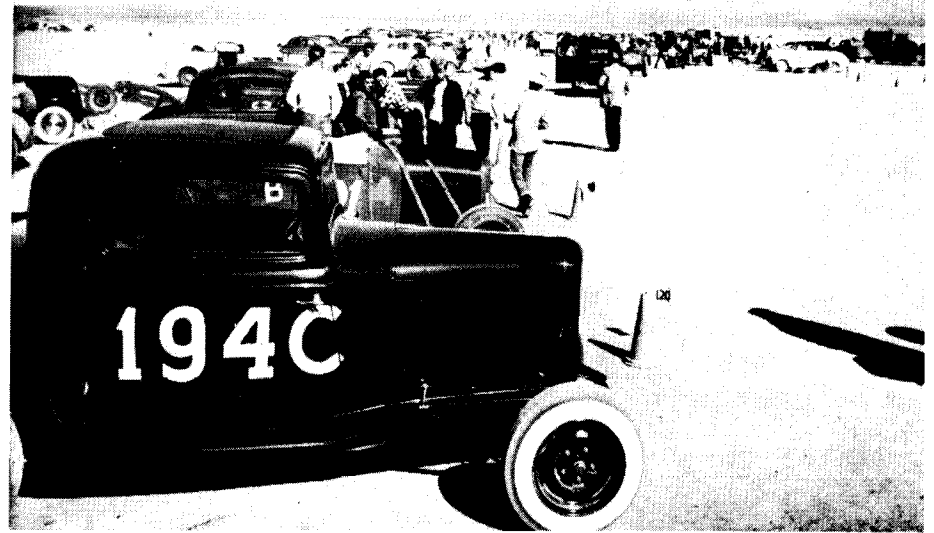
Can't the Law Stop It?

"Why," ask many citizens, "can't the law put a stop to it?" The answer, coming from many judges and juvenile court officials, is simple.

Weak laws, with *no force* behind them, cannot be expected to change a basic lack in a *disobedient* child! Said Judge Samuel Leibowitz: "... the whole thing is treated too casually . . . these dangerous youngsters being turned loose time after time with hardly a slap on the wrist. Naturally, they can have nothing but contempt for a law and a system which has no backbone—no conviction of any sort—in it."

Lack of authority in the home, in the school, and the total disregard for *any* constituted authority by teen-agers has led to the most serious problem of child crime to ever confront any nation. A schoolteacher in California said, ". . . it doesn't take the youngsters long to realize our threats are empty ones without backing from central headquarters."

Because parents do not want their children punished, and because of modern psychology being applied in the idea of "progressive education," the laws governing our school systems **FORBID THE PHYSICAL PUNISHING OF A CHILD** in *many* states, giving the children a feeling of protection in their uncooperative attitudes. Teachers report that situations depicted by articles and by the movie called "Blackboard Jungle" are **NOT** rare, isolated occurrences which



Typical entertainment for youth—a hot rod race. Here you see the cars and drivers line up while waiting their turn.

—Wide World Photo

seldom affect a school, but are the **RULE IN MOST BIG-CITY SCHOOLS TODAY!**

In some of the schools, it is not safe for teachers to walk the hallways except in pairs, for their own physical protection! Reported a high-school teacher in San Diego, California, "I have heard several boys say in class that their one ambition is to 'kill a cop.' I have seen switchblade knives in my room and have sent boys to the principal's office with them."

Juvenile authorities tell of the attitudes of juveniles, who, when brought into court, show *utter contempt* for constituted authority. Modern juvenile courts are often conducted in the utmost informality, with the court attendants prohibited from wearing uniforms, and the judge sitting behind a desk much the same as a clerk. A judge said, "I firmly believe that [the informality of juvenile courtroom procedure] is one of the major causes that tend to encourage the experienced young criminal in his disrespect for law and order and thus to continue in his career of crime."

Since the law enters the picture **ONLY** after the juvenile has been involved in some crime and apprehended—and since the methods of dealing with offenders are informal, slow, and *lack teeth*—the juveniles of today grow more bold in

their disrespect for authority, and are encouraged in their attitudes of lawlessness.

Pressures of Society

What *is* a juvenile? Think for a moment!

Every human being, whether elderly or youthful, is merely a living, breathing collection of certain experiences and habits. *We are a product of heredity and environment!*

In this modern world with its dizzying pace of living, its technological devices and its materialistic goals and ideals, the *family*, the **VERY BASIS** of **ANY** society, has taken a rapid plunge toward complete decay!

The very *beginning* of discipline is in the home.

What about today's home?

What about YOUR home?

The teachings of modern psychology have damaged almost beyond repair the parental concept of responsibility in the home. **THIS WORLD HAS TOTALLY FORGOTTEN GOD**—and the **LAWS** that **REGULATE** happiness, peace, and *most of all*, it has **FORGOTTEN** the **RULE AND THE SUPREME AUTHORITY** of God. Since the world is in total *rebellion* against God's authority—the individual nations and families themselves have lost sight of what *real authority is!*

Society is upside down! From every side, the modern youth sees examples of bickering parents, of broken homes, of hatred and violence in motion pictures, over television, in comic books. Parents who *are not willing* to accept the *responsibility* of fathers and mothers lack disciplinary influence over their children. Not having *any* regard for authority themselves—they *cannot possibly* TEACH THEIR CHILDREN to *respect authority!*

Society is filled with pressures which exact a terrible toll on the growing child's frustrated mind. Let's notice the *pressures* which are known to almost everyone, but which *seem* to be SO HARMLESS—SO *innocent*, and yet—ARE SO *very destructive!*

Here they are:

Motion Pictures

The trend in the movies has been toward violence! Take an honest look at the typical movie of today! The story deals with crime, war, hatred, jealousy, marriage and divorce triangles, fornication and adultery, with vice and sex! Movies exert a *tremendous influence* on adolescent minds!

Educators *know* the value of motion pictures in *teaching*. It has been said "one picture is worth 10,000 words."

SEX is one of the *main attractions*.

Sex is displayed luridly through billboard advertising, in comics, over TV, on the radio, through youthful friends and others who peddle the filth of pornography—and it's displayed in the broad majority of the movies!

Juveniles LEARN TO *kill*—*vicariously!*

Juveniles actually look over the sights of guns at the bodies of men—with hatred in their hearts, and mentally PULL THE TRIGGER, watching with intense satisfaction as bullets pierce the bodies, sending them spinning, reeling, crashing to the ground in grotesque forms of anguish and death!

Not *all* movies are bad, of course. Movies by themselves are not EVIL! However, the WRONG USE OF MOVIES IS A GREAT EVIL—and one that is a major CAUSE behind the condition of society today!

Now here is pressure number two:

The Comics

The children today must grow into adulthood through a maze of deceptions, trickery, crime and lies!

Why?

Because *most* of the influences which *form his character* are themselves LIES! The child finds himself literally *living a lie*. His time is spent in make-believe—dreaming of situations pictured in the cheap, dime comic books he eagerly

devours at every opportunity!

The total disregard for authority is NOT *just a natural outgrowth of mal-administered discipline in the home!*

IT IS THE RESULT OF CAREFUL *teaching*—teaching through the medium of the COMICS, as well as through various other mediums.

The newspapers with their daily comic strips, and especially the various dime comic books, deal directly with various juveniles "putting it over" on their parents. Mere children are depicted as engaged in every clandestine situation imaginable—from the little orphan who has lived through countless murders, frauds, muggings, thefts and hijackings to the little boy who defies all adult authority at every turn, and is loved by the public for his "childish" rebellion.

The ordinary comic strip shows a typical American family scene of a male relegated to a position as figurehead of the family, the object of every joke and insult, while the wife and all the children enjoy loud guffaws at his unhappy expense. The dowager is constantly throwing dishes at her poor henpecked husband. The comics depict the *crisp*, efficient housewife who smiles to her teen-age children knowingly as her husband bumbles his way through life making every mistake possible. AMERICA LAUGHS AT THIS TYPE OF THING TODAY—WHICH IS AN *abomination* IN GOD'S SIGHT!

These and a myriad of others present a false, twisted, backward view of family life, and of parent-child relationship! Children are encouraged to make a mockery of their parents, to disrespect police officers, to flaunt openly their disgust of any constituted authority!

A dime comic book COULD be a very valuable method of *instructing* children in useful topics, such as history, languages, etc. Such is generally not the case, however. Horrifying spectres of interplanetary conquest, of science fiction, creating gruesome monsters who crush whole buildings with every step, and ghastly scenes of sadistic brutality and torture—these and many other scenes of fiendish crime are paraded before the eyes of the growing youths!

Not ALL comic books are directly dealing with violence—BUT HOW MANY PARENTS KNOW *what kind* OF COMIC

A common scene in a police station—four youths, all of whom are 16, are questioned for felonious assault. All are members of a group known as "Young Sinners"!

—Wide World Photo



BOOKS THEIR CHILDREN READ?

Here's pressure number three:

Television

America is being CURSED WITH A DRUG! The advent of television has been responsible for suddenly *drugging* the *minds* of hundreds of thousands! People DO NOT *want to face reality* today! They want to ESCAPE reality in whatever way possible! They seek temporary pleasures—thrills and excitement! Where formerly it was a matter of week-end pleasure seeking: going to the movies, or for the weekend drive—with the beginning of television it became possible to have the top entertainment of Hollywood *right in the living room* night after night!

The average American family—over a year ago—spent over SIX HOURS EVERY SINGLE DAY watching a glittering television screen. Children's programs follow the same thoughtless course that has been set by the motion picture industry and the comic books.

The majority of children's programs have to do with *crime and violence*! Science fiction and cowboy dramas are especially popular. Parents, who have allowed themselves to sink into the abject STUPIDITY of complete UNCONCERN over their own *flesh and blood*, have been regarding their TV sets as "AUTOMATIC BABY SITTERS." They allow—yes, and *even encourage*—their children to sit for HOURS watching program after program *filled* with pseudo-situations designed to fascinate childish minds with thoughts of sadistic bloodshed, with pure fantasy, or with useless comedy.

Few parents, it seems, will take the time or the energy to carefully select a few educational (and there *are* FEW) programs for their children to watch on TV.

And what about our public schools?

Schools Are Handcuffed!

The public school systems haven't escaped the cancerous growth of disrespect for authority. Since laws have been legislated which take all AUTHORITY out of the majority of the classrooms, pupils are allowed to *make a mockery* of their classes, to DEFY the teacher, and to DESTROY school prop-

erty—even writing or digging with a knife certain obscenities on the school desks!

The growth of hatred toward schooling and classroom work has been very apparent in teen-agers. There is a periodic appearance in newspapers in nearly every large city of articles telling of vandalism to schools, of books being burned or destroyed, of ink spilled over valuable books and papers, of overturned desks, broken windows and furniture, obscenities scrawled on the walls with paint or ink, of theft from office safes and teachers' desks.

The schools have become a prime target of the dope peddler and the pornographer, with his lewd pictures of sex, and lurid sex books. Children who have *never learned respect for authority at home* openly DISOBEY their teachers at school. Protected by the laws, they DARE those in authority to do anything about it.

A high-school teacher in Southern California, upon meeting a former year's student, heard the following: "Oh, no, not you! Hey, fellows, remember that crazy, mixed up teacher I told you about? Well, this is it . . . You know, you talked as though you really believed that stuff about character, honesty and junk!" This is an actual quote from a modern high-school student!

Of course, the child is subjected to more pressures in the classroom than he is at home. He spends time with various other children during his school years, choosing friends indiscriminately, joining gangs, forming clubs, grouping together with others for mutual protection from equally vicious gangs.

Teen-agers in schools across the nation have been found to be habitual users of narcotics. The majority of teen-agers learn to smoke before high-school graduation. Police have discovered sex cults and clubs existing in high-schools where *fornication* with several members of the opposite sex is the required initiation into the club. Illegitimate babies are born yearly to high-school students across the nation—girls who (their parents believed) were "innocent" of all knowledge of evil sex practices.

The pressures exerted by wrong friends in schools, by all the means of

entertainment that are displayed gaudily for the youth, by the movies, TV, comics and magazines, all combine to form a *steady stream of evil* directed into the youthful minds of our nation!

What About the Future?

What does the average 16 to 18-year-old boy look forward to?

LOOK AROUND YOU!

The world has staggered through a period of world wars and chaos! World leaders no longer speak of "whether" there will be a World War III, but "WHEN."

The youths of today face years of military service and uncertainty ahead. They look back on broken homes, misguided teaching, lack of discipline and authority, wrong companions, and wrong influences through the pressures of society itself.

WHAT IS WRONG?

This world has tried to SUBSTITUTE *its own ways* FOR GOD'S WAYS! Mankind, living in direct REBELLION against the authority of God, has sought to solve his own ills through military alliances, through trade, through the institutions of modern society! *Where has it led? To the modern chaotic conditions that we see everywhere around us!*

SOCIETY IS UPSIDE DOWN!

Society has placed false values before the youth of today! The complexities of modern life have brought about a condition such as has never before existed in *any nation!*

BUT THERE IS A SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM! *God's solution.*

Read the answer in the second portion of this article in the *next issue* of The PLAIN TRUTH magazine!

WHY THE PLAIN TRUTH HAS NO SUBSCRIPTION PRICE

So many ask: "How can you publish a magazine, without subscription price, and without advertising?" The answer is simple. The GOSPEL must go to the whole world, and it must go FREE. It must not be sold like merchandise. "Freely ye have received," Jesus said to His disciples whom He was sending to proclaim the Gospel, "Freely GIVE." Without money and without price, is God's way. We proclaim a FREE salvation. Therefore, we cannot put a PRICE upon the PLAIN TRUTH.

We have been called of God to conduct this work. It is not our work, but God's. We have set out to conduct God's work God's way. We rely, in FAITH, upon God's promises to supply every need.

God's way is the way of LOVE—and that is the way of *giving*, not getting. God expects every true child of His to GIVE of tithes and offerings that His work may go FREE—that His true ministers may GIVE the precious Gospel to others. We simply TRUST GOD to lay it on the minds and hearts of His people to give of their tithes and offerings that we may be enabled to GIVE the good things of God's Word to the hundreds of thousands who hear the Message over the air, and the scores of thousands who read The PLAIN TRUTH.

Many times our faith has been severely tried, but God has never failed us. We must not fail HIM!

Why We're Unable to Answer All Your Letters

Here is a frank explanation, giving you the reasons why we've been unable—despite earnest efforts—to answer personally each of your encouraging letters

by Herman L. Hoeh

THIS IS a world-wide work, extending over five continents to a vast audience of more than 10 million radio listeners each week!

In the United States alone, more people hear Mr. Armstrong's voice each week through the modern miracle of radio than were able to hear the apostle Paul in twenty years! Through the facilities of the printing press, hundreds of thousands each month read the **PLAIN TRUTH** magazine and thousands of booklets mailed from our offices.

This powerful world-wide work—the *only* work in modern times to preach the *same* gospel that Jesus preached, the gospel of the Kingdom, the government and the laws of God—this work is a direct result of obedience to Jesus' final commission to His Church in Matthew 28:19: "Go ye, therefore, and teach *all nations*."

Notice how this commission is rendered in Matthew 24:14: "This gospel"—the same gospel Jesus preached, which for over 1800 years has *not* been preached world-wide, but which you now hear preached over The **WORLD TOMORROW** broadcast—"this gospel of the **KINGDOM** *shall be preached in all the world*"—or as Moffatt renders it, "over the **WIDE WORLD**"—"as a witness to all nations, and then shall the end come."

A Personal Ministry, Too!

Jesus also gave His Church an added responsibility—to follow up the world-wide ministry with a personal, individual ministry. You will find this second commission in John 21:17: "Feed my sheep."

Jesus Christ set the pattern for our work. His ministry was an *example* for the Church. Christ was sent *to the Jew-*

ish nation. As He journeyed from city to city, He took time out from His nation-wide labors to minister personally, though secondarily, to the specific needs of individuals whom He met. Notice that Jesus took time out to counsel and pray for the sick:

"And Jesus stood still and called them (two blind men) and said, What will ye that I shall do unto you? They say unto him, Lord, that our eyes may be opened. So Jesus had compassion on them, and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him" (Mat. 20:29-34).

Compare this with what God is doing through His work today. Instead of reaching only one nation, the gospel is being preached world-wide to English-speaking countries. Mr. Armstrong's broadcasting is a **GIGANTIC TASK** in itself! But more than that, Mr. Armstrong has also a *two-fold personal ministry*. Following the example of Jesus and the apostles, who maintained individual ministries, Mr. Armstrong spends many hours every week personally counseling with radio and television listeners about their problems—**PLUS SHOULDERING THE RESPONSIBILITY OF A PERSONAL MINISTRY by mail**, answering letters of hundreds of those who are unable to visit him, and praying for the sick.

I doubt if you realize the tremendous energy, the constant utilization of every hour that is necessary to *begin to fulfill THIS GOD-GIVEN MINISTRY COVERING THE ENTIRE WORLD!* These duties require the full-time work of *many* men.

Over 1000 Letters Per Day

Do you realize that during the late autumn, winter and spring months, Mr.

Armstrong receives **OVER 1000 LETTERS EACH DAY?**—that is over 30,000 each month! Have you ever thought what a responsibility it is to read *all these letters?*

Yet these 30,000 a month represent only an infinitesimal portion of the many millions who listen to the broadcast. Most people don't care enough about God's truth even to write a *single* letter. That is why Mr. Armstrong obtains such great encouragement from **EVERY SINGLE LETTER YOU WRITE HIM**. Each letter means to him that you **DO** really comprehend God's message which he is preaching. It makes him feel his efforts are worthwhile.

In a sense, your letters represent your expression of thanks to God and to His frail mortal servants who have given their entire lives to Him. Letters also constitute the barometer to help us determine what you are in need of most—what you should receive in the broadcasts, in the magazines and in the Correspondence Course. Your letters are a proof of the growth of this work. Without them, *this work could not continue*.

To assist Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong in reading your letters, there is a competent staff of 12 men, advanced ministerial students who understand your problems and questions. *Every letter you send is completely read by Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong or one of these men*—whether it is one page or 24 pages.

Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong answer as many of your letters as humanly possible. They are concerned with the fact that they are not able to respond personally to every heart-rending problem you write. There simply are not sufficient hours in the day to accomplish all the duties they need to perform.

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THE BIBLE ANSWERS

Short Questions

FROM OUR READERS

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

Should We Preach the Gospel from Door to Door?

This is one of our constant questions.

Jesus Christ has solemnly commanded His true ministers to proclaim the gospel of the kingdom in all the world as a witness to all nations before the end of this present age (Mat. 24:14). He also said that the gospel must be published among all nations (Mark 13:10).

In fulfilling this divine commission, should we go from house to house distributing literature and talking with people in an effort to convert them? Some believe they are following the example of the early New Testament Church if they go from house to house preaching the gospel. Does the Bible really teach this?

There is a passage of scripture in Acts 20:20 which might *seem* to support this belief IF only one verse is read and taken out of its proper setting. One might *assume* that the apostle Paul went from *house to house* in order to preach the gospel of the kingdom to the unconverted. But when we read the entire paragraph beginning with the 17th verse, we can understand the intended meaning. The apostle Paul . . . "sent to Ephesus, and called the **ELDERS** of the *church* . . ." and said to them, "I . . . have taught **YOU** publicly, and from *house to house*" (Acts 20:20). Paul was teaching the *leaders of the church* in their own homes. He was **NOT** teaching the **UNconverted** from door to door!

Here is another misunderstood scripture: "And *they* (the twelve apostles

and other disciples), continuing daily with *one accord* in the temple, and breaking bread from *house to house*, did eat *their* meat with gladness . . ." (Acts 2:46). Notice that these people were *all* in harmony. They continued daily with "*one accord*." They were *all* of the *same* belief.

Many had congregated at Jerusalem from many nations in order to attend one of God's annual festivals, Pentecost. Because they had travelled a long distance and because they had no home in Jerusalem, the brethren who lived there invited them to come to their homes and eat. (The eating of a common meal is referred to as "breaking bread" in the King James Version. For proof write for Mr. Armstrong's booklet on the *Lord's Supper*.) The converted brethren ate in the homes of other converted brethren—not in the homes of the unconverted. They did not go to the houses of the *unconverted* to preach to them, rather they preached the gospel to them in the synagogues and in the temple. They followed the *direct command* of Jesus Christ to the seventy disciples he had previously sent to preach the gospel. He said, "Go **NOT** from *house to house*" (Luke 10:7).

The apostle Paul had his own hired house at Rome where he "received *all* that **CAME UNTO HIM**, preaching the kingdom of God" which Jesus had commanded his true servants to preach (Acts 20:30). Paul did **NOT** go from house to house preaching to sinners and unconverted people. He preached to them in the synagogue. After some became

converted leaders of God's true Church, then the apostle Paul visited and taught them in their homes.

Today the gospel is being preached to the entire nation by radio. Anyone is at liberty to listen or to close his ears and reject it—merely by turning the dial of his radio. The gospel is also being published. It is being sent free of charge to all who *request* it. And also, as in the example given in the New Testament, we go into the homes of converted brethren who request that we do so in order to counsel with and baptize them. But we do *not* go, uninvited, into the homes of unconverted people in order to teach them. We should *never* attempt to force God's truth on anyone. In Mat. 7:6, Christ showed that the *truth* is too precious for that.

This is the example of Jesus Christ, the twelve apostles, and the apostle Paul. Let us follow it.

Where Did Cain Get His WIFE?

This is one of the most common questions we receive. If Adam was the first man, directly created by God, and Eve the first woman, also a direct creation, and only three sons are mentioned—Cain, Abel, and Seth, it is but natural that many ask, "Where then, did Cain get his wife?"

Did Cain have a wife? Yes, it is written in Gen. 4:17: "And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch."

Cain had a wife, and a son.

For that matter, where did Seth get a wife? Seth is a direct ancestor of Noah, of Abraham, of David, and of Christ. So Seth, as well as Cain, must have had a wife.

The answer is found in the genealogy of Adam, in Genesis 5. It is written in verse 4, "And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and *daughters*: and all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died."

There is the answer. Adam begat sons **AND DAUGHTERS**. God had blessed Adam and Eve, and said unto them: "Be fruitful, and *multiply*, and replenish the earth." All human life started from

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Were the TEN COMMANDMENTS in force before Moses?

**Here is the startling answer in response to questions
asked by thousands of our readers!**

by Herbert W. Armstrong

THE NEWS today is nearly all bad. There's a reason why! Not only do we have war, fear of war, and much strife between *nations*, but we also have competition and strife *in business*. We have quarrels leading to divorces *in the home*. We have a growing, younger generation—nervous by blowing off steam and getting into all sorts of troubles that we call "*juvenile delinquency*."

What's the matter with us anyway? Are we *afraid* to stop and look this situation in the face? Do we dare recognize the **FACT** that we're bringing all this fear and worry, this heartache, this suffering, this frustrating emptiness on ourselves?

There is a reason. But are you afraid to hear it? Will you deny the true reason?

The Basis of Life

If you find the **TRUTH**—that God Almighty, the Creator, set in motion invisible, **SPIRITUAL LAWS** for our *happiness and for our good*, and that **ALL** our woes and troubles are the **DIRECT RESULT** of our rejection and transgression of those laws—you'll probably say, "But I've been taught that those laws were abolished by Christ!" Or, "Why, that's a religious and theological question that I know nothing about. It has nothing to do with my practical, down-to-earth, everyday life anyway."

You're *wrong*! It has **EVERYTHING** to do with your everyday life. It has *everything* to do with all the bad news we hear and read about every day. It has *everything* to do with the fact that you are *restless* and *discontented*, that you're not as happy as you want to be, and would like to be. It has *everything* to do with today's chaotic world conditions,

with social unrest, with the troubles that you probably are having *in your own home*!

You've probably heard that the ten commandments were done away. You've been taught that the ten commandments either are the same as, or a part of, the ritualistic law of Moses, and that they didn't even **EXIST** until Moses, and that they lasted **ONLY UNTIL CHRIST**!

This is no mere, irrelevant theological or religious question. This is the very **ESSENCE OF YOUR LIFE**—your home life, your social life, your business life. It's the very crux question behind world troubles today. Strange as it may seem, the ten commandments have been in **FULL FORCE** and effect **SINCE HUMAN LIFE HAS EXISTED ON THIS EARTH**!

They constitute a *spiritual law* that is inexorable and eternal. A law that is **LOVE** and the *fulfilling* of which is love—a law that was set in motion for our happiness to produce everything good which we have foolishly denied ourselves. These ten commandments are **ENTIRELY DIFFERENT AND SEPARATE FROM** the ritualistic law of Moses which was just a code of *physical* laws, *not* spiritual laws.

Proof that Commandments Were in Force at Beginning

The ten commandments were first made known to **ADAM** in the Garden of Eden. Why? *Because that is the very law that he broke in the "original" sin*. **EVERY ONE** of the ten commandments was then in full force and effect. It was **SIN** to transgress any one of them between the time of Adam and Moses. You can read this in your own Bible.

When did this thing that we call "sin" start anyway? Did it start with Moses?

We read the answer in Romans 5:12, "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and **DEATH BY SIN**; so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." And in verse fourteen, "*Death reigned FROM ADAM TO MOSES*."

"Sin is **NOT** imputed when there is **NO** law," you read in the 13th verse. Yet *sin was imputed because death did reign from Adam to Moses*. There must then have been a law from Adam's time.

What Is Sin?

People have numerous **IDEAS** about what sin is. In Hollywood, years ago, I saw in a number of newsstands, a book titled *How to Sin in Hollywood*. Visitors from all over the world would come to Hollywood and would buy that book.

Actually, the book was quite harmless. When you bought it, it just gave you the names of restaurants and similar places. Most of them were eating places without any entertainment.

There wasn't necessarily anything that pointed really to sin, but sin always seems to be the forbidden fruit that is most glamorous and that would be most desirable if only some unfair God had **NOT** denied it to us. That seems to be what human beings think of sin.

What is sin? Is there a **BIBLE** definition? Is there any place in the Bible where it says, "Sin is . . ." and then follows the definition?

The answer is in 1 John 3:4, "*Sin is the transgression of the law*."

SIN IS THE TRANSGRESSION OF THE LAW! Do you *realize* that God Almighty is not only the Creator of matter—solid matter, liquid matter and gaseous matter, as we know it—but God also is the Creator of **FORCE** and of **ENERGY** and of **EVERY POWER** and of **EVERY LAW**. The

laws of physics, the laws of chemistry, every law that is in motion and is energized. Do you realize that God Almighty also created a SPIRITUAL LAW? That *spiritual law regulates your happiness.*

Happiness Instead of Suffering

You want happiness. You want to be happy above all things. Everyone does. You want to lead a life that is pleasing and pleasant. You would like to lead a life that is just full and abundant and INTERESTING—as a matter of fact, a little bit exciting all the way along, wouldn't you? And you want a life where everything is pleasant, where there are no pains or suffering.

You don't want a life of boredom. You don't want a life of sorrow, pain or suffering. You want a HAPPY life, and you would love to feel well, jolly and joyful—happy all the time.

You could have a life like that. Everyone could.

This ENTIRE WORLD could be like that—if we only UNDERSTOOD the WAY!

God Almighty in His great love for humanity set a law in motion. That law was DESIGNED to produce just that kind of life for YOU.

But you're *not* living that way! You're *breaking that law* and that law has been breaking YOU a long time, because that's precisely what happens.

That law is merely love. It's the way of love. It's the way that love should be expressed—love toward God and love toward neighbor.

The apostle Paul tells us what sin is in Romans 7:7, "What shall we say then? Is the law sin?" People think that the law is all wrong, that it's sin. Paul continues, "God forbid. Nay, I had NOT KNOWN SIN BUT BY THE LAW." In other words, by the *law* is the KNOWLEDGE of sin, as Paul had said previously in Romans 3:20.

The law gives you the knowledge of what sin is. It directs you and guides you as to what you ought to do.

We Were Born Ignorant

Do you realize that when you were born *you didn't know one thing*? Do you realize that *you were not born with instinct* like the dumb brutes? Dumb brutes don't have to "know." They

don't have to be taught a law to know what to do; they don't have to learn about a law that they can *receive* in their minds and that will show them what to do to be happy, and what not to do to avoid suffering. Animals are just dumb brutes equipped with instinct. They live as the Eternal Creator designed.

But you and I are made AFTER *God's image*. We were put here as free moral agents for the purpose of *producing character*—holy, righteous, spiritual character. God is REPRODUCING HIMSELF, and He's given us a *mind* like He Himself has, except our minds are very limited. Our minds are fallible, God's is infallible and unlimited—that's the ONLY difference.

What Is the Law?

You don't KNOW what is right and what is wrong without its being revealed. Paul would *not* have *known* what sin was if the law had not told him. Human nature will not teach you. Human nature has evil in it. As Paul says, "I had not known lust," that is, he wouldn't have known that lust was evil or wrong; he didn't have such instinctive knowledge, "except the law had said, 'Thou shalt not covet.'" The law that said, "Thou shalt not covet," TAUGHT the apostle Paul what was sin. And *that is the tenth commandment*. So the law that taught that principle IS THE TEN COMMANDMENTS!

In Romans 7:12, Paul says that "the law is holy and the commandment holy, just and good." That isn't what you have been taught today, is it? Many people have been reared in the belief that the law is UNHOLY, that it is altogether WRONG, and that Christ had to do away with it.

In verse 14 of Romans 7, the apostle Paul says, "For we know that the law is spiritual." *The law is spiritual.*

Paul said he was *carnal*. He was fleshly and material. So are you. So am I. But the law is a SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLE, and it REGULATES YOUR HAPPINESS—a spiritual matter.

The Original Sin

Every one of the ten commandments WAS IN EXISTENCE during the time

of Adam. It was SIN to break any one of them PRIOR to the time of the law of Moses. The law of Moses, we know, didn't come UNTIL the time of Moses—430 years after the time of Abraham. But the SPIRITUAL LAW has been in existence *from Adam!*

The original sin is recorded in Genesis, beginning with chapter 2, verse 15: "And the Eternal took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to dress it and keep it. And the Eternal God *commanded* the man saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat."

God gave him permission. God is Supreme Ruler. God is giving the orders. He is teaching. The man DIDN'T KNOW. The man had to be TOLD. He had to be TAUGHT and INSTRUCTED. Here is the instruction—the command, and a sentence. Notice: "But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil," a MIXTURE of good *and* evil, "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!"

"The wages of sin is death." God was preaching the gospel to the man. There it is! The very fact that God said, "In the day that thou eatest thereof . . ." shows that the man was ALLOWED to do it, that the man was a FREE MORAL AGENT, that the man himself had to make the choice. God designed that you and I CHOOSE whether or not we will obey His law, or not.

Animals don't make a choice. Animals have instinct.

Animals usually are rather contented. We have our "contented cows."

We may have contented cows, but we don't have many contented people. You know why?

Cows don't make any choice. God simply ordained that they should live in a way that they would be contented. But God *ordained* that you and I *must* make a choice. And if we choose the *right way* to live, according to that law which God set in motion to produce happiness and contentment and a FULL, THRILLING, ENJOYABLE life, we can have it. But if we're going to choose to live the *other way*, we're going to have suffering, sorrows and curses—that's what we've elected to do.

The First Lie

To continue:

"Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the Eternal God had made, and he said unto the woman, 'Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?' And the woman said unto the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden, but of the fruit of the tree which in the midst of the garden, God had said, Ye shall NOT eat of it nor touch it LEST YOU DIE.' And the serpent said unto the woman, 'Ye shall NOT SURELY DIE.'" (Gen. 3:1-4.)

YOU SHALL NOT SURELY DIE—there was the *first lie* that we have any historic record of. It was *not* told by a *man*, but by the DEVIL. "You will not surely die." "You're an IMMORTAL SOUL." Or "You have an immortal soul that WON'T DIE." That's what the DEVIL said.

Continuing: "For God doth know that in the day that you eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened and *you shall be as gods* knowing good and evil."

In other words, the devil said that God knows better; God has been lying to you—that's what he wanted the woman to believe.

"And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food"—she used her own judgment and didn't obey the law of God—she used her own human reason—. . . the tree was good for food, and it was pleasant to the eyes, and the tree was desired to make one wise; she took of the fruit thereof and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her and he did eat"—the *first human sin!*

The Commandments Broken

Analyze exactly what happened. GOD is the One we obey. Do you realize that's one of the definitions of God? Whoever you obey is your God. Whatever you SERVE is your god. It might be your automobile. Maybe it's an idol. Whatever it is, that's your god.

Adam and Eve had another god in place of the true God—they broke the first commandment. They *dishonored their only Parent*. How? The genealogy of Christ goes back to *Adam who was the "son of God,"* because God created

him. Adam was the son of God by a direct creation. Adam was not God's son by begetting or birth, but by a direct creation.

Adam not only dishonored his only Parent, but he also broke the TENTH commandment. There was LUST when the woman saw that it was good for food and desired to make one wise—vanity, egotism and pride entered into her heart.

Lust is what usually causes a person to have an inordinate desire to have something that is not legal. Lust causes you to *steal* and Adam and Eve broke the EIGHTH commandment by STEALING what was not theirs.

FOUR OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS WERE BROKEN IN THE ORIGINAL SIN.

And in other ways EVERY ONE of the ten commandments were actually broken in that very first sin.

How Did Cain Sin?

Consider their first son. Genesis 4, beginning with verse 6. "And the Eternal had said unto Cain, their elder son, 'Why art thou wroth and why is thy countenance fallen?'" He had just *killed* his brother Abel. He was a MURDERER already and God was asking him about it. "If thou doest well," God said, "shalt not thou be accepted? and if thou doest not well, SIN lieth at the door."

Notice what sin was in those days—in the days of Cain! "And unto thee shall be his [Abel's] desire and thou [Cain] shall rule over him, and Cain talked with his brother, Abel; and it came to pass that when they were in the field Cain rose up against Abel, his brother, and *slew him*."

He was a MURDERER. *Sin* did lie at the door.

And the Eternal said unto Cain, "Where is Abel thy brother?" And he replied, "I know not." He LIED and broke another one of the commandments. That was sin, too.

Cain broke the *sixth* and the *ninth* commandments. *Every one* of these commandments was *known* from creation, because God had *revealed* them to Adam. He thus revealed them to mankind at that time. But humanity has rejected them.

Idolatry Committed Before Abraham

Notice Joshua 22:2. "And Joshua said unto the people, Thus saith the Eternal God of Israel, Your fathers dwelt on the other side of the flood in old time, even Terah, the father of Abraham and the father of Nachor, and THEY SERVED OTHER GODS." IDOLATRY WAS A SIN in the days BEFORE Abraham and that was 430 years BEFORE the law of Moses!

Now turn to Genesis 35:1-4: "And God said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to Bethel and dwell there and make there an altar unto God that appeared unto thee when thou fleddest from the face of Esau, thy brother. Then Jacob said unto his household and to all that were with him, 'Put away the STRANGE GODS that are among you and be clean and change your garments and let us arise and go up to Bethel and I will make there an altar unto God who answered me in the day of my distress and was with me in the way which I went.' And they gave unto Jacob ALL THE STRANGE GODS WHICH WERE IN THEIR HAND."

They could hold these gods in their hands. Notice: "And all their *earrings* which were in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the oak which was by Shechem." It was a sin to WORSHIP IDOLS and *they had idol gods in their own hands*.

The Third Commandment

Notice the THIRD commandment in Leviticus 18:3, 21, 27. "After the doings of the land of Egypt wherein you dwelt SHALL YOU NOT DO." Here's the instruction of God to the Israelites in the time of Moses, but IT WAS SIN TO BREAK THAT THIRD COMMANDMENT BEFORE MOSES!

"And after the doings of the land of Canaan whither I bring you SHALL YOU NOT DO, NEITHER shall you walk in their ordinances . . . And thou shalt not let any of thy seed pass through the fire of Molech, NEITHER SHALT THOU PROFANE THE NAME OF THY GOD, I am the Eternal."

There's profanity, or profaning the name of God. Now the 27th verse: "FOR ALL THESE ABOMINATIONS have

the men of the land **DONE** which were **BEFORE YOU**—*before this generation during which the law of Moses came.*

In previous generations **PRIOR** to the law of Moses **"ALL THESE ABOMINATIONS** have the men of the land **DONE** which were before you and **THE LAND IS DEFILED.**" It was sin. One of the sins was to profane the name of God. Therefore, profanity—taking the name of God in vain—was a sin before Moses.

The Fourth Commandment Observed

Coming to the fourth commandment in Exodus 16:4, "Then the Eternal said unto Moses"—this was **WEEKS** before they came to Mount Sinai and **BEFORE THE LAW OF MOSES** was given or before they ever knew there would be a law of Moses—"Behold I will rain bread from heaven for you and the people may go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may **PROVE** them **WHETHER THEY WILL WALK IN MY LAW OR NO.**"

Here is God's law. He was going to see whether the people would obey it *before the law of Moses was given*—**WEEKS BEFORE** they even came to Mount Sinai where the law of Moses was added.

Verse 5, "And it shall come to pass that on the sixth day they shall prepare that which they bring in; and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily."

Now notice verse 22: "And it came to pass that on the sixth day that they gathered twice as much."

Verse 23: "Moses said to the people, This is that which the Eternal hath said, Tomorrow is **THE REST OF THE HOLY SABBATH UNTO THE ETERNAL.**"

Then on the following day, verse 25, Moses said, "Eat that today, for today *IS a Sabbath unto the Eternal*, today you shall not find it in the fields. *Six days you shall gather it*, but on **THE SEVENTH DAY, WHICH IS THE SABBATH** in it there shall be none. And it came to pass that there went out some of the people on the Sabbath for to gather and *they found none!*"

God was showing them by miracles from heaven which day was the sev-

enth day. **TIME HAD NOT BEEN LOST.** (Write for our free booklet, "Has Time Been Lost?")

Some of them *thought* it didn't make any difference. They would wait to go out on the following day—on the Sabbath—**BUT THERE WAS NONE!** Did that make any difference? "And the Eternal said unto Moses, **HOW LONG REFUSE YE TO KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS AND MY LAWS?** See that *the Eternal hath given you the Sabbath.* Therefore, He giveth you on the sixth the bread of two days. Abide ye every man in his place and let no man go out of his place on the seventh day." So **THE PEOPLE RESTED ON THE SEVENTH DAY!**" (Verses 28-30.)

That was **WEEKS BEFORE** they came to Mount Sinai—**BEFORE THE LAW OF MOSES!** It was the law of God at that time.

The Fifth Commandment

Now turn to Genesis 9:21. "And he (Noah) drank wine and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent. And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father and told his two brethren without. And Shem and Japheth took a garment and they laid it upon both their shoulders and went backward and they covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness."

Continuing: "Noah awoke from his wine and saw what his younger son had done unto him, and said, 'Cursed be Canaan, a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren, for he said blessed be the Eternal God of Shem and Canaan shall be his servant.'" (Gen. 9:21-26.)

DISHONORING A PARENT WAS A SIN and a curse was pronounced in those days.

And now notice the seventh commandment against adultery. Genesis 39:7-9, "And it came to pass after these things that his [Joseph's] master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph." This occurred when Joseph was in Egypt, long, long before the law of Moses. "And she said, 'Lie with me,' and he refused; and he said unto his master's wife, 'Behold my master knoweth not what is

with me in the house and he hath committed all that he had into my hand, there is none greater in his house than I, neither hath he kept back anything from me but thee, because thou art his wife. How then, can I do this great wickedness *and* **SIN AGAINST GOD?**"

Adultery was sin—hundreds of years before the physical law of Moses.

Now we come to the eighth commandment against stealing in Genesis 30, verse 33: "Everyone that is not speckled and spotted among the goats and brown among the sheep shall be counted **AS STOLEN WITH ME.**" This is Jacob and his experience with Laban. Stealing was a sin.

We come to the ninth commandment about lying: Genesis 20, the first nine verses. "And Abraham journeyed toward the south country and he dwelt in Kadesh and Shur and he journeyed to Gerar and Abraham said to Sarah his wife, 'She is my sister.' And Abimelech, the king of Gerar, sent and he took Sarah." He was going to take her as his wife. He would have committed adultery with her, but God sent an angel to him in a dream to warn him. "Yea I know that thou didest this in the integrity of thine heart." The king, remember, heard Abraham say of Sarah, "She's my sister." "And also I"—God says — "*withheld thee from sinning against Me*; therefore, suffered I thee not to touch her."

Abraham *was lying*. It would also have been a *sin to commit adultery*. Of course, Sarah was Abraham's half-sister; but, nevertheless, the *intent* was all wrong. It was a lie.

What about coveting? Notice Genesis 6:1-3, 5: "And it came to pass when men began to multiply upon the face of the earth and daughters were born unto them, that the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair, and they took them wives of all whom they chose." "God saw the wickedness"—**SIN**—"of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the Eternal that He had made man on the earth,

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EVOLUTION *without miracles?*

Most scientists prefer the non-miraculous. Then why have so many swallowed the doctrine of evolution?

by Kenneth C. Herrmann

THE TERM evolution in its broadest sense implies the non-miraculous.

It postulates the appearance of man, animal life, plant life, the earth and the entire universe *by itself* from *nothing*. This all supposedly happened without the aid of a miracle-working, life-giving God.

Special Creation, on the other hand, depends upon the immortal Creator God who thought out and brought into being the entire universe, the earth and its life forms.

Which theory can best account for the world as it exists today?

Evolutionists claim their theory is the result of logical conclusions based on facts; that it necessitates no miracles. The theory of Special Creation, they maintain, is only a faith held by those who still believe in a god. They also maintain that the theory of Special Creation is contrary to evidence and to sound reasoning.

One evolutionist states, "There is no observational evidence of any kind in support of the simpler primitive belief in *special creation*. There is a vast accumulation of circumstantial evidence for the theory of *organic evolution*." The origins of the universe and the earth (through evolution) "are also based on circumstantial evidence . . . are in harmony with the facts . . . no body of facts contradict them." From *The Science of Biology* by George G. Scott, Ph.D.

What a shame that students are taught to memorize such textbook "knowledge" without ever hearing the other side of the question!

Let Us Look at Evolution

To search for possible fallacies, let us review what evolution really is—a theory teaching that present living forms, matter, energy, and all physical and chemical laws concerning them came into being by themselves from

nothing and without the thought or effort of a Supreme Being.

Evolutionists holding such a theory do not believe in miracles, actions not in accord with our present day laws of "nature"; acts which could only be attributed to God.

However, if we were to study their account of the evolution of the universe, a close examination would show a number of breaks in their chain of logic; *breaks which could be crossed only by a belief in God who brought into being and sustains this universe.*

Before we examine the evolutionist's view of the universe in the process of formation, let me state here that facts and logic do not permit one to hold to such a sequence of events as evolutionists claim; yet, let us examine the theory merely from the standpoint of whether or not *it could have occurred without miracles.*

No Miracles?

These are the miracles I see required by a Godless evolution, *miracles which must have occurred if we are to judge their theory as being even logical.* These are processes which cannot in any way be demonstrated in the laboratory but which must be demonstrated if their theory is to have any basis at all.

These, then, are the miracles of evolution.

In the beginning both Creationist and Evolutionist agree that there was no material creation. Not only is it untenable for the human mind to hold that matter has existed forever, but an examination of the rate of *disintegration of radioactive elements reveals that there was a time when they first began to disintegrate*, the time of their creation and obviously the time of all material creation.

Because the only recognizable world to the evolutionist is material, to him at that beginning time there must have been nothing, nothing at all. Then *if creation*

is to follow his directions, a number of miracles must have occurred. First, *nothing of itself, for there was nothing else, brought forth something.* This *something* was matter and was brought forth in great quantity. *This is miracle number one.* Today this matter forms the billions of stars in the sky as well as the sun, moon, earth, and the very bodies we are composed of.

Another Miracle

This *matter* which came forth of itself *set up laws to govern its relationship with itself.* From now on each particle of matter had to obey the law of gravity, the laws of chemistry, and the laws of motion to mention a few of the myriad of laws which cause matter to act as it does.

Energy Appears

Simultaneously with these last two miracles *a third must have taken place.* *Energy*, in the forms of heat, light, and motion with all its manifestations, *suddenly appeared on the scene.* Energy is like matter in that (without a miracle) it can neither be created nor destroyed, though through laws of nuclear physics matter can be changed to energy.

The foregoing miracles have now through ages of time presented us with a well ordered universe. Stars, planets, heat, light; a universe suitable for life but yet a dead world.

Life From Death

The stage is now set for the second act in the evolutionist's *dream* of how this present creation came to be. As *nothing* exerted itself and brought forth *something*; now *something* with even greater effort *flexed its muscles and brought forth a living, single-celled form.* A miracle has taken place. *Dead matter by its own strength has begun to live.*

Another miracle quickly follows; liv-

ing matter *remembering* the achievement of its parent dead matter and not to be outdone by its parent, begins to grow, and, with an effort that was to continue through all history, divides itself into two portions, both portions living and growing. *Living matter has now acquired the ability to reproduce after its kind.* Never mind if one of our present day laws in biology says that *acquired characteristics cannot be passed on through heredity*; these little, one-celled, primitive life forms had not yet acquired *the intelligence to know that law* so we can, perhaps, excuse them for breaking it. Yes, the theory of evolution is quite UNscientific. Life can come only from life.

The Evolution of Man

Life goes on for uncounted ages monotonously reproducing until it populates the entire globe. Restless and dissatisfied with being like their parents and looking around for a way to do the impossible, these one-celled life forms *throw the law* of "like begets like" *to the wind* and begin an extended course in evolution by becoming multiple-celled. Next, water forms climb out onto the land; fish gender birds, grass becomes a parent to trees, and a common ancestor gives rise to monkeys and to men.

Now comes the final miracle in this *dream* before the evolutionist *awakens* to the facts. From an ignorant cave man evolves a highly intelligent, clear thinking race of men.

In this enlightened era, man with his newly acquired intelligence looks back with impunity at his cave dwelling progenitor, studies his family tree all the way back, and finally discovers his first parent, *nothing*, just *nothing* at all.

Though this present day man may have had lowly ancestors, yet he is proud of their heroic struggle and especially of their end product, himself. In his pride he has no difficulty in believing the *theory he has concocted* concerning his coming into existence.

Pride always precedes a fall. This case will be no exception. The evolutionist who holds his Creator to be *nothing at all* is due for a rude awakening. The day will soon come when he will open his eyes to see the correct sequence of events

in the creation of this world and all that is in it. He is going to learn true science about which he glibly talks so much.

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them. How could they be fruitful and multiply, unless they had BOTH sons and daughters, and their sons married the daughters?

The answer is simple. Both Cain and Seth married their sisters. There undoubtedly were many of them even before the birth of Seth.

Adam and Eve, as God had proposed, were *fruitful*! After the birth of Seth, Adam lived EIGHT HUNDRED YEARS, and "he begat sons and daughters." The sense of the passage is that he *continued* begetting sons and daughters. That is a long time—as long as though some man and his wife living back in the middle ages—way back in the year 1154—had continued to live and continually bear children ever since, clear up to now—1954! Adam was 130 years of age when Seth was born (Gen. 5:3). After that—*after* he was 130 years of age—Adam continued begetting sons and *daughters* eight hundred years!

It's almost impossible for our minds to grasp, in this fast-moving short-lived world of one or two children to a family, how many children Adam and Eve probably had during their great span of life, nearly a thousand years. It's hard for us to realize that Adam lived almost ONE-SIXTH of all the time from his creation until now. Yes, there must have been *plenty* of young women for wives for Cain, and Seth, and all their many other brothers, as the hundreds of years dragged along!

Let us also remember that it was *not* wrong to marry a sister or a brother in the beginning. No physical harm would result. Over two thousand years later—in the days of Abraham—a man could still marry a half-sister. It was not until the days of Moses that God forbade brothers to marry their half sisters (Lev. 18:6, 11).

Back in those antediluvian days, when people lived seven, eight, and

nine hundred years, they did not age as we do today. They were able to continue bearing children, undoubtedly, for hundreds of years. After the flood, due to human dissipation and living contrary to God's revealed right laws of living, the life-span of man became shortened.

By the time of Abraham, Sarah was considered too old to bear children at age 90, and Abraham thought it impossible for him to become a father again at the age of 100 (see Gen. 17:17). Isaac was born as a direct miracle. But back before the flood, and in the days of Adam, it was different—and would be today, had not men departed from the laws of living revealed by God. May God help us to STUDY to learn those laws and start living by them today.

Ten Commandments before Moses?

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and it grieved Him in His heart."

Coveting was a sin even in those days!

There you have it, every one of the ten commandments was in existence from the creation. It was sin to break any one of them between the time of Adam and Moses. What are *you* going to do about it?

AMBASSADOR Is Different

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learn how to really LIVE the full, vigorous, productive, and abundant life that God intended.

Ambassador is NOT a "preacher's college" and very few of our students will be in the direct ministry of preaching. It is not a "Bible School." It is a liberal arts college—though it does have a required course in Bible and theology, and, in connection, the Graduate School of Theology.

The realization of Ambassador's goals and standards fills Ambassador students

with ZFAI, with DRIVE, with PURPOSE! This makes their college assignments *more* than just assigned study, their work *more* than just a means to room and board, their recreation *more* than just a passing good time. All these activities take on new *meaning* and *purpose*. *They become vital steps toward the development of the WHOLE PERSONALITY—the whole being—as a sharp and effective instrument in the hands of Almighty God the supreme RULER of heaven and earth.*

This *realization*, this *goal*, this great PURPOSE makes Ambassador College truly *different*. It is GOD's *own college*—and there is no other college on earth like it!

A Challenge

Here is a *challenge* to any young person.

If you have successfully completed high school or plan to do so in the near future, if you appreciate the opportunity to acquire a college education and to achieve it the *sound way*, and if you aren't afraid of "bucking the crowd"—of blazing new trails—then by all means *write immediately* for the Ambassador College catalog and receive full particulars about entering the college next fall, or as soon as you are able.

There are several things you need to understand about Ambassador. First of all, an underlying spiritual purpose permeates every activity at Ambassador. And while every student who comes should have a genuine desire to find spiritual truth and to *live it*—yet no one is pressured to believe any particular doctrine or theology, but every student is encouraged to *study* with an open mind to find God's will and to obey it.

Secondly, Ambassador College maintains the very highest of scholastic standards, and any prospective student should be fully prepared to do college-level work before he enrolls. Frankly, we have found that the educational standards in some regions are so low that incoming students from these localities have not had adequate training in English, spelling, history, geography and other basic subjects to prepare for high-level college work. Such students would do well to take special outside courses and *drill* themselves intensively on these subjects be-

fore trying to enroll at Ambassador.

And any of you younger high school students who read this should take heed in time and really *apply* yourselves in mastering these subjects if you plan to attend Ambassador someday. Put forth real *effort* in preparing yourself to attend. *It will be worth it, every whit!*

It Requires Effort

A third factor every prospective student should consider is his financial situation. Before entering you should try to save at least a few hundred dollars, if at all possible, to aid in paying your college bills. Nearly every student works his or her own way through Ambassador—at least in part. And in many cases students will be able to find employment right here on the campus. But with a large freshman class expected this coming fall, there is no certainty that all the students may be employed by the college—so a number may have to find work off campus.

If you are employed by the college—and this principle also applies to your studies—you will be expected to *work* and *work diligently*. So be prepared to put your *whole heart* into whatever you plan to do here.

You may have academic, financial, or even parental problems in coming to Ambassador College. Many a student has had to "take the bull by the horns" and overcome opposition of every kind to attend Ambassador College because it truly *is* different.

But if you have the kind of determination we want to see in Ambassador students, you will *find* a way to come!

And you'll always be glad you did, for Ambassador will not only fit you to a happy, useful life with real *purpose* now—perhaps including an opportunity to serve in the most important work on earth, but it will prepare you as no other college can for a joyful, abundant and *eternal life* in the *world tomorrow*.

And you who are of college age and realize the meaning of this work and of the times in which you are living, *think carefully* and *pray earnestly* as to whether you should attend Ambassador College.

All of you in the United States who wish the college catalog with full particulars about the college and enrollment, write *immediately* to Mr. Armstrong,

Box 111, Pasadena, California. And those of you in the British Isles and Europe who wish information about the possibility of attending the college, please write to our London address: "BCM, Ambassador, London, WC 1."

Attending Ambassador College will require *extra effort* on your part. But *good things* don't come *easily*. This is *the opportunity of a lifetime!*

Why We're Unable to Answer All your Letters

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Beside the increasing burden of broadcasting, the publishing and editing of the magazines—and now television—Mr. Armstrong is President of Ambassador College, general Pastor of the Church, teacher, business supervisor of the entire work, and is responsible for many other smaller *time-consuming duties*. All these duties are *secondary* to the most important world-wide mission of preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The time of the other ministers here at Headquarters is also consumed by assisting Mr. Armstrong with broadcasting, editing the magazines and the Correspondence Course, by teaching students at Ambassador College who are needed to meet the growth of the work, and by pastoral duties, counseling with numerous visitors and praying for the sick.

Over 90% of Questions Answered

Despite all these duties, *over 90% of the questions and personal PROBLEMS YOU WRITE TO US ARE BEING ANSWERED*—we only wish it were 100%. Our mail receiving office has carefully checked and finds that over 90% of the questions are being constantly answered by articles in The PLAIN TRUTH, by special subjects on the broadcasts, by booklets and in the Correspondence Course, and, as time permits, by personal letters.

Perhaps some of you have not been careful enough to observe the answers to your questions in our articles or on the broadcast. Scores of listeners have

written us thankfully acknowledging that, if they remained patient, God guided Mr. Armstrong's broadcasts or our articles to answer the very questions that plagued them.

It is difficult for the average listener to realize that over one half of the 1000 letters a day we receive contain questions—and one half of those who ask questions include from two to thirty questions in each letter! Multiply each question by the time needed to answer it, and you will understand why not every letter has been personally answered.

Each of the questions, however, is *vital* to the work. Together, they determine the general problems which we must minister to, both in print and in the broadcasts. *The only way we can help you is to know your problems—and we cannot know them until we receive letters from you.*

Hundreds of thousands of you have been very patient with us—waiting months for a personal response or a booklet, or an article in the magazine answering your question. We know that a few of you who need a personal response have never received one—yet. Please continue your patience, won't you, and write us again about your problem to remind us.

One Final Hurdle

One fundamental reason WHY the remaining 10% of questions are not being answered you deserve to know. Many of the deeper questions are, of course, not of the nature that they may be included in The PLAIN TRUTH or mentioned over the broadcasts. *Yet they should be put in print.* Here is *why* they have not yet been printed:

We have never had the extra amounts of tithes and offerings from God's co-workers to have these deeper truths printed as booklets. It costs money to have booklets printed. Hundreds of these questions on advanced Christian living would, in booklet form, save many dozens of hours each week now spent in personally typing them as answers in letters. This would free us to find more time for the *most important letters needing personal confidential responses.*

Some few, who have not yet received an answer to their queries, and who have not understood the situation, have written Mr. Armstrong, "I won't send you a cent of MY tithe until you personally answer me!" What such a person doesn't understand is that the tithe is God's—not his. In withholding it from God, that person is withholding the means by which God's answer *to him and to countless others could be mailed.*

God has thus far sent us wonderful ministerial laborers—but it seems that many *financial laborers* are shirking God's work. You remember that in the last issue of The PLAIN TRUTH we disclosed to you that only 1¢ out of every \$3,000 earned in America goes to God's work. Despite this, we are reaching millions world-wide and responding to more than 90% of your questions.

WE OUGHT TO BE BUBBLING OVER WITH THANKS FOR WHAT GOD IS ALREADY DOING THROUGH HIS WORK!

Let us all do our part. Be earnest in prayer. Be patient. Be faithful as co-workers. Let us all determine that, together, we can minister to 100% of our vast audience. Hundreds of thousands who have yet to hear the true gospel of Jesus Christ need *your* help, as well as *ours.*

And *thousands of you* who have questions need to write them to us. We know that you understand Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong are so busy that they cannot answer every letter personally—but *don't stop sending us your questions.* We need them to determine how to help you the most in the magazines and on the broadcasts. *Will you send us your questions?* REMEMBER, THAT IS PART OF YOUR SERVICE TO GOD IN MAKING THIS WORK 100% EFFECTIVE!

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