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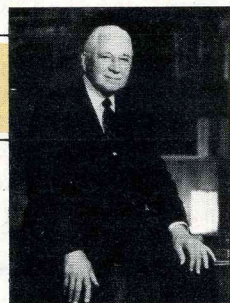
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Personal from...

The Key to Human Survival!

IF YOU and I were discussing the matter of *what subject* I should write about in this month's "Personal," and you should say, seriously, "Mr. Armstrong, in view of the deadly seriousness and the *urgency* of this time, I think you should write on *the most urgent problem in all our lives* right now—the question of *whether*, and *how*, we may survive!"

I would agree. The one **BIG QUESTION** in all our lives, right now, is that of human **SURVIVAL**!

But I hasten to add, survival *alone* IS NOT ENOUGH! We must have survival in **PEACE**, in happiness, in joy, in prosperity and in abundant well-being for **ALL**!

And that's a pretty big order! If anyone has the answer, for the sake of humanity he'd better speak out! I am prepared to give the **ANSWER**—and it is going to be **PLAIN SPEAKING**, without pulling any punches! It's *time* for **PLAIN SPEAKING**! You are *betting your life* on someone coming up, in time, with the right answer!

To get to the crux of the problem immediately, realize first that these existing conditions and evils are merely the **EFFECT**! For every effect, there has to be a **CAUSE**. Our problem of immediate urgency is to find the **CAUSE**, not only of present evil conditions, but also of what is the not-being-used **CAUSE** of peace, happiness and abundant well-being!

If we are going to learn that **CAUSE**, we need first to ask: What has made **MAN** as he is? How did humanity come to be on this earth? Or, going back even further, how did the earth, itself, come to *be*?

That may seem like going a long way back. But this futile search for **PEACE** goes a long way back—as far as history goes—or further. Man's troubles, evils and wars extend back to the beginning—or prior to the beginning—of history. To find the right answer, we need to go back even to **PRE-history**! That takes us even to the question of **ORIGINS**—of **BEGINNINGS**!

Many scientists have devoted their lifetimes to researching and studying this question. Many scholarly books have been written, setting forth the results of

these lifetime studies, purporting to tell the story of the origin of the earth and of mankind upon it. Yet is it not significant that their studies, theories and hypotheses *fail to tell us* **WHY** man is as he is, or **HOW** he got that way, **WHY** man seems always to be befuddled with unsolvable problems, **WHY** he is always in trouble, **WHY** humanity is harassed with so many evils and **WHY** these evils are fast increasing?

This is no light matter. Ignoring humanity's present dilemma will not cause it to go away. Human **SURVIVAL** hangs in the balance! We need the *right* answer—and we need it **NOW**!

And we can know!

Science to Solve Man's Problems?

With the emergence of modern science around the beginning of the 19th century, scientists assured the world that man had progressed to the point where he then could dispense with the superstitious crutch of religion and belief in God. Now humanity could rely on the *new* messiah—modern science.

"Given sufficient knowledge," said the scientists, "we shall solve all humanity's problems and cure all the world's ills."

To replace religion and belief in God, scientists and educators had substituted the doctrine of evolution. The tools modern science used in the production of this new **KNOWLEDGE** were a stepped-up use of those man had employed since the dawn of history—rejection of revelation as a source of knowledge and the use of observation, experimentation and human reason.

So the production of **KNOWLEDGE** increased at a constantly accelerating pace. The world's total fund of knowledge virtually *doubled* in the 1960s!

But, paradoxically, as knowledge has increased, *so have humanity's* problems, troubles and evils, at almost an equal rate of acceleration!

What's wrong with the dictum that knowledge is the sole need for solutions? We are face to face with the stern **FACT** that increasing evils have escalated alongside increasing knowledge! That is not to say that the increased knowledge *caused* the growing evils. It does mean that the knowledge

DISARMAMENT TALKS— ANY HOPE OF SUCCESS?

Geneva, Switzerland, is again host to major world conferences dealing with arms control. Early this year three separate disarmament conferences were concurrently under way.

This past February, the 40-nation United Nations Committee on Disarmament reconvened for one of its regular sessions (cover photo).

At the talks, the Soviet Union, long opposed to outside inspectors checking its compliance with arms agreements, proposed a system of on-site inspections for a future treaty banning all nuclear testing.

The U.S. delegation reported that it seemed to stop short of guaranteed inspections.

START and INF Talks

Even more significant than the U.N. talks are two separate rounds of bilateral discussions underway between the world's two superpowers.

The first, the Strategic Arms Reduction Talks, or START, deals with proposed cuts in the strategic—intercontinental—nuclear forces of the United States and the Soviet Union. The START negotiations take up where the ill-fated SALT II treaty, never ratified by the U.S. Senate, left off.

Concurrent with the START negotiations are the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) talks. So-called "theater" nuclear weapons based in Europe now loom as the most difficult of all to control.

For the past six years, at the rate of one a week, the Soviet Union has deployed powerful and accurate new SS-20 missiles. Two thirds of them are based west of the Ural Mountains, a 20-minute flight time from West Germany.

Late this year the United States is scheduled to deploy its own intermediate-range weapons, 108 Pershing II missiles and 464 ground-launched cruise missiles.

The Soviet Union is particularly disturbed over the prospects of the Pershing II, a missile that could

reach targets in the U.S.S.R. after a flight time of only about eight minutes.

Dealing with Symptoms

Most experts expect little to come of the START and INF negotiations in Geneva, or of the long-stalled MBFR (Mutual and Balanced Force Reduction) conventional arms talks in Vienna.

The conflict between the United States and the Soviet Union, like that between France and Germany in the early 1930s, noted the late Hans J. Morgenthau, "is being fought on two levels: on the *superficial* level of disarmament and on the fundamental level of the struggle for power."

Furthermore, and this is the crux of the matter, Mr. Morgenthau said, "Political settlement must precede disarmament. Without political settlement, disarmament has no chance for success."

Down through history, nations have been "putting the cart before the horse." Disarmament has never brought peace in the absence of the settlement of underlying power conflicts.

The settlement of conflicts in the hearts and minds of men must come first. But humans, by themselves, cannot bring that about.

Only the reestablishment of the government of God—a world-ruling government over competing, distrustful and warring nations—will have the power to resolve conflicts, enabling the nations to disarm at last.

The returning Jesus Christ, we read in the Scripture, "shall judge between the nations, and shall rebuke many people; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore" (Isa. 2:4, RAV).

Disarmament can never produce peace. But peace, God's way, will lead to disarmament.

—Gene H. Hogberg

produced *did not cure* existing evils, or *prevent new evils!*

The ANSWER becomes plain. There was *something wrong* with the knowledge being produced, or else the needed MISSING DIMENSION in knowledge was not being discovered.

To the dictum of science that, given sufficient knowledge, mankind's problems would be solved and humanity's ills cured, I add this: Solutions come from the *right* knowledge that supplies the *right* answer—the true CAUSE of both the evils and the CAUSE that would produce peace and joy and every GOOD result; and, secondly, solutions come from the application of that knowledge.

Is It Not Human to Err?

Could it be *possible* for the most highly educated minds to have been intellectually misled or deceived? Could they, viewing only *one side* of the question, be infallible, entirely above making mistakes?

For many years now, I have observed that errors almost always come when a person starts with a false basic premise—carelessly assumed as self-evident and taken for granted without question—and then builds on that false basic hypothesis.

Suppose we now appropriate the academic freedom to question that which educators have dismissed without examination.

Is it possible for us to find the EXPLANATION of why MAN is as he is, WHY the world is filled with evils? Is it possible for us to discover the CAUSE of all human suffering, anguish, unhappiness and inequality? Is it possible to find the CAUSE that would produce peace, happiness, abundance and prosperity—the CAUSE which world leaders have apparently overlooked? Is it possible to find the key to human survival?

The answer to the preceding questions is YES! Yes, it is possible to answer these basic questions that have haunted man as long as he has existed. Yes, there is an answer to these questions that deal with man's very survival. If you want ANSWERS to these questions, write for our booklet *Why Were You Born?* It's free for the asking. □

AMERICA FOREWARNED!

Watch Out For the 1980s

by Gene H. Hogberg

Like an individual, what a nation sows, it also reaps.
And America will soon reap the whirlwind—a lesson for all the world to see.

NOT LONG ago, the United States of America was the unchallenged leader of the Western world.

Respected by friend and foe alike, jealously admired by many, a rich, dynamic America for years set the pace and provided the model for world economic development.

Militarily, a string of alliances worldwide, backed up by U.S. muscle, contained adversary forces.

How times have changed!

Today, America's traditional heavy industries, such as steel, are afflicted with low capacity, high unemployment—and often, staggering losses. The United States is losing the race against the aggressive economies of East Asia.

In matters of mutual defense, America's leaders almost plead in vain for NATO partner countries in Europe to continue to trust in Washington's faltering leadership, challenged as never before by the burgeoning military might and political leverage now exercised by the Soviet Union.

Cursed in City and Farm

At home, governmental leaders, despite efforts to correct years of economic mismanagement, confront the prospect of staggering federal deficits for years into the future. The nation's social security system flounders on the brink of insolvency,

threatening the latter-years' livelihood of millions of people.

The core of one big American city after another vanishes into a social vacuum of chronic unemployment, crime and drug addiction. Costly city-center renewal projects cannot mask the ugliness that all too often lurks just behind their glittering facades.

In the countryside, bankruptcies soar as farmers, many owing hundreds of thousands of dollars each, are forced out of business, caught in the vice of rising costs, record production levels and plummeting prices.

To those whose eyes are open, it's not a pretty picture. In fact, one is forced to ask *why* is America "cursed . . . in the city, and cursed . . . in the country" (Deut. 28:16, RAV)?

Why has all this happened to a country that, less than two decades ago, thought that it could not only have its way in world affairs, but could embark upon what its leaders promised would be a "Great Society" at home?

Yes, *WHY*?

America's Rise and Fall

Before we answer, let's look back at fairly recent history. By doing so, we can see just how far down the United States has fallen in the 38 years since the end of World War II.

On August 6, 1945, an American B-29 Superfortress dropped an atomic bomb on the Japanese city of Hiroshima.

Imperial Japan's fate was sealed. In quick succession followed bomb No. 2 on Nagasaki (August 9), the Japanese offer of surrender (August 10), then the U.S. acceptance (August 14) and the formal surrender (September 2).

America was catapulted into the position as the world's preeminent power. It remained so for nearly two decades—even during the missile crisis of October 1962—despite the steady advance of the Soviet Union.

But times were changing.

1964: "Watershed Year"

On August 5, 1964, 19 years after Hiroshima, almost to the day, the U.S. Congress overwhelmingly approved, at President Lyndon B. Johnson's request, the Tonkin Gulf Resolution.

The resolution authorized the President to "take all necessary measures to repel any armed attack against forces of the United States and to prevent further aggression."

Congress also approved the use of American military forces to come to the aid of allied states in Southeast Asia requesting assistance.

Thus the way was paved for an ultimately disastrous military involvement on the part of the United States in Southeast Asia. The years 1964 to the present have witnessed the steady erosion in U.S. power and prestige.

The year 1964 was also significant.
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A Fresh Look at CZECHOSLOVAKIA

by John Halford

We take our readers, in this article,
to Czechoslovakia, a nation locked in the heart of Europe.

ONE DAY recently, while in Prague, a Czech friend asked me, "Is it true that workers are starving in America? We have heard that there are now soup lines in Detroit."

"I am afraid someone has given you a very incomplete view of life in America," I told him.

"Like you have of us," he replied. "Your newspapers and magazines are negative about life in our country."

He had made a valid point. Both East and West go to great lengths to paint as miserable a picture as possible of each other. Westerners have firm opinions about Eastern Europe—even if (or especially if) one has not visited these nations.

But, do these opinions give a fair and accurate picture?

"Why don't you write something positive about Czechoslovakia in your magazine?" my Czech friend asked.

"For 50 years *The Plain Truth* has been a magazine of understanding—not propaganda," I reminded him.

"So—help your readers to understand Czechoslovakia."

Today's Czechoslovakia

What is it like in Czechoslovakia



past, notables ranging from Beethoven to Mark Twain have visited to "take the cure." And thousands still visit every year. Czechoslovakian handicrafts—especially crystal ware—are famous around the world for their beauty and quality.

But Czechoslovakia is not just a pretty face. It is also a major industrial power. Beneath the country's surface lie large reserves of coal.

The Czechs and Slovaks today have a working week of 42 hours and can look forward to a paid vacation every year. Consumer goods and luxuries are expensive by Western standards. Nearly every home has a television set. A surprisingly large number of workers each own an automobile. It is also surprising to learn that a large number of Czechs—ordinary people, not just the top officials—each have a small holiday home in the hills around Prague. There is a regular exodus from the city on weekends.

Medical attention is both cheap and readily available to all. A fair assessment of the Czech nation today is that they are a cultured, talented and friendly people, living in what can only be described as one of the "have" nations of the world. Indeed, if we are to compare their situation with the lot of the *average* human being in the Third World, the Czechs are living in luxury. All young people

today? I should point out first that Czechoslovakia is not *typical* of Eastern Europe. There is no such thing as a "typical" European nation—east or west. Each is an individual state, usually with its own language, its own culture and a history stretching back for hundreds, or even thousands, of years.

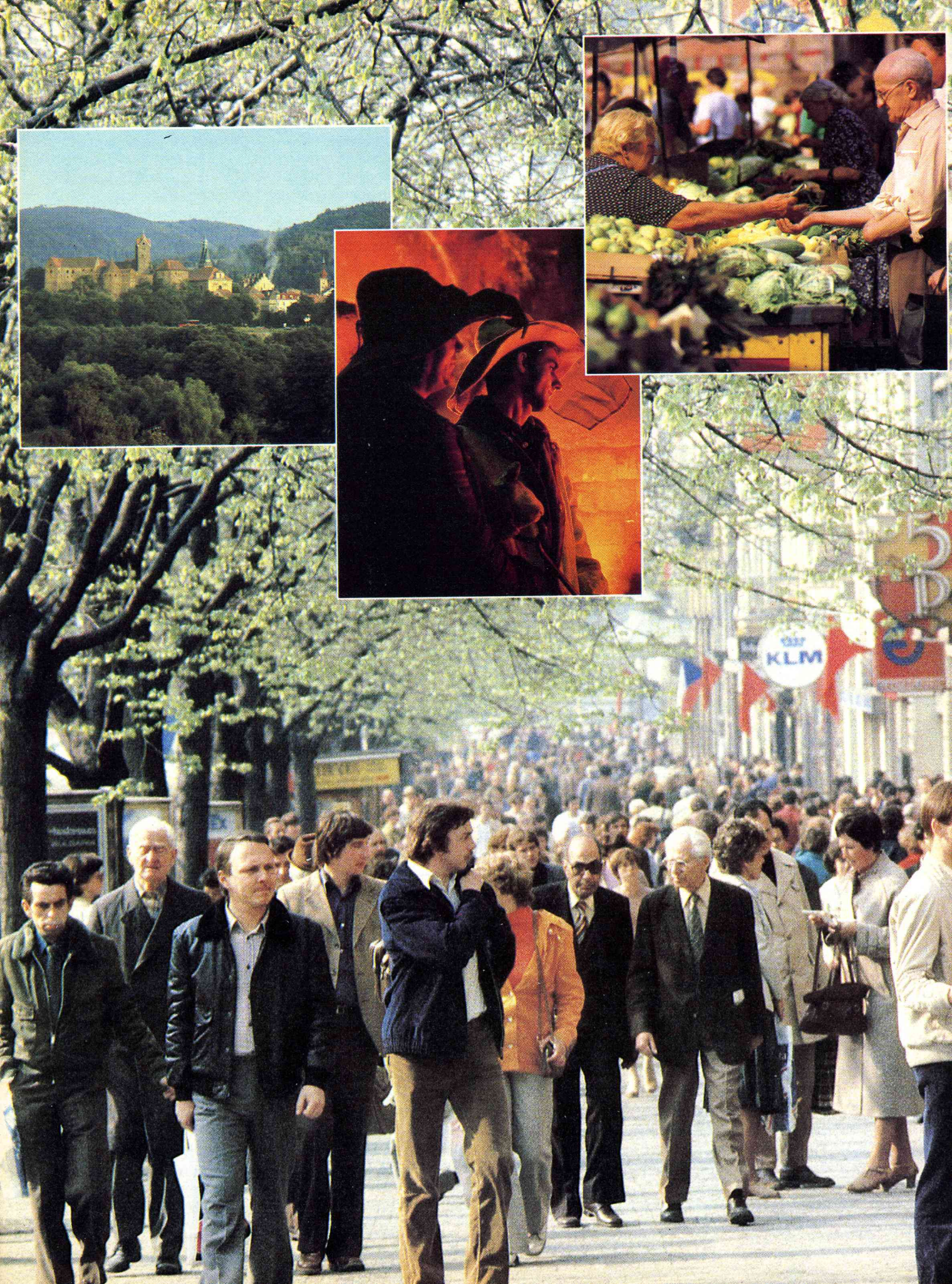
Physically, Czechoslovakia is one of the more beautiful countries on earth. It has just about everything—high mountains, deep valleys, dense forests, rolling plains, rivers, lakes, caves—everything, in fact, except a coastline. Few places can rival Czechoslovakia for architectural interest. More than 2,500 castles still dot the landscape, and although time and innumerable wars have taken their toll, there remain more than 25,000 other buildings of historic note.

There are 1,300 mineral springs and health spas, where in times

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SAM DOHERTY—LIASON, TOP LEFT TO RIGHT: RYCHETNK—AFTER IMAGE, EDGEWORTH—IMAGE BANK, RANKIN—IMAGE BANK

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receive an education, and the nation has been rated as one of the three most literate countries in the world.

Czechoslovakia, however, is not paradise. The economy, and society in general, is tightly controlled. There is a severe housing shortage, and because of a cumbersome and bureaucratic distribution system, even a simple purchase can involve a long wait in line. There are many things about their way of life they would like to see changed. But such changes do not always materialize as hoped. The works of Marx, Engels and Lenin were supposed to show the way to true peace, happiness, freedom and prosperity. Karl Marx was deeply affected by the suffering of the workers of Britain and Europe during the earlier part of the last century. He became convinced that the capitalist system, in which wealth was becoming more and more concentrated in the hands of the few, must eventually self-destruct. The workers would be driven to revolt against oppression, and the result would inevitably be a classless society in which the bond of brotherhood between working people would bring about a world free of envy, hatred and prejudice. A communist system of government, thought Marx, would help a nation evolve toward this "utopia."

But, Marx and those who came before and after him, overlooked one vital point in their argument. They did not understand how to change the nature of man. The communist philosophers are not alone in this. Nobody—communist or capitalist, Eastern or Western traditional believer or confirmed atheist—understands why the human race has not, is not and *will not ever* develop a just society out of its own resources.

Mankind has chosen to ignore the *only* source of knowledge that can explain what he is, why he

exists and how he should live. That source is the law of God, as revealed in the Bible.

The Bible is the word of God, given to man as an instruction book by his Maker. It teaches that the first man, Adam, proved that human beings, when given the option, would reject the laws of God as a way of life. So, God allowed him and his descendants to learn their lessons the hard way. Ever since, the human race has been engaged in the futile quest of trying to discover a way

corruption, envy and the innate tendency of human beings to want to "get" for themselves at the expense of others. There is a missing ingredient in every system invented by man to solve his problems. Until communist governments face this fact, they may continue to make progress in some material fields. But they will always fall far short of their stated long-term goal—a just and equitable society for all.

Czechoslovaks can point to the fact that they have less serious crime, less juvenile delinquency and the streets are safe at night. And that all able-bodied workers in Czechoslovakia have a job to go to. (I nearly wrote "Czechoslovakia has no unemployment"—but that is an overstatement. Some are *underemployed*, but can get by with only a few hours work a day. As they say, "It's better than having no job at all.")

The Shadow of the Past

Look at a map of Europe. You will see that Czechoslovakia is not so much an eastern as a *central* European nation. Prague is actually farther to the west than Vienna, capital of Austria. Hitler once called Czechoslovakia a "dagger aimed at the heart of Germany," and took terrible action to

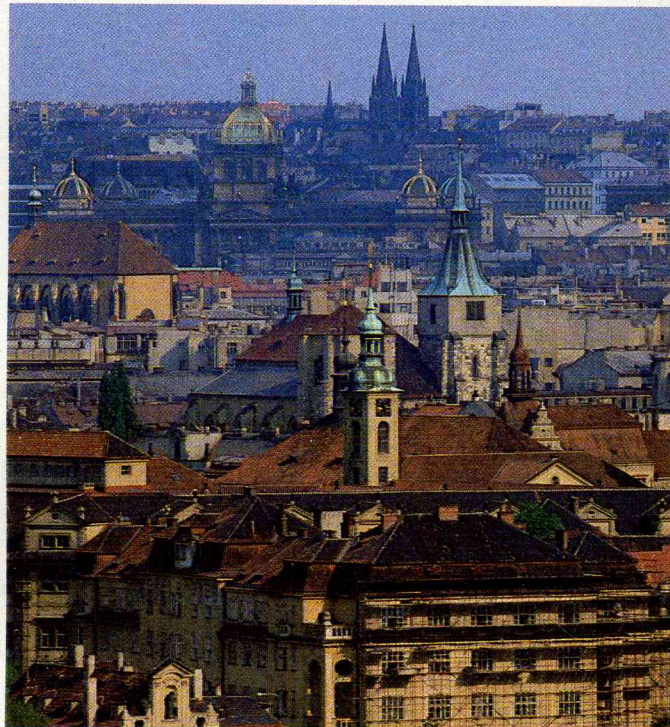
make sure the point was blunted. More on that in a moment.

Because of its geographical position, Czechoslovakia has been on center stage during much of Europe's turbulent history. Almost without interruption, its people have been under one kind of foreign domination or another.

Through the centuries, Czech territory has been a favorite battleground for other nations' wars.

The modern nation of Czechoslovakia came into being in 1918, when the old Austro-Hungarian Empire was dismantled after World War I. Two peoples, the

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PRAGUE, one of the few major cities in Europe in which is preserved prewar architecture and character.

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of life that will bring lasting peace and happiness. Many ways have seemed right for a while (just as the Bible said they would—Proverbs 14:12), but the end result is always the same. Readers should write for our free booklet *Never Before Understood—Why Humanity Cannot Solve Its Evils* for a full explanation of this important subject. Man has experimented with many different forms of government. Communism is one of the more recent ones. But we can say it has been around long enough to prove that just like capitalism, it doesn't have all the answers. No political system has yet been able to abolish greed,

YOU CAN UNDERSTAND PROPHECY!

by Ronald D. Kelly

If we are living in the end time, we need to know it.

YOU'VE HEARD them all: Armageddon. The Second Coming. The beast. The number 666. The Great Tribulation. The Day of the Lord.

What do these seemingly strange biblical symbols mean? Is it possible to know? Is it really possible to understand Bible prophecy?

Unfortunately, when most people think of Bible prophecy they think of the ominous phrase "the end of the world." But what the Bible means by "end of the world" is not what most people think it is!

One Third of the Bible Is Prophecy

Have you ever stopped to think that approximately one third of the Bible is prophecy? Page after page of God's revealed Word has to do with the time immediately ahead of us. In fact, almost 90 percent of the events prophesied to happen in the Bible have not yet occurred.

Whole books of the Bible are devoted to prophecy. Ancient writers such as Isaiah, Jeremiah or Ezekiel wrote their messages hundreds of years before Jesus was born. Their writings have been preserved in the Bible. Many of their prophecies, however, were not intended to come to pass in their time—but in the "time of the end."

For example, the prophet Ezekiel was among the Jewish captives carried into captivity by Nebuchadnezzar, king of ancient Babylon. The prophet said in Ezekiel 1:1,

"... as I was among the captives by the river of Chebar, that the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God." In chapter two, God gave Ezekiel his commission: "And he said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against me. . . . And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for they are a rebellious house,) yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them."

Ezekiel had a message to the house of Israel. This was, however, more than 125 years after the captivity of the ten northern tribes of the house of Israel.

Ezekiel remained a captive and *never* took his message to the house of Israel. The prophecy was not intended for Ezekiel's day—but for a time far into the future. That book has been carefully preserved through the centuries. Its message to warn the modern descendants of the so-called lost ten tribes of Israel has been written and preserved for us.

For the "Time of the End"

In Amos 3:7 God reveals a most important prophetic principle: "Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets."

God has promised he will not personally intervene in the affairs of mankind to bring about prophecy unless he has first had his servants proclaim that message. Over the past near 6,000 years of human history, God has allowed man to govern himself and to try his own ways. When God has intervened in

the affairs of man, he has not done so unless he had first made it known through his prophets. Those prophets, as we have mentioned, often wrote not only of events for their time, but for the prophesied "time of the end." That time is now nearer than world leaders think.

Another important key in understanding prophecy is revealed in the book of Daniel: Let's notice it in Daniel 12:4: "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, *even to the time of the end*: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." And again in verse 13 God said to Daniel, "But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days."

Strange as it may seem, many of the events God revealed to Daniel could not be understood by anyone in Daniel's day—including Daniel himself. Significant parts of the book were indeed shut up, sealed till the time of the end. Now major parts of those prophecies can be understood. But we first need to know what modern nations are affected.

Modern Nations Identified

Think of it. Could the Bible focus attention in prophecy on such comparatively small nations as Egypt, Turkey, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and the modern nation of Israel, and not even mention the populous nations of the world today?

What about the great nations in today's world such as the United States, Britain, Canada, Germany, France and the other democracies of northwestern Europe? What

about the Soviet Union? What about the People's Republic of China? Japan? What is prophesied for these large nations today?

There are Bible prophecies about ancient cities such as Tyre, Ashkelon, Zidon, Babylon and Jerusalem. Does the Bible ignore modern cities—New York, Los Angeles, Montreal, Johannesburg, Sydney, London, Moscow, Rome and many others?

The Bible does not specifically mention these modern nations and cities by name, of course. But events affecting them are prophesied for the future.

One important principle is that most Bible prophecy relates to the ancient nations of Judah and Israel. A common misconception today is that many people think prophecies concerning ancient Israel relate only to the modern nation of Israel in the Middle East.

But Israel and Judah were not the same nations. Ancient Israel, after Moses and the judges, was a nation divided until the reign of king David. It continued as one nation under Solomon. After Solomon's death, the kingdom was again divided. The northern ten tribes united under Jeroboam and, later, established a capital at Samaria. Judah and Levi, along with a portion of the tribe of Benjamin, retained Jerusalem as their capital and became known as the house of Judah. Since that original split, there never again was a national union of Judah and Israel.

Some 200 years after the split, the northern tribes of Israel were taken into captivity by the Assyrians.

About 125 years later the Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar took the house of Judah, the Jews, into captivity. Later, under the Persian kings, the Jews were permitted to return to their homeland.

By this time, part of the north-

ern tribes of Israel had begun to migrate from Persia toward Europe. Over centuries of time, they finally settled in northwestern Europe. Later some came to the Western Hemisphere, the southern portion of Africa, to Australia and other parts of the world.

To understand who are some of the modern nations descended from the so-called lost ten tribes, you need to write for our free book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*. It will make plain the identity of the English-speaking

are not specifically named in the Bible by their current names, there are events revealed about them in prophecy.

But first, let's understand the overview.

The Panorama of Prophecy

We have already seen in the book of Daniel how prophecy could not be understood till the time of the end. In that same book of Daniel we find the overview of prophecy.

God chose to reveal the framework of prophecy to the Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar. In the second chapter of Daniel, we read that Nebuchadnezzar had a vision—a strange dream. In the dream he saw a large image with a head of gold, upper torso of silver, waist of brass and legs of iron. He could not understand the meaning of the vision.

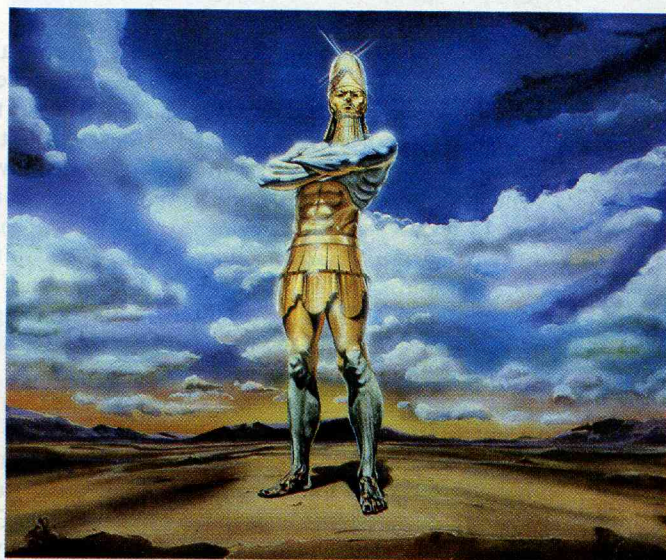
God gave Daniel the interpretation, which is recorded in Daniel 2:36-45. In these verses God revealed that Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonian empire were symbolized by the head of gold. The vision, however, revealed the empire would not continue indefinitely. In fact, there would be successive empires that would exist until the government of God would be established on earth.

In the early autumn of 539 B.C. the Persian

king, Cyrus, conquered Babylon and established the Medo-Persian empire as the second imperial power—the torso of silver. It lasted more than 200 years.

Then, the Macedonians and Greeks came to power. Under Alexander the Great, Greek culture and art were infused throughout the Middle East. That empire, the brass waist of the image, lasted three centuries until Rome became the dominant force in the world.

By 31 B.C. Rome had conquered most of the territory of the previous



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world and help you understand the prophetic times in which you live.

Since most Bible prophecy focuses on the modern descendants of ancient Israel and Judah, you can't understand Bible prophecy without an understanding of who these people are today.

Other nations, while not named in the Bible by their modern names, are spoken of in the Bible as they come into contact, in Bible prophecy, with Israel. So, while nations such as the Soviet Union and the People's Republic of China

three empires and much more. Rome divided into east and west—the two legs of the image—and ruled longer than any of the preceding kingdoms—till A.D. 476, when the empire finally collapsed.

But remember the vision given to king Nebuchadnezzar revealed successive kingdoms that would rule until the government of God would be set up. Notice it in Daniel 2:44: "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever."

The kingdom of God is not yet established over the earth. Man continues to rule—still writing the lessons of human history. How, then, did the Roman empire continue after A.D. 476?

The answer is found in the book of Revelation.

In the 13th chapter of Revelation, the apostle John saw a vision depicting the same empires that God revealed to Daniel. In this chapter, John saw these nations symbolized by a strange animal that he called a "beast." In verse 3 we read: "And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast."

When Rome was finally defeated in A.D. 476, it was only a wound. The Roman empire did not die totally in 476. The deadly wound was healed in A.D. 554. The Eastern Roman emperor Justinian restored the empire in the west.

God further revealed to John in Revelation 17:3: "So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven

heads and ten horns." This pictures the revival of the Roman empire after A.D. 554.

And that's exactly what happened. Coming out of the ashes of the original Roman empire in the west were to be seven successive revivals. At this time in history, in 1983, six of those successive stages have already come and gone. In the *Plain Truth* magazine we will, through a series of articles beginning in the near future, take you step by step through each of those empires so you can thoroughly understand

kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful" (verses 12-14).

That final resurrection of the Roman empire is going to be made up of ten nations or groups of nations united together in one final attempt of man to maintain human government. That union of nations will be very short lived, as we read in verse 12, and in Daniel 2:44. The government of God will be established in the days of this final restoration of the Roman empire.

Understanding Bible Symbolism

We've already seen several examples of Bible prophecy using symbols. Nebuchadnezzar, for example, had seen a great image symbolizing human governments in sequence. There are numerous other Bible symbols which, when understood, give important keys to understand prophetic events.

Perhaps a most important aspect of Bible prophecy should be explained here. That simply is: *the Bible interprets the Bible*. In other words, you do not have to rely on what someone thinks a certain word or symbol means. If you search the Bible, you will find the meaning of each symbol revealed within the pages of the Bible. Sometimes it will be in the same verse. Other

times it will be in the same chapter or in the same book. But if not interpreted in proximity to the symbol, it will be interpreted somewhere else in the Bible. You might find a symbol in the book of Revelation interpreted by a prophecy in the book of Matthew. Or something Zechariah saw might be interpreted in the book of Revelation.

We've seen some examples of this in the vision of king Nebuchadnezzar. In the second chapter of Daniel, God revealed to Daniel



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the story of what has happened, based upon Bible prophecy.

The seventh and final stage or resurrection of the Roman empire is yet ahead. About it, John wrote: "And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of

the interpretation of the dream. Each part of the image represented an empire.

Another example of the Bible interpreting the Bible is found in Revelation 12. In this vision John saw a great red dragon who had drawn one third of the stars of heaven. Who is the red dragon? And who or what are the stars?

The dragon is plainly identified in the same chapter. Read verse 9: "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world. . . ." The dragon is identified as Satan the devil. (Of course, many do not believe he exists today—or they think he appears as the custodian of hell.) In the guise of a serpent he deceived Eve and tempted Adam to sin in the garden of Eden. That same devil has continued ever since as the god of this world (II Cor. 4:4).

But what are the stars? Here is a good example of the Bible interpreting the Bible in the same book, but several chapters away. Turn to Revelation 1:20: "The seven stars are the *angels* of the seven churches." Here stars are used to symbolize angels. Obviously these seven stars are not the same angels, symbolized by stars, that Satan took with him in his rebellion against God—but we see the biblical principle that stars can be used to symbolize angels. No doubt, the stars of Revelation 12:4 represent one third of the angelic creation that rebelled against God before the time God created the first humans, Adam and Eve. That fascinating story has often been told in *The Plain Truth*. You can read further on it in Ezekiel 28:11-17 and Isaiah 14:12-15.

Many Prophecies Are Dual

Another important principle in understanding Bible prophecy is the *duality* of prophecy. In I Corinthians 15:45, Christ is called the second Adam. The first Adam was the first mortal human being to converse with God. He later sinned, and the death penalty passed on to mankind. The second Adam, Jesus Christ, came and paid the penalty for sin. Thus, it was made possible for man to be forgiven of his sins and to be born into the family of God.

In the same 15th chapter another principle of duality is revealed—mortal human beings can be born again, made into immortal spirit beings by a resurrection from the dead.

Prophetically, the principle of duality is very important. Many of the prophecies God revealed to the prophets of old had partial fulfillments in their day. Thus, when Isaiah or Amos prophesied to the ancient house of Israel, some of those events occurred in the original captivity. When Jeremiah prophesied to the house of Judah, many of those events came to pass in his day. Some of the events prophesied in the book of Daniel began to happen in the days of Babylon, Persia and Greece, up to the time of Antiochus Epiphanes in 167-164 B.C. But those prophecies were only partially fulfilled or were antetypical fulfillments of yet future times.

Time after time, the prophets foretold events that would lead up to the establishment of the government of God on the earth. The prophets delineated the sins of the people of the ancient houses of Israel and Judah and told the people they would be punished.

And those punishments indeed did come on them and will come on their modern descendants. But the kingdom of God was not established in their day—and has not been yet. These Bible prophecies also tell the sins of people today and the resulting end-time events that will lead up to the Second Coming of Christ and the establishment of the government of God on the earth.

The Focal Point of Prophecy

Almost all prophecies relate directly or indirectly to the establishment of the government of God on the earth—the coming of the Messiah—the Second Coming of Christ.

We read in Daniel 2:44, "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed."

And in Zechariah 14:4, "His feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the

midst thereof toward the east and toward the west. . . ."

And in verse 9, "And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and his name one."

The coming of the Messiah and the establishment of God's government is vividly depicted in Revelation 19:11: "... heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war."

These same prophecies all show there will be one final battle. The world will not welcome Jesus Christ with open arms. Much of the world, in fact, may well be deceived into believing Jesus Christ's Second Coming is an invasion from outer space or even the appearance of the antichrist. The nations will gather forces at the valley of Megiddo in Palestine. Hence that last great battle is usually called the battle of Armageddon—meaning armed Megiddo (Rev. 16:16 and 19:19).

That short and final battle will at last be the war to end war. Those rebellious armies will be swiftly put down and the world will enter into the glorious and long prophesied kingdom of God.

The Bible has not specified the exact day, month or year of these final events. But the events themselves have been recorded and hidden in the prophecies of the Bible until our day. We now live in a time in which we need to watch world events as never before. Jesus said, "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man" (Luke 21:36).

We have only scratched the surface of understanding prophecy. But these keys provide a beginning point—a frame of reference upon which to build a prophetic study of the Bible. As those days approach, those dozens upon dozens of prophecies will begin to be fulfilled one after the other. Be sure you are studying your Bible and watching world news so you can understand the times in which you live. □

THE PLAIN TRUTH

Not Just Another Magazine!

by Clayton Steep

Problems? Mankind has many. And few people need to be reminded of them.

How, then, does *The Plain Truth* differ?

By pointing out the causes of—and the solutions to!—this troubled world.

YOU WANT to know about a crisis or tragedy on the world scene? You want a description of the problems humanity is facing? Dozens of newsmagazines and periodicals are readily available to supply all the details. Extensive networks of correspondents in critical areas of the globe supply a continual flow of data concerning the conflicts and troubles on earth today.

And, thanks to state-of-the-art technology, a lengthy, impressively documented, colorfully illustrated story about some late-breaking event can make the transition from reporter's note pad to final press proofs in a matter of hours or days.

Editorial slant and accuracy vary from one publication to another. Yet, the world's mass-circulation publications describe quite effectively the dilemmas humanity is facing.

What, then, is the need for—the unique contribution of—the *Plain Truth* magazine?

Unlike Any Other

Think about it. If *The Plain Truth* were just repeating what so many other magazines report about man-

kind's problems—magazines that have much larger staffs and facilities, which have the help of lucrative commercial advertising, plus paid subscriptions—then perhaps it would be better after all for *The Plain Truth* to adopt some other format, to devote itself to a more pleasant theme. . . .

But *The Plain Truth* is different from any other publication! It is unique. It goes beyond merely reporting *what* is taking place in world events. It tells *why*. It explains *solutions*.

It supplies the missing dimension in reporting and analysis. It reveals the solutions to mankind's ills and reveals how those solutions could now—or ultimately will—be put into effect.

And these solutions do not just come from “a highly reliable source.” They come from *the* impeccably reliable source: the Creator God—through the documents he has inspired and has had preserved for us and that are known collectively as the Bible!

Far from being a dusty collection of folk history and ancient musings, the Bible is as up to date as tomorrow's news. In fact, it has already scooped the trends in tomorrow's news, because one third of the Bible is prophecy, revealing ahead of time the course of mankind's history.

Since those on the staff of *The Plain Truth* have the advantage of understanding these prophetic

trends, news events can be put in the proper perspective it simply would not be possible to without that comprehension. Will the problems of humanity ever be solved? If so, how? And when? There's no need to wonder about the answers. The Bible reveals them. *The Plain Truth* proclaims them.

In addition to the prophetic element, the Bible reveals the laws of successful, abundant, happy living. These laws define how individuals and nations should conduct themselves if they wish to have peace and prosperity. All the problems and troubles on earth result from the breaking of these divinely ordained laws. When an article in *The Plain Truth* deals with a problem, it does so in the light of the immutable laws that regulate the universe.

“The curse causeless shall not come,” the Bible declares (Prov. 26:2). The unfortunate events and heartbreaking calamities that constitute today's bad news do not just “happen.” They are caused. They would not have to take place. They could be avoided. *The Plain Truth* shows how. This is *vital* knowledge!

The Overlooked Solutions

One does not have to read many issues of *The Plain Truth* to be aware of a recurrent theme: the approaching intervention of God in world affairs to replace humanly devised systems of government

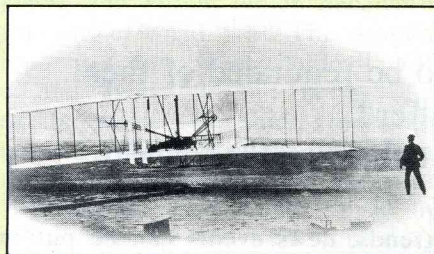
Human Successes...

Problems Mankind Can & Cannot Resolve!

NOTABLE HUMAN ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

1900—The electric-arc steel-making furnace is used for the first time by Paul Heroult.

1903—December 17, the Wright brothers achieve a powered flight of 59 seconds at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina.



With Orville Wright at the controls, the first powered flight is achieved.

1905—Albert Einstein, a German Jew, proposes his "Special Theory of Relativity," expressed in the equation $E=mc^2$.

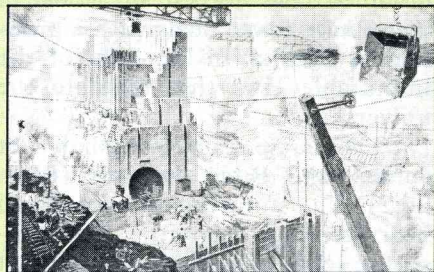
1907—Louis and Auguste Lumière make color photography available to the public with their Autochrome process.

1911—Stainless steel is patented by German scientist P. Monnartz.

1913—A unique sliding fastener soon to be called the zip is perfected.

1914—The Panama Canal, connecting the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, opens.

1926—Scottish inventor John Logie



One of the Panama Canal's locks under construction.

Baird demonstrates television in his London laboratory.

1927—Charles Lindbergh completes the first solo, nonstop transatlantic flight from New York to Paris.

1928—John Logie Baird invents the video disc although it will not become popular until 50 years later.

Alexander Fleming discovers that the mold *Penicillium Notatum* kills many bacteria harmful to man.

1929—The first transmission of color television, between Washington, D.C.,

and New York, takes place.

1930—The first tape recorders to use magnetic plastic—not metal—tape are introduced in Germany.

W.J. Kroll of Luxembourg initiates his research into the metal titanium that will make possible the high-speed aircraft and space equipment of today.

Briton Frank Whittle patents the gas-turbine jet engine.

1931—The Empire State building in New York City, standing 1,248 feet (380.4m) high, is completed.

The first regular telecasts begin October in Moscow. On December 23, TV station W6XAO begins regular transmission on the U.S. West Coast.

1933—Frequency modulation, FM radio, is perfected by U.S. scientist Edwin Armstrong.

U.S. astronomer Karl Jansky invents the science of radio astronomy, letting men "see" deep into space.

1937—Chester Carlson introduces an electrostatic dry copying method that will be called xerography.

1938—Using new, quick-drying ink, Hungarian Lazlo Biro invents the ball-point pen.

German physicist Otto Hahn splits atoms of uranium to produce a reaction called nuclear fission.

1939—The jet age begins with the flight of a German Heinkel 178 aircraft, powered by a gas-turbine jet engine.

1943—The world's first operational atomic reactor is built in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

1946—J. Presper Eckert and John W. Mauchly of the University of Pennsylvania invent the first all-electronic digital computer.

1947—The first microwave cooker goes on sale in the United States.

1948—The first transistor is developed at Bell laboratories in the United States.

1952—A Japanese company called Sony markets the first pocket-sized transistor radio.

1954—Texas Instruments invents the silicon transistor.

1956—The desk-top computer is developed in the United States by Burroughs.

Alexander Poniatoff demonstrates his videotape recorder, which produces a near "live T.V." image.

1957—*Sputnik 1* is launched into space by a Soviet SS-6 missile.

1961—Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin is the first man in space.

The first light-emitting diode (LED) is invented by Nick Holonyak Jr. of the United States. The pocket calculator revolution begins.

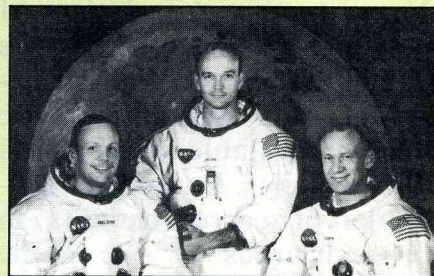
1962—The era of transatlantic television begins as *Telstar* is launched by the United States.

1963—The compact cassette tape is introduced by the Dutch firm Philips.

1967—In the Republic of South Africa, Dr. Christiaan Barnard performs the world's first human heart transplant.

1968—*Apollo 8* successfully orbits the moon and returns to earth.

1969—July 20, Neil Armstrong in the *Apollo 11* spacecraft is the first man to set foot on the moon.



From left, Neil Armstrong, Michael Collins, and Edwin Aldrin, the crew of the *Apollo 11*.

1971—The microprocessor computer chip is introduced by Intel of California.

1976—*Viking 1* makes a successful landing on Mars. It then sends back clear color photographs of the Martian landscape, seen simultaneously at Pasadena's Jet Propulsion Laboratory and the Ambassador Auditorium.

1977—Japanese auto makers employ more than 7,000 robots to work in automobile plants.

1978—Louise Brown, born in July in Oldham, England, is the first test-tube baby.

1981—France's Trains à Grande Vitesse become the world's fastest trains by achieving a speed of 235 mph (380 km/h), supplanting the previous record-holding Japanese Bullet trains.

The space shuttle *Columbia* ushers in a new era in space technology: reusable spacecraft designed to land under power on a runway.

1982—Dentist Barney Clark is the first recipient of a permanently attached artificial heart at the University of Utah Medical Center.

and Failures

GREAT HUMAN TRAGEDIES OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

DATES and CONFLICTS ESTIMATED WAR DEATHS

1900-1901
Boxer Rebellion in China 1,000

1904-1905
Russo-Japanese War 130,000

1912-1913
Balkan Wars 140,000

1914-1918
World War I 8,545,800

1917-1920
Russian Nationalities War
(Includes the Bolshevik
Revolution and the Russian
Civil War) 100,000

1936-1939
Spanish Civil War 611,000

1939-1945
World War II 55,000,000

1945-1954
Indochina War 100,000

1948-1962
"La Violencia"—a period of
civil unrest in Colombia 200,000

1950-1953
Korean War 1,893,100

1964-1973
Period of U.S. intervention
in Vietnam 546,000

TOTAL 67,266,900

Note: The total number of deaths in the conflicts listed above would be the equivalent of removing the populations of Finland, Iceland, Ireland, Norway, and the United Kingdom from off the face of the earth.

Sources: *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, and *Darkest Hours* by J.R. Nash.



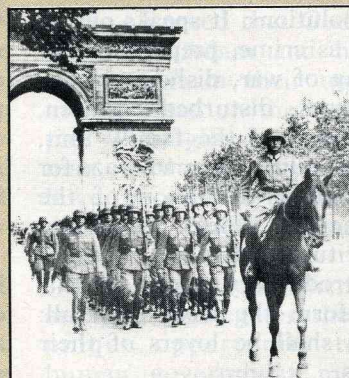
Boxer Rebellion—U.S. marines take part in the defense of the wall of Peking during the Chinese attempt to end foreign exploitation.



Workers' demonstrations like this one in Petrograd fanned the flames of the Russian Revolution.



World War I—Weary French defenders at the battle of Verdun. More than 675,000 casualties were suffered by both sides in this one brutal campaign.



World War II—1940, German troops enter Paris. The quiet that ensued was only the lull before the storm.

with the government of God administered by the returning Jesus Christ. Most articles in this magazine refer to that great event, connecting it with the ultimate answer to whatever problem or problems are under discussion.

Some, however, have misunderstood. They have concluded we are saying that the solutions to all the world's ills will not be available until Jesus Christ comes again and sets everything right.

Not so!

The answers to many of mankind's problems are already here! They have been available from the beginning! The Bible records divinely revealed laws that would eliminate the problems humanity is facing. These laws work when they are applied. Stunning examples exist in the world of individuals or groups who have knowingly or unknowingly obeyed certain of these laws and who have been plentifully rewarded as a result.

But such examples are all too rare. For the most part, these divinely ordained laws have not been applied. They have been ignored and sometimes even suppressed.

You don't think members of "enlightened" societies would treat truth that way? Just take one example. Consider the suffering produced by smoking. Here is a legitimate problem—one that causes human suffering. Surely in any civilized nation it is a rare person involved in the growing, production or smoking of tobacco who is not aware of the physical evidence showing smoking can be injurious to health. Does the mere fact of realizing that stop the proliferation of smoking-induced diseases?

No, it does not. Tobacco products continue to be produced, sold and used. The very governments that, by one agency, warn of the hazards of smoking, often, by another agency, subsidize with taxpayers' moneys the production of tobacco. The toll in ravaged health continues apace.

When Jesus returns to earth, he will not need to reveal some hitherto unsuspected cause of tobacco-induced ills. The causes are already identified. The solution, too, is

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Goals & Purposes

The Plain Truth is published in the public interest and deals with matters of social, family and environmental concern. It includes articles on international news, politics, philosophy, religion and education especially where these have a bearing on the quality of life.

The magazine is not a political publication and is not backed by any political party or by any pressure group.

The publication rights of the magazine are owned by the Worldwide Church of God and the purpose of *The Plain Truth* is to inform and educate, putting world events into true perspective and creating an awareness of the seriousness of the times in which we live. Direct emphasis is placed on the values of Christian morality and the social results of the increasing rejection of these values. However, space is at times given to divergent ideas, which may help clarify in the reader's mind the different aspects of controversial issues.

The Plain Truth carries no subscription price. It is supported entirely by voluntary contributions from readers. The financial support of the magazine comes from readers who have become convinced of its value and who are concerned that *The Plain Truth* should be made available free of charge to an increasing number of readers. Your contributions are welcomed and gratefully received.

In a world continually confronted by problems and crises, *The Plain Truth* strives to give reasons for the *bad news* and answers to life's dilemmas which if applied could bring *good news* and right results.

It is also the policy of this magazine to consider the options if right solutions are not applied. In line with this we propound the belief that if and when mankind fails to avert the ultimate disaster, it will take a divine plan to save this earth and establish a new order where all living will be able to enjoy lasting peace, happiness, security and prosperity.

already known: stop doing what causes the problems.

What has been and is now lacking is a divine authority to *enforce* the solutions among nations. The same can be said of a host of other problems humanity faces. But the individual today, who wants to come under that divine authority now, can do so—and quit smoking, and quit a host of other evils he or she has been engaged in.

The "Nature" of the World's Problems

What a paradox! On the one hand, human beings have developed incredible technological marvels that should make life easier and more fulfilling for everyone. On the other hand, some of those very technological advances threaten everyone's existence.

What is wrong? Why is this world in such a predicament?

The Plain Truth continually points out the answer in discussing the world's troubles. The fundamental problem is human nature. It lies at the root of all man's ills. The evil that human beings do, they do under the influence and sway of what has become their human nature.

Very few, though, have understood the real *nature* of human nature. The *Plain Truth* magazine has defined the basic trait of human nature in the simple terms of "get" versus "give." "Getting" is the way of human nature. It expresses itself in greed, selfishness, the desire to take for the self rather than give to others.

The Bible gives a list in II Timothy 3:2-5 of the prominent characteristics of this modern age. That is, it addresses the problems. And it gives the solutions. It speaks out on such evils as crime, preparation for and waging of war, dishonest business practices, disturbed children, the breakdown of the family unit, sexual immorality, the mad craze for pleasure and gratification of the senses, mental illness, economic stress, spiritual confusion.

The introductory words of this scripture form the basis of it all: "For men shall be lovers of their own selves. . . ."

Another passage from the Bible expresses in one word the underly-

ing cause of this world's ills. It speaks of "the corruption that is in the world through *lust*" (II Peter 1:4)—that is to say, because of greed, because of seeking to get at the expense of others.

"Why are there wars and strife?" the Bible asks. Because there is selfishness in human nature, it answers (Jas. 4:1-3). But the Bible reveals human nature can be changed from serving the self at the expense and suffering of others to loving one's neighbor and even one's enemies.

Can you imagine what this world would be like if people spent more time and effort giving than they do seeking to get? What if nations, instead of threatening to blow each other up, sincerely sought to help each other? If, as God's laws show how, individuals and nations would put the interest of others first, peace would break out all over the world.

It is human nature that needs to be changed. It's as simple as that. We could all have prosperity and happiness now.

That is why *The Plain Truth* addresses—why it *must* address—the world's problems. It must announce the causes and the solutions of those problems.

We would, of course, like to see the knowledge acted upon by all, now. But whether or not it is, we are responsible to publish it. No other mass-circulation magazine in the world even claims to fill the role being filled by the magazine you are at this moment holding in your hands!

The mission of *The Plain Truth* in dealing with the world's crushing problems is therefore twofold: 1) proclaim the good news of the world tomorrow when divine government under Jesus Christ will enforce the solutions to the world's problems; 2) reveal how those who are willing may even now, by yielding to God and receiving his Holy Spirit, overcome their human nature and the problems it causes.

But what is the real force behind human nature that must be overcome? You may be surprised at the answer! Be sure to write for a free copy of our new booklet *Human Nature—Did God Create It?* See inside front cover for addresses. □

A SOLUTION FOR WORLD PROBLEMS

by Keith W. Stump

If human experience has shown one thing, it is this:

No human government has been able to achieve lasting peace or prosperity! Why?

WHY HAVE human governments failed throughout history? Why have they been unsuccessful in achieving the two chief goals they set for themselves: peace and prosperity?

The answer to this enigma was formally addressed by *Plain Truth* editor in chief Herbert W. Armstrong at a unique conference in March 1977.

A Conference Unique in History

The conference was held in Windhoek, the administrative center of South-West Africa, also known as Namibia.

Eleven delegations from the 11 population groups that make up the 900,000 inhabitants of South-West Africa/Namibia were gathered in the historic Turnhalle assembly building in Windhoek. Their objective: to forge a just constitution for their country.

A former German colony, South-West Africa/Namibia has been governed by the nation of South Africa since 1920. It was scheduled to receive its independence at the end of 1977.

The "Turnhalle conference" was first convened in September 1975. It had been compared by some to the convention that wrote the United States Constitution nearly two centuries earlier.

Mr. Armstrong was the first foreigner and religious leader invited to speak to the assemblage. More than 40 delegates and other high-ranking officials gathered for his address.

Mr. Armstrong began by reviewing before the delegates the entire span of human history. He explained from the Bible how the great archangel we know as Lucifer (who became Satan) *rejected* the government and the law of God. And how, later, the first man, Adam, rejected the way of God and chose to follow the way of Satan.

He related also how Adam's descendants, cut off from contact with God, have chosen instead to pursue their own way—the self-centered, competitive way of "GET"—rather than the God-centered, outgoing way of "LOVE" or "GIVE."

"This is the background that has led up to today and all of its evils," Mr. Armstrong summarized.

He observed that God, in effect, *sentenced* Adam and his descendants to form their own governments, based on the "GET" principle. Throughout history the human, civil governments, he said, have become a punishment for rejecting God's divine government!

Mr. Armstrong then told the assembled delegates they had the unique opportunity to form a human government more nearly based on God's way of life—the way of outgoing concern for each of

their 11 population groups, of serving, cooperating and sharing for the good and welfare of others.

"God help you to do the best job that can be done and to form the finest government that has ever been formed in the history of mankind on this earth," Mr. Armstrong exhorted the conference. This should be a government, he added, that would be fair and just for every person, without regard for race or other considerations.

Record of History

Events in the aftermath of the Turnhalle conference did not proceed in the way its delegates had hoped. Guerrilla warfare escalated. Current talks on the future of the diamond- and uranium-rich territory are now stalled. South-West Africa/Namibia remains in a state of political and social ferment.

Unfortunately, this scenario fits well into the sorry, near 6,000-year record of man's history. In recent times, as in ages past, man's attempts to come to grips with the problem of government have been thwarted by problems beyond human capacity to control.

For millennia, leaders of honesty and integrity have tried to grapple with the immense problems of government. These men have tried to find responsible solutions, have tried to make the world better. But forces seemingly beyond their control have frustrated their efforts at every turn.

Regardless of their methods of

achieving them, governments claim to have the same basic goals. The primary aims of human government are peace and prosperity, often collectively referred to as the "common good." Through history, governments have set about achieving these objectives in many different ways.

But no government in history has ever achieved these dual aims fully, or permanently. None has achieved lasting peace and prosperity.

All human governments have, at some point, failed!

Instead of peace, mankind has known in almost every generation war and violence. War has been the way of history. There have been well over 15,000 wars throughout recorded history. Some 100 million people have died in wars *in this 20th century alone!*

Instead of prosperity, the vast majority of human beings have known nothing more than slavery or wretchedness and squalor. Prosperity for the few, poverty for the many has been the age-old rule.

The world's problems—today and throughout history—are a stinging indictment of the world's systems of government! In fact, governments, more often than not, have created more problems than they have solved!

Man has proven his utter incapability of ruling himself!

Why should this most gifted of God's physical creatures have failed so miserably?

The Human Factor

There is a definite cause—a clear-cut reason why governments have fallen so short of the mark.

Governments have failed simply because they don't know how to succeed! Mankind has rejected the only knowledge that would allow its governments to succeed—the knowledge of God and his way!

Mankind simply does not know the way to peace and prosperity (see Isaiah 59:8). Man, separated from God, is incapable of understanding the requirements for peace!

Understand this: The world's problems are essentially *spiritual* in nature. They have a deep-rooted spiritual basis. They cannot

be solved through the use of mere physical knowledge alone.

In rejecting the knowledge of God, man has had to rely on his own philosophies—on humanly devised approaches that appear right to him. He has failed to heed a vitally important biblical admonition.

Read it for yourself in Proverbs 14:12: "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."

Man has chosen to pursue his own way, the way that seems right to him. He has rejected God as his ruler. Even God's own chosen people cut themselves off from him by *sin*.

Nations today are not imbued with the gift of God's Holy Spirit, which would open their minds to comprehend spiritual knowledge and give them the power to restrain human nature.

It is mankind's Satan-seduced nature—of vanity, jealousy, lust and greed—that prevents man from achieving a world of lasting peace and prosperity. Mankind has utterly failed to bring that nature into rein.

The human factor is the unrecognized seed of destruction within every form of earthly government. Man's governments are inherently imperfect because *man* is imperfect.

An additional factor compounds the problem even further. Not only does unrestrained human nature disqualify man from ruling—human nature doesn't want to be ruled! Satan's attitude of defiance and rebellion permeates this world. In recent years, the world's governments have been toppling at the rate of one each month!

In this world, the only check on human nature is human nature itself. One man's lust for power is equalled only by another man's greed to keep it. The result: civil strife, chaos, struggles for political power, war.

Man's attempts to do it his own way, apart from God, have proved utterly disastrous!

This Is Satan's World

Unrealized by many, the Almighty God of the Bible is *not* the "god of

this world"! Throughout history, the Creator God has generally kept hands off—with the exception of those occasions when divine intervention has been necessary for accomplishing his purposes.

God is permitting the world to go its own way, to learn for itself that Satan's way of rejecting the law and government of God can in the end bring nothing but disaster. That bitter lesson has been written in blood, suffering, unhappiness and death!

The record of history makes abundantly clear that this is Satan's world! The "god of this world," your Bible reveals, is Satan (see II Corinthians 4:4). This world is under Satan's rule, not God's government.

Jesus Christ has qualified to unseat Satan as ruler over the earth (Matthew 4:1-11), but he has not yet returned to earth to assume the throne and establish God's kingdom over all nations.

In the meantime, God is allowing human governments to function (Romans 13), for the primary purpose of maintaining law and order (see verse 4). God will not allow anarchy. But God also places definite limits on these human governments. This world's governments do not have unlimited authority!

When governing authorities abuse their power and overstep their bounds, coming into conflict with God's laws and prerogatives, God's laws must clearly take precedence. "We ought to obey God rather than men," the early apostles declared (Acts 5:29).

The Bible teaching is clear: As individuals, we must be *subject* to the humanly devised laws of the land—and when human laws are contrary to God, we must obey God and suffer whatever penalty men impose.

Satan has continually used civil governments to oppose God's way and God's purposes. But Satan's days of seducing the nations are numbered!

The Coming Solution

Few understand that the gospel of Jesus Christ is a message about government, not just about the per-

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DRIVING HOME from the office here in West Africa one evening, shortly after dark, I saw a car in front of us suddenly do a U-turn on a major road. Why do people drive like maniacs? I thought, as the other driver shouted out, "Fool!"

I soon saw why.

Suddenly, the road came to an end. An army truck blocked all further progress and seven soldiers were running around in an obvious panic. I braked to a halt. A soldier, shaking and panicky, thrust his standard submachine gun in our window, ready to shoot. Our hearts jumped and adrenaline flowed as we momentarily expected to be blasted into the resurrection.

In the panic of the moment, we don't even remember what the soldier said. All we remember was being forced out of our car at gunpoint. The trunk was opened and checked for guns—all the while, threats of instant death were being mouthed at us. By now, there were three of them attending us. Cars behind us were all wisely doing U-turns, preferring an accident to possible death at the hands of trigger-happy soldiers.

Suddenly, another soldier appeared. "Let them go," was his command. He repeated the words, "Let them go, I tell you!" And we were free to go.

As we drove away, my foot began to shake. I lost control of the clutch. My wife and three children were beyond that army truck. How was I going to get home? What was going on? Street battles between various factions of the country's military? Another coup?

It took a while to get home, along back streets so as to avoid further roadblocks, but we made it—to find my family unaware of the events.

Quick phone calls to friends confirmed another coup was in progress. This wasn't our first experi-

ence of a coup. There had been others and there would be more. Although ours was the only incident involving foreigners reported in this particular disturbance, hundreds of local citizens were killed and much anxiety caused to thousands. And all to no avail—the coup attempt failed.

Worldwide Instability

Coups are endemic to the African continent and all too familiar in other parts of the world, notably South America.

Coming Soon!

THE FINAL COUP

by Melvin Rhodes

A coup (pronounced koo, the shortened form of coup d'état) is a French word defined in Cassell's English dictionary as "a sudden and violent change of government, especially of an illegal and revolutionary nature." Coups are usually led by factions of a nation's military.

For every successful coup, there are two or three unsuccessful ones. Attempted coups, resulting in no change of government, often go unreported in the press, yet they can be more bloody than a successful coup. When a government is extremely unpopular, an attempt to overthrow it will usually succeed with little bloodshed. More casual-

ties and greater damage result when a government still has support. Various factions can fight for hours, or even days, before anyone has complete control.

Military coups d'état are one human way of changing governments. Democracies change governments through the ballot, some countries through the bullet.

One effect of sudden, violent change is economic chaos.

Here in Africa, the extent of a country's economic problems is often directly proportional to the number of coups and attempted coups it has had to endure. Foreign investors shy away from politically unstable countries. Essential skilled expatriate workers from technologically more advanced Western nations become too afraid of incidents like that recorded above. Economic life is disrupted by curfews that close factories and offices, soldiers that loot businesses, and by rapid changes in economic policy. Local businessmen fear their assets being seized by a new government, so they keep much needed investment money in overseas banks, where it does nothing to develop the Third World.

And, perhaps worst of all, how many soldiers coming up through the ranks are really qualified to rule a modern nation, to determine economic, foreign and social policy? Soldiers are trained fighters, not economists or diplomats. (Although sometimes they can provide the discipline necessary to help the technocrats run the government.)

Coups are not a new phenomenon in the world.

In the days of the European monarchies, it was usually a family member or court official who would seize the crown in a coup. In ancient Israel, King David foiled a coup attempt by his own son Absalom, a man he had only recently welcomed back to his palace with forgiveness and fatherly love—to

be repaid by treachery and rebellion. (Read the account in II Samuel, chapters 13 through 19).

What prompts people to want to overthrow their governments?

The successful coup leaders give various reasons: "social justice," "to put an end to despotism and corruption," "redistribute wealth," etc. But the real reasons can be found in the biblical account of the first ever attempted coup in history, that of Lucifer's rebellion against the great Creator God.

Satan's Coup

This coup took place before the contemporary world as we know it even existed.

Lucifer was a great archangel created by God. He was given rule over the earth, then inhabited by angels. After God the Father and Jesus Christ, it seems as if Lucifer was the next most important being in the universe, given his position with access to God's throne (Ezek. 28:14).

He was "perfect in [his] ways . . . till iniquity [sin] was found in [him]" (verse 15, RAV).

Lucifer wasn't satisfied with being No. 3. He wanted to be No. 1, to take over the very throne of God (Isa. 14:13). "I will be like the Most High" (verse 14).

So often world leaders are violently overthrown by senior members of their own armed forces, men they have trusted and placed in authority themselves.

Basic Cause of Coups

Lucifer took one third of the angels with him (Rev. 12:4). Yes, coups are often quite popular, with a sizable segment of the population supporting the rebels.

Satan's attitude of vanity, jealousy, envy, lust and greed, resentment and rebellion are usually the basic motives behind attempts to overthrow governments. People want POWER, WEALTH and POSITION—and the quickest way to have them is to *get* them from somebody else.

Satan's attitude is one of competition, not cooperation. He resents peaceful change. Ironically, the same people who choose violent change often end up victims of a similar coup a few years later. Just

as Christ said, "... all they that take the sword [choose violence] shall perish with the sword" (Matt. 26:52).

A Christian's Responsibility

The apostle Paul, living under one of the most oppressive governments in history, that of the emperor Nero in ancient Rome (a man so evil he murdered his mother and two of his wives, plus countless other victims), instructed all Christians to respect government: "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers" (Rom. 13:1).

In the same verse, he adds, "For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God."

This does not mean that God approves of all the governments of man. God does not approve of any government that does not obey his laws. Rather, this verse tells us that God *permits* governments to exist—for a reason. Continue in verse 3: "For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil."

Many governments considered bad still maintain a certain amount of law and order, permitting commerce and normal social life to continue. Frequent overthrows of governments lead to a breakdown of every facet of society until anarchy reigns—a situation summed up in the last verse of the book of Judges: "In those days there was no king [effective leader] in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes."

People who cannot be loyal to their leaders will find it difficult being loyal to anyone or anything. A breakdown of government authority has character repercussions throughout society.

King Saul of ancient Israel was not a good leader. He disobeyed God, consulted a witch and tried to have David, and even his own son, killed. Yet, when one of Saul's own soldiers claimed to have ended his life, King David's reaction was to have the man executed. "How wast thou not afraid to stretch forth thine hand to destroy the Lord's anointed?" (II Sam. 1:1-16.)

David knew and understood why God attached so much importance to governmental stability.

No human leader is perfect, but

God permits rulers to rule because the alternative is total anarchy—no law and order, just chaos. The apostle Peter, echoing Paul's words, reminds us at whatever level in society we are: "Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward" (I Pet. 2:18).

Leaders Also Responsible

This doesn't mean that the world's leaders have got absolute authority from God to do what they wish. Too many leaders are like the Gentile rulers described by Jesus Christ in Matthew 20:25: "The rulers of the pagans exercise despotic powers (E.V. Rieu translation)." "Their chiefs likewise rule as dictators" (Norlie translation of *The New Testament*).

This is not God's way of ruling. Christ continues, "But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister [servant]; and whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant" (verses 26-27 AV).

"Even as the Son of man [Jesus Christ] came not to be ministered unto, but to minister . . ." (verse 28). Christ is the Son of God. He is to be crowned King of kings and Lord of lords (Rev. 19:16). His titles will far exceed and excel those of this world's rulers (Isa. 9:6-7; Rev. 19:12). His government will soon replace all governments of men, and his reign will never cease over the earth (Isa. 9:7; Dan. 2:44). Yet it will be a government dedicated to SERVING ITS SUBJECTS, with Christ the chief servant, having already died for us (Matt. 20:28).

Having experienced firsthand the fear rebellion can bring, I know one of the first things Christ will do when he establishes his kingdom over this earth is to strip mankind of all weapons of war (Mic. 4:3). Humanity will certainly get the message. There will be no more coups d'etat. This is absolutely necessary before any progress can be made in any other area. Arms destroy economic progress, taking away in a moment all that people have spent their lives striving for. Only when people learn the way to

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We Warned You 3½ Years Ago

Prepare to Greatly Reduce Your Standard of Living!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

In January 1980—almost 3½ years ago—we published for our readers this eye-opening article as an advance warning. Our many new readers need this knowledge. So we republish it now, updated, as the world enters a new phase of the growing economic crisis—the throes of recovery.

IT'S TIME you knew the real meaning of the present financial crisis—the high real interest rates and the fear of continued unemployment.

There is far more to all this economic concern than appears on the surface. Its roots even penetrate into ancient history and biblical prophecy. Where are the United States and British nations mentioned in Bible prophecy? What is prophesied about these very conditions?

What does it all really mean? What does it portend for the relatively immediate future?

Those of us in the United States have enjoyed the most prosperous living standard of any nation in all the history of mankind. There is a reason for this unmatched prosperity. There also is a reason for the present abnormal economic conditions and the continuing fear in financial and government circles that the West may well be in the beginning of a most severe debt crisis.

A number of times I have pub-

lished an economic analysis of the real causes of economic distresses in the United States and elsewhere.

But now the stranglehold of economic disturbances is tightening around our necks. This trend is going to reach out and greatly reduce *your* standard of living, in the next two years or more.

More Than Mere Economic Factors

Actually, what is happening to us now is much more than purely economic causes and effects. Yet of course these have contributed their part.

I have written more than once about an incident in my personal experience which took place in early January 1914. This was before most of our readers were born. But I was covering a significant event. I was then an editorial representative of America's largest trade journal. I was traveling, by train of course in those days, eastward in New York state from Buffalo. At Utica I received a telegram from our editors instructing me to catch the first train back to Detroit to interview Henry Ford.

Henry Ford was on banner front-page headlines in that morning's newspapers. The Ford Motor Company had just come out with a sensational new \$5-a-day wage scale!

Don't laugh. Five dollars was a lot of money in 1914. My editors

wanted me to cover this story and get all the facts in person.

In a sense, that was the beginning of the highest living standard ever enjoyed in any nation, although the American standard was already perhaps the world's highest. But with Henry Ford's sensational new wage scale, the U.S. living standard was to escalate to an all-time world peak.

I saw Mr. Ford, but learned that the whole new plan had been devised and was administered by John R. Lee, head of the sociological department.

"I understand you are now paying by far the highest wage scale in the automobile industry," I said to Mr. Lee.

He smiled. "On the contrary," he said, "we are paying the *lowest!*"

I was taken aback. "But isn't the union scale \$3.75 per ten-hour day?"

"Correct," he confirmed.

"And are you not now paying \$5 per day for only a nine-hour day?"

"Right again, but we don't figure what we *really* pay on that basis. We compute it on the basis of what we get for each dollar spent. You see, our sales volume is now great enough to enable us to install a new conveyor belt or assembly-line system of production. We take full advantage of the fact that fewer men can produce much *more* by machines than a greater number of workmen by hand. We start each car at one end

on a conveyor belt system. Each workman has to do his part as it passes him. This way we regulate the speed of production. Actually, we now are getting twice the man-per-day production for \$5 that our rivals get per man per day working one hour longer than our employees.

"That means," Mr. Lee continued, "that other manufacturers in our industry pay for two days \$7.50 for the same production we get in one nine-hour day for \$5. So we pay \$2.50 less per day for the same results as others pay in two ten-hour days!"

It was not long, however, until all motorcar manufacturers went on the assembly-line, mass-machine-production system. Not only these, but all large manufacturers in the U.S.

America offered her manufacturers a mass market for machine production. Other nations at that time—Britain, Russia and Japan, for example—did not have mass markets.

Two world wars have changed all that!

But in the meantime, beginning World War I, U.S. manufacturers, by this new mass machine production, began producing much more per dollar cost. This abnormally skyrocketed manufacturers' profits.

But labor union leaders were determined not to allow capital and management to keep all the vastly increased profits. The labor union movement surged, even violently. Strikes everywhere sought to transfer the huge escalating profits into the hands of labor.

Industrial labor attracted a rapidly increasing population flow of the previously rural majority into the cities. This converted industrial labor into our primary consumer class.

Result? The U.S. standard of living rose to a height never known by any other nation in world history.

The labor union movement did not materially affect consumer living standards in the other industrial countries until more recently.

Britain's Former Dominance

Prior to World War I the British Empire had risen to become the

greatest in material wealth, and even in power, in all earth's history.

The world economic and power dominance began in both Britain and the U.S. around 1800. In those years the U.S. leaped, largely through the Louisiana Purchase, from its original 13-colony status to a major nation.

But Britain leaped into material greatness first. By 1804 London was the financial capital of the whole world. The British had gobbled up large parts of Africa and Asia, including India. They boasted that the sun never set on their empire.

But the top landed barons kept their vastly increasing wealth largely to themselves. Their wealth was not diffused among the lower classes. Until after World War I, a youth desiring a college education could not gain admission unless his father was university educated. The class system in England kept the lower classes low. The upper class built great mansions, from about 20 rooms up to the great houses, like kings' palaces.

Today Britain has lost her empire, is no longer a major power like the United States and the U.S.S.R. Britain has been on the way down, in national wealth and power, since World War I.

And now the United States is STARTING TO FOLLOW on the downward path!

Our Rise and Fall Has Ancient Roots

There is a far more important CAUSE behind the Anglo-American rise and fall than mass machine production and labor union action producing a greater diffusion of wealth.

There is a far greater CAUSE that is now starting in rapid descent to BRING DOWN YOUR PRESENT STANDARD OF LIVING.

It is true that even though Britain as a former world empire has *lost* her national greatness, yet today there is a moderately larger diffusion of what prosperity they have left. British labor came to receive probably slightly more than half of America's present labor income. But Swiss, German, Swedish and other European living standards also rose markedly.

The real CAUSE, however, for the

rise and fall of Britain and the United States dates back to centuries before Christ.

Our Ancient Roots

There is a far more significant reason—both for our Anglo-American ascendancy to the highest living standards ever enjoyed by any nations in earth's history, and our sudden PLUNGE we are now entering.

Few indeed realize that hundreds of years before Christ, God had made certain unbreakable and irrevocable PROMISES to the descendants of the patriarch Abraham. This has never been realized or proclaimed by "traditional Christianity."

Abraham is designated in the New Testament as the "FATHER of the faithful," since all of God's promises of salvation and eternal life through Christ were made to Abraham—and Jesus Christ was directly descended from Abraham.

But what not even theologians understand is that God made DUAL promises to Abraham. He made the promise of GRACE, to come through Abraham's descendant Jesus Christ—but also he made unbreakable promises of RACE—overlooked entirely by "traditional Christianity" and theological "scholars."

The promise God made to Abraham of GRACE was spiritual and individual (Gal. 3:16). But the promise of RACE was purely national and material. It is vital to the understanding of biblical prophecy to realize that God made also to Abraham promises of RACE—entirely separate from the spiritual promises of salvation and eternal life.

God said: "And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make NATIONS [plural] of thee, and kings [more than one] shall come out of thee" (Gen. 17:6). Notice, these nations and kings shall come *out of* Abraham—physical generation, not spiritual regeneration.

"And I will establish my covenant between me and thee . . . in *their generations* [plural] for an everlasting covenant . . ." (verse 7).

Cannot Apply to Jews

This cannot apply *alone* to the Jews. The Jews have never been more than *one* nation.

God had put Abraham to the test. Abraham, *through* FAITH, passed the test of obedience, even to being willing to sacrifice his only son. Then God made the covenant with Abraham UNCONDITIONAL.

A covenant is a contract—usually, as in this case, between two parties. One binds himself by contract to pay certain rewards IF the other performs certain conditions. But God made his covenant with Abraham UNCONDITIONAL—after Abraham had performed his part—fulfilling the CONDITION of obedience:

“By myself have I sworn, saith the Lord, for because thou hast done this thing . . . that in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed [descendants] as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore . . .” (Gen. 22:16-17). These promises passed down through Isaac and Jacob.

Later the prophet Israel (Jacob) laid his hands on the two sons of Joseph, saying: “Let my name [Israel] be named on them”—that is, on their descendants. God gave the promise that the descendants of Manasseh, Joseph’s elder son, would become a very GREAT nation, but the descendants of Ephraim his brother would become a “company of nations”—that is, a commonwealth of nations.

The spiritual promise God made to Abraham of the Messiah, and of eternal salvation through him, is well known by the most superficial Bible student. But God made also to Abraham national and material promises of RACE.

The spiritual promises of eternal salvation are called the scepter, and the national promises of RACE the birthright—that which is inherited by right of birth.

Respecting the promises of RACE, God said to Abraham, “And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I

will make nations [plural] of thee, and kings [more than one] shall come out of thee” (Gen. 17:6).

The messianic promises of GRACE pertained to the tribe of Judah, who were nicknamed the Jews. But “the birthright [promise of RACE] was JOSEPH’S.” The national, material promise of the birthright—RIGHT of birth—was handed down to the two tribes springing from Joseph’s two

Rehoboam and their capital city Jerusalem, calling their nation the kingdom of Judah.

So now the birthright promise made to Abraham was in one nation, the kingdom of ISRAEL, and the spiritual messianic promise was in another nation, now called the kingdom of JUDAH. The tribe of Benjamin remained with Judah, as did a few scattered individuals of the other tribes. Jeroboam, new king of ISRAEL, threw out the tribe of Levi from the priesthood in ISRAEL, and the tribe of Levi also went in with Judah—the Jews.

Those of the nation ISRAEL were NOT Jews—never called Jews. The first place in the Bible where the name “Jews” is mentioned is II Kings 16:6, where the Jews were at war against ISRAEL.

We pick up the most critical prophecy as to the future of the nation Israel in Leviticus 26.

Now the Prophecies

In the 26th chapter of Leviticus we find God’s promises and prophecies to Israel, beginning in Moses’ day.

God through Moses specially put emphasis on avoiding idolatry and keeping God’s Sabbath.

Then he said that IF they would keep his commandments and his national statutes, they should receive and enjoy the national and material

promises of the birthright *in their time*. He gave them NO PROMISE of inheriting, in the days of ancient national Israel, the spiritual promises (the scepter).

Even though the promises were made UNCONDITIONAL to Abraham for his future descendants, God now promised ancient Israel ONLY the material promises of the birthright—and even that was CONDITIONAL.

Otherwise that birthright phase of the promises would be withheld
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The 12 tribes of Israel split up into TWO nations after the death of Solomon. The nation ISRAEL rejected Solomon’s son Rehoboam as king, because he threatened to make their taxes even steeper than Solomon had. They established a new capital city in northern Israel, Samaria, and chose Jeroboam as king.

Then the tribe of Judah (the Jews) seceded from the nation Israel in order to keep their king

LET'S CURB VIOLENCE

Here's How!

by Donald D. Schroeder

Here we focus on the two primary *causes* that contribute to violence.

How do you explain the growing crime and violence in our world? The senseless street killings, rape and assault in so-called civilized societies?

Why has the rate of violence surged skyward during the unparalleled prosperity of the post World War II period? And much of it is not between strangers but in family units—between husbands and wives, parents and children or between social acquaintances.

Child abuse, mate beating, suicide and murder—violence in all its forms—now is the United States' No. 1 public health problem, says U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Coop. But he laments that criminologists and sociologists are confused as to why.

Do You Know?

No significant genetic, chromosomal or hormonal differences can be shown to exist between those who frequently commit violent and aggressive assaults and those who do not. Medical examinations admit that organic defects, at most, account for only a negligible portion of human aggression.

Violent physical and verbal assault can be found in all classes—in upper-class white collar levels as well as in downtrodden ghettos. And confounding the experts fur-

ther, numbers of societies—some poverty stricken by Western standards—experience low levels of crime and violence.

Why have the sciences of sociology and criminology failed to discover the root causes of violent behavior and the *nature* of human nature?

Because they have rejected the Source that reveals those causes!

They are not able to recognize or are unwilling to face the reasons why human nature is what it is!

First Cause of Aggression and Violence

There was a definite beginning of violence and aggression. How many today believe the scripture, "He who commits sin is of the devil" (1 John 3:8, RSV)?

The Bible reveals the originator of sin—of hate, conquest, aggression and murder. This great spirit being, an archangel, was named Lucifer in Latin. The name means *Lightbringer*. This being was put over the earth by the Creator to administer the government of God. But he wasn't satisfied with his high position. He wanted the top position of power and riches for himself. He reasoned the "get" way—get for self even if it means taking away from or hurting others—was the way to acquire what he wanted.

God's laws, by contrast, are based on love, concern and respect for others. But Lucifer began to reason the way of love wasn't the

best way. Lust perverted his mind. "You [Lucifer] were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity [lawlessness] was found in you," reveals God in Ezekiel 28:15 (RAV).

Lucifer decided to be a competitor with God. "I will make myself like the Most High," he said (Isa. 14:14, RSV).

Lucifer was able to draw away one third of God's angels with him in his ultimate rebellion (see Revelation 12:4). He did it through subtle defaming of God's character, God's laws and purposes.

Lucifer, his name now changed to Satan, meaning "Adversary," attempted by aggression and conquest to boot God off his throne over the universe. But Satan miscalculated the awesome power of God. He and his violence-bent army of angels, now demons, were flung back down to earth. "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven," said Jesus (Luke 10:18).

Jesus said Satan was a murderer from the beginning of his rebellion—and the father of lies (John 8:44). Jesus also warned that human beings from birth could allow Satan's attitudes of deceit, lying, false accusation, hate, lust and rebellion to enter their minds if they permitted it (see verses 38, 41, 44, same chapter).

How many today have been taught or know that an invisible spirit being is broadcasting wrong attitudes throughout the atmo-



A policeman slain in line of duty,
a victim of criminal assault
surrounded by police and onlookers,
and—center right—the aftermath
of wanton riot destruction.
All forms of violence have root
causes many ignore or fail
to comprehend.

BOTTOM RIGHT: J.P. LAFFONT—SYGMA;
OTHERS: MICHEL FOLCO—LIAISON

sphere into the minds of unsuspecting humanity? A humanity that in many instances does not even believe a devil exists.

How many realize humans in varying degrees have absorbed Satan's attitudes into their minds? Some individuals and cultures absorb more than others. There are reasons why!

Scripture reveals Satan has deceived and influenced the *whole world* with his corrupt attitudes. Read it for yourself in Revelation 12:9. Yet, many today deny the existence of the very source of evil that sways their minds into wrong feelings and reasonings.

Satan Broadcasts His Attitudes

Notice what the Bible says about Satan's deception. Writing to converted Ephesian Christians, the apostle Paul mentions why they were once spiritually dead—because of the sins “in which you once walked” (Eph. 2:2, RSV).

They had been “following the course of this world, following the prince of the *power* of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience.”

Grasp that! Satan can broadcast his evil nature and attitudes through the air and unsuspecting human minds can pick up such moods and attitudes, nourish them and develop them as a very part of their human nature.

“Among these [children of disobedience] we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of body and mind, and so we were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind,” continues verse 3.

What are the “passions of the flesh” that come from yielding or following Satan's ways?

“Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness [physical and moral], licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders [hatred is the spirit of murder—I John 3:15], drunkenness, revelries, and the like . . .” (Gal. 5:19-21, RAV).

Spectrum of Violence

Notice the attitudes and acts just

described. They are common not only to many who are violence-prone but to noncriminal citizens who don't always do right. “All have sinned,” says a scripture (Rom. 3:23). Sin is defined in your Bible as the transgression of God's law (I John 3:4).

But in humans there are differences in the types of aggression and severity of violence individuals will allow in their lives. There are differences in human responses to situations and stimuli that trigger anger and aggression. There are differences in emotional self-control.

Humans, from training, or from unfortunate personal experiences or from Satan's invisible influence on their minds, learn to hate other persons. The objects of their ill feeling may be those of their own race or of other races or nations. They also learn to be aggressive and intolerant when certain obstacles, challenges or threats to self-image or security arise.

God created the human mind with capacity for anger and aggressiveness and love and mercy. There can be anger and aggressiveness that's not sinful (Eph. 4:26)—to resist evil and to overcome personal weaknesses of character or to overcome obstacles to development. Just as there can also be misdirected love and mercy.

These capacities can be misused when wrong social values or wrong moods or attitudes are allowed to take root. Uncontrolled anger and aggression or tolerance for evil bear the bitter fruit of violence—physical and verbal.

Experiments by social scientists have induced aggressive behavior in human beings by stimulating certain areas of the brain with electricity. They have discovered aggression needs a stimulus. What they admit they don't understand are the underlying factors that can stimulate aggressive responses.

Differing cultures, and individuals within those cultures, develop different triggers and sensitivities. Some societies culturally tolerate, or even expect, acts of aggression under certain circumstances—not only in warfare but in personal social circumstances. We may call it the *macho* culture.

Other cultures, for religious or social reasons, discourage such expression through heavy social stigma or swift punishment. Such societies can limit the influence of Satan's influence even though they may not understand his existence.

Growing crime and violence are a measure of the increasing lack of respect and concern citizens of a society have for others. Through permissive child rearing, through wrong social and peer influences, or outright rebellion, youths and adults open their minds to more of Satan's attitudes than do those of other cultures who exercise restraint and better judgment.

The apostle Paul warned Christians of the primary source of the harmful attitudes ignored by most today: “For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers . . . against wicked spirits in high places” (Eph. 6:12, AV, margin).

The Second Cause—Physiological Factors

Yet it is also important to recognize that physiological factors may be involved in sensitivity to aggressive or irritable moods.

Some persons with strong emotional temperament or high mental-physical energy levels may be quicker to respond to irritating situations with anger or aggression. They need to learn to develop more self-control.

Also, the state of the neural systems that transmit the signals that govern aggressive behavior can be altered by the health and chemical balance of an individual.

Changes in blood chemistry influence the sensitivity of the aggression system. Studies have shown that changes in hormone levels from premenstrual periods (in women) or from stress can alter moods and make one more susceptible to irritation.

Inappropriate use of drugs, alcohol and other ingested chemical compounds can alter a person's control of emotions and feelings. Certain chemicals reduce control of inhibitions. Or make a person's nervous system more irritable. Humans differ in their responses to drugs and the presence of chemi-

cals in their environment.

Some health conditions such as hypoglycemia or food or chemical allergies can alter metabolism and blood sugar levels and affect emotional and mental self-control. Such persons may need to seek professional help to learn what *physical* factors in their diet or environment need to be changed to help control their mental and emotional state of mind. The sciences are regularly learning more about such physical factors.

Yet while man's physical knowledge rapidly increases, his troubles double. Now, in the nuclear age, all human life is threatened with the ultimate violence—extinction. The Bible reveals how mankind jumped the track into this tragic state of human affairs.

The Sin That Led to Criminal Behavior

In Genesis, chapter 2, we read that Adam was taught essential knowledge by God. He could freely eat of every tree in the garden of Eden, but—there was a special warning—“the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it” (verses 16-17).

Few understand that Adam was given an opportunity to administer God's government and to replace Satan as ruler over the earth. In Genesis, chapter 3, we read how Adam failed the test by yielding to and following his wife, Eve. She decided to believe Satan's lies that God misrepresented what was good and evil. Satan, appearing as a serpent, injected into her mind the idea that God had not told the whole truth.

Eve rationalized, like so many do today, that what God said wasn't reliable. Adam and Eve both chose to take what was not theirs. They rebelled against God's commands and decided they would experiment to determine for themselves what is right and wrong—what is good and evil.

For their hostile, rebellious act God drove them from the garden of Eden. He cut them and their progeny off from contact with God, except as God chose to intervene and reveal himself to a select few.

God allowed humans to go their

own way since that is what they wanted to do. He has allowed humans 6,000 years to experiment under Satan's sway—and see the results. Man has developed his own systems of government, his own religions, laws and morality based on what he thought was right and good. Men and nations are still deciding for themselves. They are still experimenting with all kinds of ideas of how to solve intractable problems apart from divinely revealed knowledge.

Now look at a critical lesson in emotional control and personal responsibility from the first two children raised in this world under essentially the same environment, parentally and culturally.

A Lesson in Self-control

In Genesis, chapter 4, we read that Cain and Abel—Adam and Eve's first children—each brought an offering to God. We learn from Scripture that Abel was “righteous” (Matt. 23:35). Abel disciplined his mind and character. He feared and submitted to God. Abel resisted the influence of Satan. He saw what happened to his parents and chose to resist similar evil attitudes and actions.

But Cain let a different attitude, spirit and outlook take root in his mind. He wasn't living right. That's why his offering was not accepted by God. Cain became indignant against God.

Notice what God said to him: “*Why* are you angry? And *why* has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but *you should rule over it*” (Gen. 4:6-7, RAV).

Cain was face to face with *why* he had a wrong attitude. He was not told by the Creator that his lack of educational surroundings was justification for his evil attitude. He was not told he was in no way responsible for his attitudes. He was told it was *his responsibility* to master and control wrong impulses or evil influences of mind, whatever the source. Cain's poverty was not material or physical; it was spiritual.

Too many today are like Cain. They excuse their failure to live

uprightly. They do not resist evil thoughts and practices. They blame others for their feelings.

Cain *chose* not to resist the attitudes Satan was pumping at his mind. He built a habit of resentment. He soon rose up and murdered his brother, Abel.

This is how crime and violence among men began!

Scripture warns us today to avoid being “like Cain who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous” (I John 3:12, RSV).

Individual Responsibility

Some personalities let themselves be more responsive to Satan's wavelength. We are each responsible for guarding the doors of our mind!

“Train up a child in the way he should go,” commands the Bible, “and when he is old he will not depart from it.” “Discipline your son while there is hope . . .” (Prov. 22:6 and 19:18, RSV).

Sound child rearing is not merely punishment or dealing with childhood infractions. It is positive, yet firm instruction in right values and attitudes, coupled with much expression of love and affection, along with proper discipline. Some youthful personalities need more guidance than others.

But parents are not the only bulwark against criminal and violent behavior. Misbehavior and evil actions should be quickly recognized and dealt with appropriately in all levels of society. Today, however, we witness loss of respect for law and enforcement.

Why?

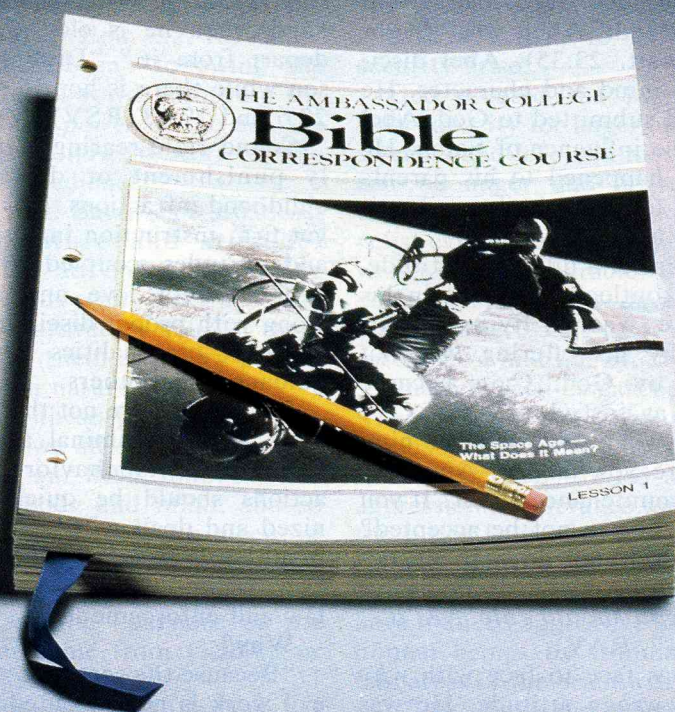
“Because the sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil” (Eccl. 8:11, RAV).

When increasing numbers of humans reject their responsibility to be accountable to God and society for their actions, crime, violence and aggression increase. This is precisely what your Bible prophesied for the days in which you are now living.

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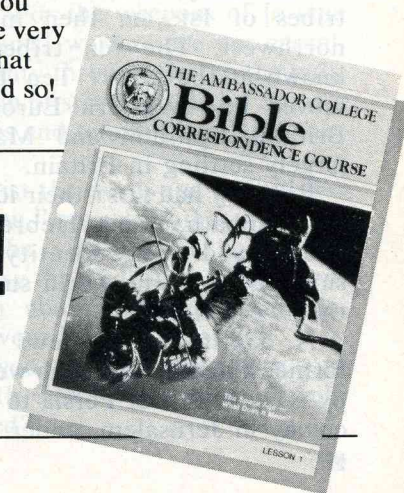
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2,520 years and then in that far, far future, confer the birthright national and material promises to the descendants of Israel through Ephraim and Manasseh.

God promised them, through Moses, ON CONDITION of obedience, adequate rain, abundant crops the year round, peace and such military power that a hundred of them could put ten thousand enemy invaders to flight.

But Israel under Moses did not obey or keep their part of the old covenant!

They did so only at intervals during the days of the judges. In the day when God ruled them through the prophet Samuel, they rejected God as their ruler and king, and demanded a human king like the nations of the world.

I have already covered how in the days of King Rehoboam, after Solomon's death, they split into TWO DIFFERENT NATIONS.

At that time, the birthright promise remained with the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh in the kingdom of ISRAEL, while the scepter promise, to be realized through Christ, remained in the nation JUDAH.

Later, King Shalmaneser of Assyria invaded, conquered and removed the northern nation ISRAEL from their land of Samaria, carrying them off as slaves to Assyria and Media.

Then King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon invaded and moved the nation JUDAH as slaves into the land of Chaldea.

The Assyrians, *with* the ten tribes of ISRAEL, then migrated northwest. The ten tribes, now known as the "LOST Ten Tribes," moved into Western Europe and Britain—Ephraim and Manasseh largely settling in Britain.

But they had LOST their identifying Sabbath, their Hebrew language, and their identity. They supposed, and the world supposed, they were Gentiles.

A contingent of Jews of the former kingdom of Judah were sent by King Cyrus of Persia to form a colony in Jerusalem, under Zerub-

babel as governor, and to build the second temple on the site of Solomon's temple. It had been destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar.

But NONE of the ten-tribed "lost" ISRAEL were among those of this colony. Some tribal names are recorded in the book of Ezra, but NONE of the ten-tribed ISRAEL are mentioned.

Other Jews, outside of this colony, were scattered into various nations through the centuries.

Where the U.S. and Britain Are Mentioned in Biblical Prophecy

Prophecy mentions that Britain (Ephraim) would lose her first colony. The colony that grew into the United States was that colony.

Now the 2,520 years the birthright was to be withheld from ISRAEL—because of their continued disobedience, breaking their part of the old covenant—expired about 1800.

The big colony Ephraim was to lose was the United States—descended from co-birthright holder Manasseh. The United States became the ONE promised GREAT nation. Britain became head of the great Commonwealth of Nations.

Neither Britain nor America *deserved* the unprecedented wealth, greatness and national power of Abraham's birthright. But God had promised it UNCONDITIONALLY to Abraham. It was CONDITIONAL to ancient Israel.

Though our two great peoples did not deserve it, God was bound, and kept his PROMISE! Yet, once God had FULFILLED his promise to Abraham by giving us that national wealth, power and greatness, it became CONDITIONAL on us *whether we should retain it!*

As ancient Israel did not keep God's statutes, commandments, sabbaths; NEITHER HAVE WE!

At this point let me bring in another bit of historic background.

Go back, for a moment, to the first man, Adam. Prior even to Adam's creation, the earth had been populated by angels. The angels had SINNED (II Pet. 2:4). God had set over them HIS GOVERNMENT, administered by the mighty archangel Lucifer (Isa. 14 and Ezek. 28). This

Lucifer, the most powerful spirit being God had created, was placed on the throne of the earth. But he rebelled against and rejected the GOVERNMENT OF GOD. He led his angels in the opposite direction—rebellion against the law of God—vanity, lust and greed, envy and jealousy, competition with strife and violence, darkness of error instead of light of truth, destruction instead of creative construction. This Lucifer had become Satan the devil. His angels had become demons—evil spirit beings.

Until a successor qualifies and is set on that throne of the earth administering the GOVERNMENT OF GOD, Satan remains, though now disqualified—and the GOVERNMENT OF GOD is not being administered over the earth, earthwide.

When God created the first human, Adam, he thoroughly instructed this man and Eve, his wife. He instructed them in the law and government of God, in the rebellion and sin of the angels. In the Garden of Eden were two symbolic trees. One, the tree of life, symbolized the Holy Spirit of God—the way of life of God and his law—the gift of eternal life. Adam and Eve were created with only mortal, temporary physical life. The other tree, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, symbolized the taking to themselves—IF they disobeyed God in so doing—the knowledge of what is good and what is evil, rejecting the gift of eternal life.

When Adam and Eve chose the forbidden fruit, rejecting God and his government, God drove them out of the garden, and barred the way of entrance, lest humans rejecting God's sovereignty over them go back, take of the tree of life, and receive eternal life IN SIN. This would have brought on all such an eternal life in the indescribable misery and torment of unhappiness, despair in resentment and bitterness, and pain of mental frustration.

God is a God of LOVE—outgoing concern for the GOOD OF MANKIND, created in his image, with the potential of being BORN into the very GOD FAMILY!

God could not allow any such indescribable eternity of anguish

and mental torment to come to the humanity he had created.

Therefore he **BARRED** entrance to the tree of **LIFE**—to an immortality in the supreme torment of eternal anguish and frustration. That is, God put an impassible **WALL** between himself and all humanity—**EXCEPT** those infinitesimally few he would specially call to him—for 6,000 years! Afterward—after Satan is conquered by Christ and those called to be his, and Satan is imprisoned forever—every human who ever lived will be called, mostly in a special postmillennial resurrection, and offered repentance, forgiveness of sin and the gift of **ETERNAL LIFE**!

How **WONDERFUL** are the ways of **Almighty God**!

So God had said to Adam, in effect: “**YOU** have made the decision for yourself and the whole world that shall spring from you. Therefore, go, and devise your own ideas of government, your own religions, form your own gods, produce your own store of knowledge and its dissemination, during the next 6,000 years.”

Mankind was **CUT** off from God, except those predestined to be specially called by God.

Jesus said plainly: “No man **CAN** come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him” (John 6:44). Others who *think* they are “saved in Christ,” accept him **IN VAIN**—in a **FALSE RELIGION** promulgated by Satan! Jesus also said plainly: “... **IN VAIN** do they **WORSHIP** me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men...” (Mark 7:7-8).

Now Prophesied for the U.S.A. and British Peoples

The United States and the British peoples did inherit the **NATIONAL** and **MATERIAL** promises of the birthright promised unconditionally to Abraham. Therefore God has **FULFILLED** his unconditional promise of the birthright to Abraham.

Once fulfilled, in the British and Americans, retention of it by us became **CONDITIONAL** on our performance.

And **WHAT HAVE WE DONE** with all this vast wealth, economic pros-

perity and world power?

We have made physical **SCIENCE** the new messiah—our false god—which boasted we no longer needed to wear the swaddling clothes of superstition, or lean on the crutch of religion. **SCIENCE** promised to deliver us from all our troubles! But it failed utterly, and only produced the weapons of mass destruction that can now erase all humanity from the earth.

Our educational systems worshiped at the shrine of the false god of **EVOLUTION**, making it the foundational approach and basic **CONCEPT** upon which all **KNOWLEDGE** is based! Evolution is the atheist's attempted explanation for the presence of a **CREATION**, without a **CREATOR**!

Our governments have been corrupt. Our business, industrial, economic and commercial systems have been shot through with deception, dishonesty, selfishness.

We have adopted the **WAY OF LIFE** of Satan—utter selfishness, lust and greed, envy and jealousy, competition in every walk of life—business, politics, sports, society—leading to violence and destruction! We have rebelled against the authority of God over us, worshipping the false gods of science, evolution and greed. We have gone the **WAY OF SATAN**! And Satan is the god of this world (II Cor. 4:4).

And now, **FOR OUR OWN GOOD**, an all-wise and all-loving God is about to **PUNISH** our nations, in order finally to bring us to **HIM**!

I will use just one prophecy here. In Leviticus 26:19, God said of **OUR PEOPLE, TODAY**, “And I will break the pride of your power.”

God has given the United States more national **POWER** than any nation ever had! But since Korea the United States has been afraid to use it!

I won't take more space here. This whole story is given in great detail in my book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*.

But already the noose is around our necks, and is almost daily tightening! Economic ills are starting **GREATLY** to reduce our standard of living! I warn you, **PREPARE** greatly to reduce your standard of living! Even **GREATER** punishments are to follow! □

FINAL COUP

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peace will Micah's prophecy be fulfilled: “But they shall sit every man under his [own] vine and under his [own] fig tree; and none shall make them afraid” (verse 4). There will be no more fear of coups and wars, resulting in sudden loss of life and property.

Even in today's world, the nations with the greatest political stability are invariably the most prosperous economies. In Africa, the Ivory Coast, Cameroon and Senegal are three nations that have not experienced a coup—and their prosperity and order are examples to more troubled neighbors.

Coups breed more coups. Violence begets violence. The result is anarchy, chaos—a falling standard of living and increased suffering for all citizens. Far better to “Honor the king [or president],” be loyal and reap the benefits of governmental stability. □

CURB VIOLENCE

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effect relationship in II Timothy 3:1-5.

From the beginning God has revealed the causes of evils and of how we ought to live. He also reveals the good news that Satan is going to be forcibly thrust from his role of god and deceiver of this world. Jesus Christ is coming to restore the government of God over the earth and change human nature.

Meanwhile, in today's world you need spiritual weapons—spiritual help—to counteract the power of Satan. “For the weapons of [a true Christian's] warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds [of Satan's attitudes and temptations]” (II Cor. 10:4).

“Resist the devil, and he will flee from you,” reveals James 4:7. “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour,” says I Peter 5:8.

Are you vigilant? Are you in contact with God for the spiritual help you need? □

SOLUTION

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son of Jesus Christ. (Write for our free booklet *What Is the True Gospel?*)

Jesus' gospel is his message. Jesus Christ, the Messiah, was a messenger. He brought to mankind the "gospel [meaning 'good news'] of the kingdom of God" (Mark 1:14)—a message about a literal, world-ruling government, soon to be established!

The gospel is an announcement—a proclamation that the imperfect, humanly devised governments of this world are to pass into history, to be replaced by the world-ruling perfect government of God.

At the climax of man's rebellion

against God—in the impending period of global chaos and war, "the God of heaven [shall] set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed . . . it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms [this world's present governments], and it shall stand *for ever*" (Daniel 2:44).

This good news is also described in Revelation 11:15: "And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever."

Moreover, Jesus Christ is not going to do this ruling by himself! He is coming to set up a highly organized **WORLD GOVERNMENT**, with many positions of authority—positions which will be filled

by former humans who have qualified for resurrection to eternal life!

The perfect law of God will become the very cornerstone of the kingdom of God (Micah 4:1-2). Satan and his demonic cohorts will be bound and imprisoned, that they "should deceive the nations no more" (Revelation 20:1-3).

Man's very nature will be changed! "And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh," God declares (Ezekiel 11:19).

Man will be given God's Holy Spirit—the power to overcome his nature, and the power to comprehend spiritual knowledge. After about 6,000 years of human history, the way of "GIVE" will at last replace the way of "GET."

Sign of the End

Significantly, one of the major signs cited by Christ himself of the nearness of the end of this present age is that the gospel announcement would be proclaimed worldwide. Notice Matthew 24:14: "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in *all* the world for a witness unto *all* nations; and then shall the end come."

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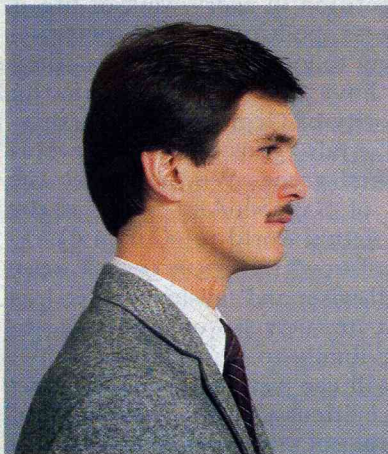
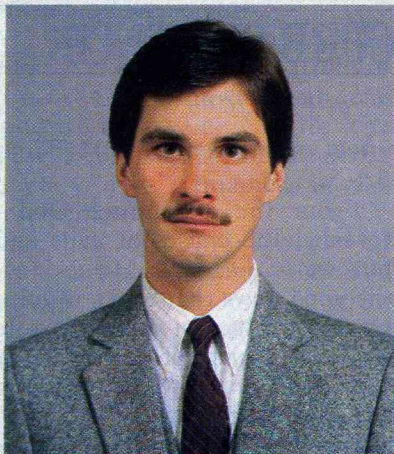
Yes, there *is* a perfect government. It is the government of God!

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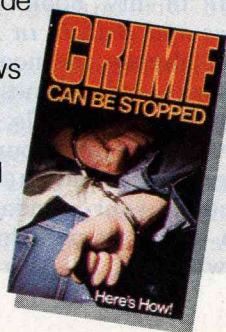
A new age is coming! This "present evil world" (Galatians 1:4) is soon to pass away. In the end, all nations will learn the great lesson that God's government is the only way that will produce the peace and prosperity that all peoples seek! □

The PLAIN TRUTH

Jekyll & Hyde



Crime is everybody's problem today—in more ways than we may think! Who would have believed that the majority of crimes are committed by people considered basically "good"? "Good" people shoplift, embezzle, break traffic laws, beat their children or wives, disrespect the police or commit adultery and then lie to cover it all up. Like fiction's "good" Dr. Jekyll, inside whom evil Mr. Hyde lurked, inside each of us is similar potential. Our free booklet *Crime Can Be Stopped . . . Here's How!* shows the inner cause of crime and how to conquer it—especially how you can stop your own "bad" behavior. For your copy mail the card in this issue to our office nearest you.



A Much Overlooked Way to Assure Peace

by Norman L. Shoaf

Developing good emotional habits can help us to get along with others much better. But how can we form good habits?

IN EVERY area of life, it seems, relationships between people are in serious trouble!

Husbands and wives too often find it difficult to get along together happily. Their marriages disintegrate into continual rounds of arguing, yelling and even physical violence or divorce.

Parents and children seem commonly to lack the skills to interact with each other, and thus generation gaps and juvenile delinquency replace solid families and proper child rearing.

Workers and bosses too often cannot relate amicably, and so companies suffer from petty politics, unhappy working environments and labor unrest and strikes.

And realize this: The problems exist not just on the personal level, but on a global scale. Nations are merely groups of people united together, and so entire nations can't get along with each other either! The result? Today's international strife and misunderstanding that threaten this world with nuclear annihilation!

And yet mankind in the 20th



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century has achieved such astonishing progress in science, technology and industry as to make one's head spin.

Why the paradox? Why is it that people can accomplish such amazing feats with material things, yet can't live at peace with each other?

Emotional Immaturity

A large number of the problems between people today are caused by unchecked emotion, thoughtlessness and misguided feelings—in short, emotional immaturity. But emotional immaturity is often overlooked as the cause of personal problems. People blame all their difficulties on *other* people,

life circumstances or bad luck instead.

Consider: How would you react if your boss berated you for someone else's mistake? Would you explode and give him a piece of your mind? Would you take the criticism, though you didn't deserve it, and resent your boss personally from then on? Would you say nothing at work, but then take out your suppressed anger on your wife when you got home?

Would you wait until you and the boss both calmed down, and then try to find a proper solution to the problem through discussion or other means?

Suppose, if you're a wife, that your husband criticized something about the way you keep your home. Would you become upset and depressed about it? Would you laugh and ignore him, not taking the criticism seriously? Would you cry when you are alone? Would you consider the criticism and ask your husband why he feels that way?

Why do we react to each other the way we do? How many of us have ever stopped to consciously think about *why* we do certain things the way we do?

The answer is that we *don't* think about a lot of the things we do, including many of our emotional responses! Our behavior is a matter of habit—automatic, unthinking patterns of action ingrained in the subconscious parts of our minds. How we react emotionally to various stimuli—whether we retain our composure, laugh, cry, feel sadness or become angry and lash out—is as much a matter of habit as is smoking or lying or cursing or overeating.

Yes, the habit of emotional immaturity, or lack of emotional control, is the cause of much interpersonal woe today.

Emotional Maturity

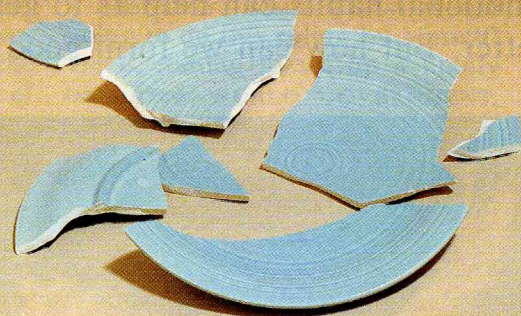
What, exactly, do we mean by the term *emotional maturity*? The subject of emotion is much studied and much talked about but much misunderstood, especially in the Western world, today.

The truth is that few people mature emotionally. Some bottle up all their feelings inside, never displaying any intensity of passion, upset or desire. Others, as the old saying goes, “wear their hearts on their sleeves” and go to pieces or boil over at the slightest provocation. Some can seemingly turn emotions—grief, excitement, anger—on and off like a water faucet.

But where is the balance? What is emotional maturity—what is the proper use of emotions? Psychologists and other authorities needlessly disagree on the subject.

Educator Herbert W. Armstrong writes: “The great tragedy of our generation is that nearly all people mature physically, perhaps half to two thirds mature mentally, but very few ever grow up *emotionally* or *spiritually*. One is not a fully mature man or woman, as God intended, until *emotional* and *spiritual* maturity has been reached!”

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Moods, feelings and desires, says Mr. Armstrong, must be controlled and guided according to the sound reasoning of the mind, instead of impulsively following them without mental direction.

Emotional maturity is exercising proper self-control over the psyche—the element that gives us intellect and free moral agency, as opposed to animals, which function on instinct.

As the Bible says, “He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city” (Prov. 16:32, RAV). This character trait of ruling one’s spirit is the foundation of emotional maturity.

Emotional immaturity is allowing human nature free expression—seeing every circumstance through the eyes of feelings alone—letting emotions and not considered reason dominate the mind.

“Yelling, loud talking, bursts of temper, rudeness—all these are lack of emotional ‘growing up.’ Emotional immaturity is simply letting human nature run sway

without any control from a right-thinking, reasoning mind,” says Mr. Armstrong.

Social psychologist Carol Tarvis, speaking about uncontrolled emotion, says, “An emotion without social rules of containment and expression is like an egg without a shell: a gooey mess.”

Uncontrolled emotion—emotional immaturity—quickly becomes habitual.

Emotions as Habits

A habit is a learned pattern of acting—a way of behaving that has become routine.

The human brain is able to form habits to free itself from having to consciously consider mundane, everyday tasks. We don’t have to think about tying a shoe, walking, chewing. With these details handled by habit, the

brain can devote its attention to the more challenging, unfamiliar and potentially dangerous stimuli from among the thousands that bombard it every day.

The more times we do things or react to things a certain way, the more “worn” the neural circuits and pathways in the brain and nervous system become. This is how habits develop and become deeply rooted.

Thus, if a man reacts in anger every time his wife reminds him of some broken appliance that needs repair, he will develop a habit of snapping at her when she speaks to him. This poor emotional response does not foster a harmonious relationship.

A parent who does everything but stand on his head to stop a child from crying, every time the child cries, is teaching the child to manipulate others by misusing emotions. Or, the child with such a parent may come to believe that any display of emotion is wrong, begin to squelch feelings inside and become a walking time bomb later in life.

It follows, then, that we must develop self-control over our emotions. And we must practice that intelligent self-control until it becomes habit.

Anger, for instance, is one of the strongest emotions, and one of the most dangerous, potentially. How many murders have occurred among family members because anger was not properly controlled?

Today, in light of startling new evidence from psychological studies, a human debate is raging as to whether it is better to deal with anger by simply releasing it or by channeling it in different directions. Let's look at anger as an example of what we mean by emotional maturity.

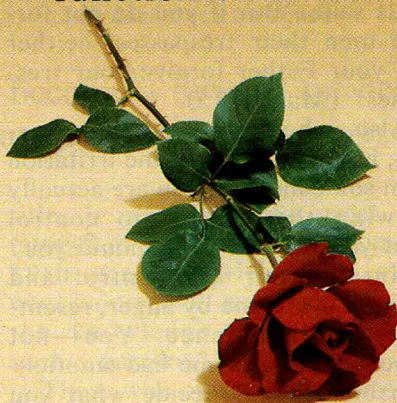
Anger: Vent or Prevent?

The traditional assumption in psychotherapy is that anger should be ventilated; that is, expressed or "let out" to prevent stress and other health problems. The idea is that suppressed hostility is unhealthy and that one may "work off" hostility by hitting, breaking or throwing something.

But new experimental evidence challenges this theory. Social psychologist Carol Tarvis, in her new book *Anger: The Misunderstood Emotion*, asserts that anger released, rather than anger suppressed or dealt with otherwise, causes stress and may well spawn more conflict.

Says Dr. Tarvis: "People who are most prone to give vent to their rage get angrier, not less angry. I observe a lot of hurt feelings among the recipients of rage. And I can plot the stages in a typical 'ventilating' marital argument: precipitating event, angry outburst, shouted recriminations, screaming or crying, the furious peak (sometimes accompanied by physical assault), exhaustion, sullen apology, or just sullenness. The cycle is replayed the next day

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or next week. What in this is 'cathartic' [bringing release from tension]? Screaming? Throwing a pot? Does either action cause the anger to vanish or the angry spouse to feel better? Not that I can see."

Dr. Tarvis goes on to show that anger and stress are not necessarily related—people who deal with anger in more mature ways may well be healthier than those who subscribe to the "let it out" theory.

Reflecting about a situation that makes you angry, deciding on a reasonable, effective, calm response and then executing the response is far more effective and healthy than erupting emotionally, increasing your blood pressure and exacerbating tensions between you and whoever else is involved in the dispute.

Rethinking a provocation and deciding on appropriate, intelligent action is a more mature emotional response.

This conclusion sounds much like the advice offered by the biblical book of Proverbs:

"He who is slow to wrath has great understanding, but he who is impulsive exalts folly" (Prov. 14:29).

"A wrathful man stirs up strife, but he who is slow to anger allays contention" (Prov. 15:18).

"A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger" (verse 1).

The Bible offers much sound advice on building successful human relationships. The book of Proverbs in particular contains much useful information on self-control, much of it dealing with emotional maturity. You might just read through these proverbs sometime. They apply to everyday situations and are easy to understand, especially if you read in a modern translation. You may be surprised at the wisdom you'll find in

them.

Lest anyone get the wrong idea, we must make this statement: We are not saying there is never a time for the proper expression of anger. God created our emotions and all of them have their right uses.

The Bible shows that there is a proper time to show "righteous indignation." Even Jesus himself was angry on occasion, and with good cause.

But the type of anger Jesus expressed—the type we may express—is not selfish, depressing, resentful, hateful or violent toward other human beings. Righteous indignation seeks to teach people how to right wrongs. It feels stabbing sadness at the tragedies sin produces in this world. It is not destructive, but constructive.

Needed: Self-control

If our emotional responses are to function successfully with other people, we need habitually to make mature emotional responses. Good emotional habits can be

formed just as bad emotional habits can, though breaking bad habits after years of practicing them can be difficult. Here are some practical points on forming good emotional habits:

- *Think before you respond.* Consider all the facts. If your child repeatedly asks for instructions about how to perform the same task, will it really help if you fly off the handle, raise your voice, do the job yourself or tell the child he or she is stupid? No.

If the child is sincerely trying to understand, you need to explain the instructions in a different way or determine specifically what your son or daughter doesn't understand, and carefully explain that part. Patience is a virtue.

Psychologist Tarvis explains how bus drivers who are exposed to constant provocations by passengers are helped to deal with the irritations:

"New York City bus drivers . . . may now see a film in which they learn that passengers who have irritating mannerisms may actually have hidden handicaps. Repeated questions ('Driver, is this 83rd Street?') may indicate severe anxiety, which the passenger cannot control; apparent drunkenness may actually be cerebral palsy; mild epileptic seizures can make a passenger seem to be deliberately ignoring a driver's orders. '(The film) makes you feel funny about the way you've treated passengers in the past,' says a bus driver from Queens. 'Before I saw this film, if a passenger rang the bell five times, I'd take him five blocks to get even. Now I'll say, 'Maybe the person is sick.'"

A corollary to this point of thinking before you respond is to make sure you see the situation clearly. You should act on the situation, in other words, and not on what you may incorrectly *think* is the situation.

Perhaps you are waiting for someone to return a call from you, and are growing more upset by the minute because you are sure the person is just ignoring you. Wait a minute! The person may be innocent. Are you sure he got your message and knows you want him to call back?

Work on being less impulsive—don't jump to conclusions. As Proverbs 18:13 says, "He who answers a matter before he hears it, it is folly and shame to him."

- *Be more tolerant of others.* Almost everyone has foibles and flaws—you may have some yourself! Give other people the benefit of the doubt and forgive their failures as long as they are really trying to overcome them.

After all, God will judge you according to how you judge others. Jesus said, "But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" (Matt. 6:15).

Also, when you react in a certain, habitual way to some irritation from someone else, you are actually allowing that person to control what you do. But why should you? Maintain your self-control and don't be overcome by anger, resentment or impatience. You—not someone else or some bad emotional habit—should decide what you are going to do.

- *Ask for help.* When you are trying to develop a good habit, just as when you are trying to break a bad one, the support and encouragement of others can be invaluable. A reassuring word or wink from a mate or friend when you have properly controlled yourself in a certain situation can spur you to greater achievement.

Don't be afraid to ask for help. You are trying to improve yourself, and that's nothing to be ashamed of.

- *Practice the good trait.* Hold your temper, but don't hold any resentment. Laugh when someone tells a good joke, and show proper sympathy when someone suffers a tragedy. As the saying goes, practice makes perfect. Performing the right trait enough times will ingrain it into your character as a good habit.

- *Replace the bad habits with good ones.* For most, developing emotional habits will first require that a lifetime's worth of bad emotional habits be broken. The struggle may be difficult, but it is not impossible to win. The only way to permanently free yourself from a bad habit is to replace it with a good one.

For example, merely gritting your teeth and absorbing provocation after provocation from some inconsiderate person is not going to develop a good emotional habit. You will only build up an inner rage—even hatred—toward the person, and eventually you'll probably do something you'll wish you hadn't, like explode. It's fine to learn to ignore the irritation, but at the same time you should learn to look at the situation differently, or ask the person to reconsider doing whatever he is doing, or avoid similar situations as much as possible in the future.

- *Base your responses on God's way of giving.* In simplest terms, every effect in the world around us—broken families, wars, economic problems, poor labor relations, famine, loneliness—has a cause. Every effect is produced by following one or the other of two basic ways of life: the way of *give* or the way of *get*.

God's way is the way of *giving*—the way of love, helping others, serving, cooperating, thinking as much or more of others than you do of yourself. This is the way that produces every good result man could want. Remember Jesus' words? He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

The way of *get*—the way most people in this world follow—produces strife, unhappiness, conflict, war—and emotional upset! Emotionally immature people have not learned to base their responses on God's way of giving instead of the human, carnal way of getting. They tend to be selfish and view every situation only in terms of their own needs or desires. Emotionally mature people have learned to consider the needs of others and are, in general, more outgoing, secure and broadminded.

Giving, this last key to developing emotional maturity, is the most important and most far-reaching in its ramifications.

The Key: Outgoing Concern

This way of giving must be so strongly ingrained as a general habit that it is our complete motivation in every situation. Giving must be

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The Only Real Recipe for Conquering Uncertainty

by John Ross Schroeder

"Uncertainty" has become a byword for describing our modern age. No other term so accurately sums up the present human condition. Why?

TODAY we live in a confused, *uncertain* and dangerous world." Such were the deeply felt words former British Prime Minister Edward Heath used to depict economic and political trends.

The present Prime Minister, Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, described the aftermath of high-level changes in the Soviet leadership as a "*period of uncertainty*."

In speaking about the possibility of a coming European union, Pope John Paul II said: "If Europe achieves these goals, its future will not be dominated by uncertainty and fear."

Economic Uncertainty

Today economic uncertainty dominates the headlines. *The Financial Times* captioned an editorial concerning sharp fluctuations in the foreign exchange market with "Climate of Uncertainty." Perhaps this more than any other describes today's world wallowing in its economic troubles.

Where is the leader who can tell the world that "the only thing we have to fear is fear itself"?

American economist and former ambassador to India, John Kenneth Galbraith, authored a comprehensive work a few years ago about today's economic impasse. *The Age of Uncertainty* was his well-chosen

title. It contrasted the great certainties of economic thought in the 19th century with "the great uncertainty" of our time, despite the knowledge explosion! Why such a paradox?

Those who must decide seem not to know where to turn. Decisions are difficult at best. Business executives speak of "having to decide with *absolute total uncertainty*." Projected information is often characterized by confusion and conflict. Why have our computers not removed this doubt?

Said one United States senator: "I don't trust any economists today." Not surprisingly, Congress itself is described as "uncertain" as to "whether to step on the gas or the brakes."

Even mathematics has lost its vaunted certainty. Mathematician Morris Kline's most recent book *Mathematics: The Loss of Certainty*, explains how the subject has gone "from precision to doubt" in a century's time.

Numbers, however, are not the only unknowns. *People* are uncertain about the very business of life itself—and with good reason. Shall we survive until the 21st century?

The Uncertainty of Life Itself

Few people in the Western world need to be informed about the shakiness of our very existence. Almost daily the media bring us new evidence of man's insecurity without providing a lasting solution as *The Plain Truth* does.

There is no visible, physical guarantee that the earth will be able to sustain the conditions necessary for organic life. No period of history has produced more uncertainty than this. And uncertainty breeds fear—the wrong kind of fear—the opposite of faith!

Why do we find ourselves faced with such a climate of uncertainty? What is the cause for our plight?

One British television personality wrote: "Systematically, stage by stage, our way of life has been dismantled, our values depreciated, *our certainties undermined*, and our God dethroned . . ." (*Sunday Telegraph*, December 30, 1979).

This man has a gift for getting to the root of a problem. The article continued: "They want to be rich, so they accumulate wealth, which, thanks to inflation, turns out to be useless paper; they want to be secure, so they develop a weapon powerful enough to blow themselves and their earth to smithereens; they want to be carnal, and find themselves stranded in the wasteland of eroticism and porn; they are greedy for knowledge, and in seeking to know everything they find nothing."

Lack of knowledge of and contact with the true God is the basic and fundamental cause of the climate of uncertainty that pervades this world. The apostle Paul wrote of unbalanced intellectuals in every generation as people "who are ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." The

Hebrew prophet Hosea despaired of those who would be “destroyed for lack of knowledge.”

Lack of knowledge of computer technology? Lack of knowledge of modern missile weaponry? By no means! What we mean is the lack of knowing God—the *only absolute certainty* in the universe.

The Ultimate Uncertainty—Human Life Itself!

Nothing is more uncertain than human life. All living things begin to die as soon as they are born. There is no escape.

Throughout history man has been painfully aware of his own mortality. He has sought to escape the certainty of death in a variety of ways. Ponce de Leon searched for the fabled fountain of youth. The Greeks speculated about and the church later perpetuated the philosophical concept of the immortality of the soul—that man’s soul would finally divest itself of its evil body at the moment of death. Recent issues of *The Plain Truth* have shown it to be a fable.

More practical minds have sought to preserve themselves through “immortal” works of art, magnificently constructed edifices bearing their names, or classic books that they authored. The ancient psalmist well expressed this proclivity of man: “Their inner thought is, that their houses are forever, and their dwelling places to all generations; they have called their lands after their own names” (Psalm 49:11, NASB).

None of the trappings of human civilization are truly immortal. The Alexandrian Library of ancient Egypt was burned to the ground. Palestine is the graveyard of several civilizations.

Everything that the eye can see—whether organic or inorganic—is aging or decaying to one degree or the other. There is no arguing with this fact. It is a basic law of the physical universe.

Is each generation born only to die in a never-ceasing stream of time?

The Solution to Uncertainty

The Bible itself affirms the truth about the anxiety and uncertainty of the material world—and at the

same time offers a unique solution. The apostle Paul spoke of a *spiritual solution* made possible from an entirely spiritual source.

Notice an important excerpt from one of his letters to Christians at Corinth: “So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed every day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, because we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen; for the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal” (II Corinthians 4:16-18, RSV).

Permanent spirit life cannot be tested by the five senses of man. It is an ingredient that is totally spiritual—therefore totally real. It is even now available as a germ of immortality while we are still flesh (I Peter 1:3, 23). It is the Holy Spirit of God.

But without the marvelous ingredient of faith, the Holy Spirit cannot be obtained.

The Miracle of Faith

Faith is foundational and fundamental to any real quest for certainty. Faith is the only real recipe for conquering human uncertainty.

But what is faith, anyway? Is it blind confidence? Or is it based on something more substantial? Paul expressed the essence of true faith to Jewish Christians: “Now faith is the substance [assurance or certainty] of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen” (Hebrews 11:1, KJV).

You do not need faith for something you already possess. Faith revolves around something “not seen”—something you do not yet have. The apostle Paul elucidated this point in an earlier letter to Christians at Rome: “For we are saved by hope; but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that [which] we see not, then do we with patience wait for it” (Romans 8:24).

The apostle to the Gentiles was himself an example of this living faith. As a prisoner, Paul boarded a sailing ship bound for Italy. He warned the captain in advance that

the cargo and the passengers would be in dire jeopardy should they undertake the voyage. But his warning went unheeded and not long afterward, three days of the worst type of stormy weather took away all hope that any aboard would survive.

Although all the physical evidence—what they could see (the swirling tempest surrounding them)—indicated the contrary, Paul stood up and said, “. . . There shall be no loss of any man’s life among you. . . . For there stood by me this night the angel of God . . . saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee. Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me” (Acts 27:22-25).

Paul had an unquestioning conviction that God would indeed do what he had promised. He was *certain* of God’s promises. His was the kind of faith that sweeps away all uncertainty.

But this one incident of faith only resulted in a temporary saving of human life aboard a ship in terrible danger. More importantly, Jesus Christ explained—as we have seen Peter also did—that real faith can cause the seeds of permanent spirit life to be sown in the flesh in the here and now. He said, “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears my word and believes him [God the Father] who sent me, has eternal life; he does not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life” (John 5:24, RSV).

Unless and until this new beginning happens to you personally, you have no certainty of future life. But it can happen to you! Find out the whys and wherefores by requesting the booklets and reprint articles recommended below.

Recommended Reading

Those interested in pursuing a further study of the aspects of faith and immortality may write for two free brochures:

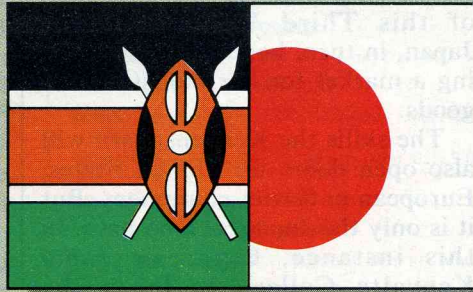
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KENYA & JAPAN



Setting an Example for International Cooperation

NAIROBI, Kenya — “Give a man a fish, and you’ve fed him for a day,” reads the old proverb, “but *teach* a man how to *catch* fish, and you’ve fed him for a lifetime.”

How often is this proverb the policy in the foreign aid of major nations?

But 40 kilometers north of the capital city here stands a remarkable example of positive international cooperation: the Jomo Kenyatta College of Agriculture and Technology.

Building a Foundation

The college, first opened to students in May 1981, embodies the vision and drive of Kenya’s leadership and people. It is a unique success story.

Before examining the story of this unusual institution, however, consider first recent Kenya history.

Virtually alone as a beacon of prosperity amidst economic continental turmoil, Kenya has steadily built up its national economy and general public welfare since gaining independence nearly 20 years ago.

No mean feat, considering that

nearly two thirds of Kenya is arid desert.

A land of geological contrast, Kenya holds 17 million people in 224,960 square miles—with mountains topping 17,000 feet, glaciers, desert and grasslands—a formidable piece of geography that would challenge any developer!

Yet, through the dynamic leadership of the late President Jomo Kenyatta and his successors, Kenya has blazed a remarkable path of economic development. President Kenyatta instituted an unusual national policy: *harambee* (in Swahili), or, in English, “working together.”

Kenya has continued to enjoy solid leadership under President Daniel Arap Moi, who succeeded President Kenyatta after the latter’s death in 1978.

As the late president’s policy was based on *harambee*, President Moi’s policy embodies *nyayo*, or, in English, “following in his footsteps.” Other reasons for growth include the government’s and people’s willingness to work toward economic growth and stability and the proper use of economic assistance from without Kenya’s national borders.

This outside positive assistance accounts for the remarkable story of the Jomo Kenyatta College.

Vision

In an industrialized world, every country must have technological know-how. Further, agriculture must be adequately developed first to properly feed the people. The late President Kenyatta understood this.

He also understood that his people must be properly educated in order to develop his country. So his vision included a school that would ground Kenyans in the elements needed to develop this African nation.

The late president first spoke of his country’s plans in a 1975 meeting with *Plain Truth* editor in chief Herbert W. Armstrong in Nairobi.

President Kenyatta first envisioned a “self-help” school that would offer seminars to Kenya’s farmers and technicians. Mr. Armstrong, himself president of Ambassador College with its two campuses, grasped the idea of this pump-priming philosophy, and committed some assistance through the Ambassador Foundation—an international humanitarian organization affiliated with *The Plain Truth*.

Kenya needed a full academic program to completely train its people in agriculture and technolo-

gy. But the money and materials to develop such a program were simply not available—hence, President Kenyatta's decision to limit the school's scope.

Through a working relationship with the Foundation, friends in the Japanese government saw Kenya's need and responded in a remarkably positive way.

The Japanese stepped in and offered no less than US\$25 million in aid as an example of the "give" way of life.

Results of Positive International Cooperation

The result?

On 500 acres donated by the late president now stands a full college, offering degrees in agriculture, engineering and technology. More than 80 qualified instructors from

Kenya, Japan, Lebanon, Hungary, the United States and other countries comprise the faculty.

The technology taught utilizes Japanese equipment. In exchange for helping improve the education of this Third World country, Japan, in turn, benefits by developing a market for her industrialized goods.

The skills the Kenyans learn will also open doors for United States, European or Soviet equipment. But it is only the Japanese who have, in this instance, begun at Jomo Kenyatta College to teach the Kenyans how to improve "fishing" in the areas of agriculture and technology.

The Plain Truth lauds this effort. May other countries *nyayo* the policy of *harambee* developed between Kenya and Japan. □

Assure Peace

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our central focus—it must, if you will, be our character. Giving in terms of emotion and every other area of life is a habit that must be learned.

Right character is, for those who understand, God's character, and it is what mankind was actually created to develop. Developing perfect character, including complete emotional maturity, ultimately requires living God's way, the way the Bible teaches, perfectly.

Living that way requires having God's Holy Spirit, which II Timothy 1:7 tells us is not "a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."

God's Spirit, imparted to our minds, implants within us God's own mind and character. We change, through a process called conversion, from the selfish way of human nature, rejecting immature, carnal patterns of action, and begin to think the way God thinks, judge situations the way God judges them, act the way God acts. We practice God's way until it becomes our own nature—our constant habit.

It is the absence of God's Spirit and the giving way of life from the world in general that has caused every bad effect we see around us!

Think what a different world it could be! A world in contact with God, a world at peace—everyone happily cooperating with each other, under God's direction, to achieve ever greater progress and accomplishments. A world that knows no war, no violence, no broken homes, no mental illness, no emotional immaturity. A world built on solid families, love for fellowman and people getting along well with each other all the time.

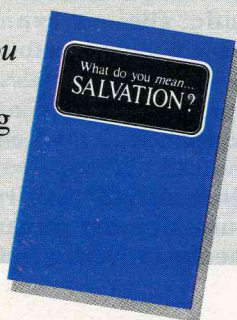
The beginning of that world—the wonderful world tomorrow—is imminent. That is the message this magazine proclaims. We all need to be preparing ourselves for that coming world, and we can look forward to it with joy and excited anticipation. □

If "The Wages of Sin Is Death" and "All Have Sinned..."

ROMANS 6:23

ROMANS 3:23

Then all human beings—you included—have earned the death penalty for sin. The Bible also reveals that the word *death* means exactly that—complete cessation of life, not eternal existence in heaven or hell or purgatory. The most important question in your life is how to be saved from that death penalty you have incurred! What, then, is salvation? Is it a place? A condition? A reward? When do you receive it? Our free booklet *What Do You Mean . . . Salvation?* makes the truth clear. You may have a copy by mailing the card to our office nearest you.



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RADIO LOG

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U.S.

ALABAMA

WERC, Birmingham — 960, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Sat.; 7:00 a.m., Sun.
WMGY, Montgomery — 800, 6:30 a.m., Mon.-Sat.; 9:30 a.m., Sun.

ALASKA

KBYR, Anchorage — 700, 5:30 a.m., Mon.-Sat.; 8:30 a.m., Sun.
KCBF, Fairbanks — 820, 10:30 p.m., Sun.-Sat.

CALIFORNIA

KGRB, City of Industry — 900, 12:00 noon, Mon.-Sat.; 9:00 a.m., Sun.
KBOB-FM, City of Industry — 98.3, 12:00 noon, Mon.-Sat.; 9:00 a.m., Sun.
KMJ, Fresno — 580, 10:30 p.m., Mon.-Sat.; 6:30 a.m., Sun.
KIEV, Glendale — 870, 11:00 a.m., Mon.-Fri.; 11:30 a.m., Sun.
KRAK, Sacramento — 1140, 10:15 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 8:30 a.m., Sun.
KOGO, San Diego — 600, 5:00 a.m., Mon.-Sat.; 6:30 a.m., Sun.

COLORADO

KQXI, Arvada — 1550, 3:45 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 11:30 a.m., Sun.
KLZ, Denver — 560, 11:30 p.m., Sun.-Sat.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WRC, Washington — 980, 6:30 a.m., Sun.

FLORIDA

WCGL, Jacksonville — 1360, 8:00 a.m., Mon.-Fri.; 6:30 a.m., Sun.
WGBS, Miami — 710, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Sat.; 7:00 a.m., Sun.
WINZ, Miami — 940, 12:05 a.m., Mon.-Sat.; 8:30 a.m., Sun.
WVCF, Orlando — 1480, 8:00 a.m., Mon.-Fri.; 7:30 a.m., Sat.; 10:30 a.m., Sun.
WPLP, Seminole — 570, 5:30 a.m., Mon.-Sat.; 11:30 p.m., Sun.

GEORGIA

WPLO, Atlanta — 590, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Sat.; 8:30 a.m., Sun.
WSB, Atlanta — 750, 10:30 p.m., Sun.

ILLINOIS

WGN, Chicago — 720, 6:30 a.m., Sun.
WMAQ, Chicago — 670, 4:30 a.m., Mon.-Sat.; 6:30 a.m., 10:00 p.m., Sun.
WXCL, Peoria — 1350, 12:05 a.m., Mon.-Sat.; 9:30 a.m., Sun.

INDIANA

WOWO, Ft. Wayne — 1190, 11:15 p.m., Mon.-Sat.; 7:00 a.m., Sun.
WSBT, South Bend — 960, 11:15 p.m., Mon.-Sat.; 7:30 a.m., Sun.

IOWA

KIOA, Des Moines — 940, 5:00 a.m., Mon.-Sat.; 7:30 a.m., Sun.
KXEL, Waterloo — 1540, 10:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 10:30 a.m., Sun.

KANSAS

KGGF, Coffeyville — 690, 6:00 p.m., Sun.-Sat.

KENTUCKY

WTKC, Lexington — 1300, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Sat.; 6:30 a.m., Sun.
WCII, Louisville — 1080, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Sat.; 9:00 a.m., Sun.
WKJJ-FM, Louisville — 99.7, 8:00 a.m., Sun.

LOUISIANA

WJBO, Baton Rouge — 1150, 10:30 p.m., Mon.-Sat.; 8:00 a.m., Sun.
KWKH, Shreveport — 1130, 9:30 p.m., Sun.

MASSACHUSETTS

WMRE, Boston — 1510, 5:00 a.m., Mon.-Fri.; 5:30 a.m., Sat.; 8:30 a.m., Sun.

MICHIGAN

WLQV, Detroit — 1500, 12:30 p.m., Mon.-Sat.; 8:30 a.m., Sun.

MINNESOTA

WDGY, Minneapolis — 1130, 7:30 a.m., Sun.
KTCR, Minneapolis — 690, 12:00 noon, Mon.-Fri.
KROC, Rochester — 1340, 10:30 p.m., Mon.-Sat.; 9:30 a.m., Sun.

MISSOURI

KMBZ, Kansas City — 980, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Sat.; 8:00 a.m., Sun.

NEW MEXICO

KOB, Albuquerque — 770, 7:00 a.m., Sun.
KRZY, Albuquerque — 1450, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Sat.; 10:30 p.m., Sun.
KBCQ, Roswell — 1020, 7:30 p.m., Mon.-Sat.; 7:30 a.m., Sun.

NEW YORK

WBEN, Buffalo — 930, 8:30 a.m., Sun.; 11:30 p.m., Sun.-Thur.
WMCA, New York — 570, 10:30 p.m., Sun.-Sat.
WOR, New York — 710, 11:30 p.m., Sun.-Sat.; 6:30 a.m., Sun.
WHAM, Rochester — 1180, 11:00 p.m., Sun.-Fri.
WGY, Schenectady — 810, 10:30 p.m., Sun.
WEZG, Syracuse — 1220, 7:00 a.m., Mon.-Sat.; 8:30 a.m., Sun.

NORTH CAROLINA

WAZZ-FM, New Bern — 101.9, 5:30 a.m., Mon.-Sat.; 8:30 a.m., Sun.

OHIO

WSLR, Akron — 1350, 9:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 9:00 p.m., Sun.
WCKY, Cincinnati — 1530, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Sat.; 7:30 a.m., Sun.
WBBG, Cleveland — 1260, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 9:30 a.m., Sun.
WMNI, Columbus — 920, 5:00 a.m., Mon.-Sat.; 8:00 a.m., Sun.
WONE, Dayton — 980, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Sun.

OKLAHOMA

KVOO, Tulsa — 1170, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 10:30 a.m., Sun.

OREGON

KWJJ, Portland — 1080, 10:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 7:30 a.m., Sun.

PENNSYLVANIA

WHP, Harrisburg — 580, 7:30 p.m., Sun.-Sat.
WUSL-FM, Philadelphia — 98.9, 7:00 a.m., Sun.
KQV, Pittsburgh — 1410, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Sat.; 7:00 a.m., Sun.

SOUTH DAKOTA

WNAX, Yankton — 570, 7:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 11:00 a.m., Sun.

TENNESSEE

WREC, Memphis — 600, 4:30 a.m., Mon.-Sat.; 6:00 a.m., Sun.
WLAC, Nashville — 1510, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Sat.; 7:30 p.m., Sun.
WETQ-FM, Oak Ridge — 94.3, 6:00 a.m., Mon.-Sat.; 9:00 a.m., Sun.

TEXAS

KRLD, Dallas — 1080, 11:30 p.m., Sun.
KPRC, Houston — 950, 10:30 p.m., Mon.-Sat.; 10:05 p.m., Sun.
WOAI, San Antonio — 1200, 10:15 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 10:30 p.m., Sat.; 10:00 a.m., Sun.

UTAH

KSL, Salt Lake City — 1160, 12:06 a.m., Tue.-Sat.; 5:30 a.m., Sun.

VERMONT

WSKI, Montpelier — 1240, 6:00 p.m., Mon.-Sat.; 7:00 a.m., Sun.

VIRGINIA

WNIS, Norfolk — 1350, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Sat.; 10:00 a.m., Sun.
WRVA, Richmond — 1140, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Sun.
WFIR, Roanoke — 960, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 7:30 a.m., Sun.

WASHINGTON

KEZX-FM, Seattle — 98.9, 12:00 midnight, Mon.-Sat.; 8:00 a.m., Sun.
KXLY, Spokane — 920, 7:30 a.m., Sun.
KXLY-FM, Spokane — 99.9, 7:30 a.m., Sun.

WEST VIRGINIA

WWVA, Wheeling — 1170, 5:30 a.m., Mon.-Sat.; 10:30 a.m., Sun.

WISCONSIN

WOKY, Milwaukee — 920, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Sat.; 7:00 a.m., Sun.

WYOMING

KYCN, Wheatland — 1340, 9:30 a.m., Sun.

CANADA

YUKON

CKRW, Whitehorse — 610, 6:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 8:00 a.m., Sun.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

CFLD, Burns Lake — 1400, 6:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
CFWB, Campbell River — 1490, 9:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
CKQR, Castlegar — 1230, 10:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
CHNL — 1, Clearwater — 1400, 10:30 p.m., Sun.
CFCP, Courtenay — 1440, 9:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
CKEK, Cranbrook — 570, 7:05 a.m., Sun.
CFKC, Creston — 1340, 9:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
CJDC, Dawson Creek — 1350, 8:00 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
CKAY, Duncan — 1500, 8:00 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 8:30 a.m., Sun.
CFEK, Fernie — 1240, 7:05 a.m., Sun.
CFNL, Fort Nelson — 590, 5:30 a.m., Mon.-Sat.
CKNL, Fort St. John — 560, 5:30 a.m., Mon.-Sat.
CKGR, Golden — 1400, 9:00 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
CKGF, Grand Forks — 1340, 6:30 p.m., Mon.-Sat.; 6:00 p.m., Sun.
CHLD, Granisle — 1480, 6:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
CKBV, Hazelton — 1490, 6:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

CHBV, Houston — 1450, 6:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CHNL, Kamloops — 610, 10:30 p.m., Sun.
 CKTK, Kitimat — 1230, 10:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CKMK, Mackenzie — 1240, 6:00 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CJNL, Merritt — 1230, 10:30 p.m., Sun.
 CKEG, Nanaimo — 1350, 11:05 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CKKC, Nelson — 1390, 9:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CKSP, Oliver-Summerland — 1450, 9:30 p.m., Sun.-Thurs.
 CKOO, Osoyoos — 1240, 9:30 p.m., Sun-Thur.
 CKOK, Penticton — 800, 9:30 p.m., Sun.-Thur.
 CJAV, Port Alberni — 1240, 10:05 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CFNI, Port Hardy — 1240, 9:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CHQB, Powell River — 1280, 9:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CIOI-FM, Prince George — 101.3, 10:05 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CHTK, Prince Rupert — 560, 10:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CINL, Princeton — 1400, 10:30 p.m., Sun.
 CKCR, Revelstoke — 1340, 9:00 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CKXR, Salmon Arm — 580, 9:00 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CFBV, Smithers — 1230, 6:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CISQ-FM, Squamish — 104.9, 10:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 9:30 p.m., Sun.
 CFTK, Terrace — 590, 10:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CJAT, Trail — 610, 8:30 p.m., Sun.
 CJOR, Vancouver — 600, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CKO-FM, Vancouver — 96.1, 8:00 p.m., Sun.-Fri.
 CJVI, Victoria — 900, 9:30 p.m., Sun.-Fri.

ALBERTA

CILW, Bonnyville — 1310, 10:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CKO-FM, Calgary — 103.1, 9:30 p.m., Sun.-Fri.
 CFCW, Camrose — 790, 10:00 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CFRN, Edmonton — 1260, 5:00 a.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CHED, Edmonton — 630, 6:30 a.m., Sun.
 CKO-FM, Edmonton — 101.9, 9:30 p.m., Sun.-Fri.
 CJYR, Edson — 970, 7:00 a.m., Sun.
 CJOK, Fort McMurray — 1230, 10:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CKYR-1, Grande Cache — 1230, 7:00 a.m., Sun.
 CJXX, Grande Prairie — 1430, 11:00 p.m., Sun.-Thur.
 CIYR, Hinton — 1230, 7:00 a.m., Sun.
 CKYR, Jasper — 1450, 7:00 a.m., Sun.
 CKSA, Lloydminster — 1080, 10:30 p.m., Sun.-Thurs.
 CHEC, Lethbridge — 1090, 5:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CHAT, Medicine Hat — 1270, 8:00 p.m., Sun.
 CKYL, Peace River — 610, 6:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CHLW, St. Paul — 1310, 10:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CFOK, Westlock — 1370, 10:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CFYR, Whitecourt — 1400, 7:00 a.m., Sun.

SASKATCHEWAN

CJSL, Estevan — 1280, 6:00 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CJVR, Melfort — 1420, 8:00 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CKSA, Lloydminster — 1080, 10:30 p.m., Sun.-Thur.
 CUNB, North Battleford — 1050, 7:30 p.m., Mon.-Sat.; 7:00 a.m., Sun.
 CKBI, Prince Albert — 900, 7:15 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 11:00 a.m., Sun.
 CJME, Regina — 1300, 9:15 a.m., Sun.
 CFQC, Saskatoon 600, 8:00 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CJWW, Saskatoon — 1370, 10:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CJGL-FM, Swift Current — 94.1, 8:00 p.m., Sun.-Thurs.
 CFSL, Weyburn — 1190, 9:00 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

MANITOBA

CKDM, Dauphin — 730, 6:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CFAR, Flin Flon — 590, 6:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CJAR, The Pas — 1240, 6:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CHTM, Thompson — 610, 10:00 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CKJS, Winnipeg — 810, 12:05 noon, Mon.-Fri.

ONTARIO

CJNR, Blind River — 730, 10:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CKPC, Brantford — 1380, 6:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CJSS, Cornwall — 1220, 10:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CKNR, Elliott Lake — 1340, 10:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

CKNS, Espanola — 930, 10:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CJOY, Guelph — 1460, 7:30 p.m., Sun.
 CKOK, Hamilton — 1150, 6:00 a.m., Sun.
 CKAP, Kapuskasing — 580, 6:00 p.m., Mon.-Sat.; 9:30 a.m., Sun.
 CFMK-FM, Kingston — 96.3, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CJKL, Kirkland Lake — 560, 10:00 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CKLY, Lindsay — 910, 9:00 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 7:00 a.m., Sun.
 CKO-FM, London — 97.5, 9:30 p.m., Sun.-Fri.
 CJTT, New Liskeard — 1230, 6:00 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CJRC, Ottawa (French) — 1150, 7:15 a.m., Sun.
 CKO-FM, Ottawa — 106.9, 9:30 p.m., Sun.-Fri.
 CHRO, Pembroke — 1350, 6:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CFMP-FM, Peterborough — 101.5, 10:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CHOK, Sarnia — 1070, 7:00 a.m., Sun.
 CJQM-FM, Sault Ste. Marie — 104.3, 10:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CKCY, Sault Ste. Marie — 920, 10:30 p.m., Sun.
 CJQR-FM, St. Catharines — 97.7, 10:00 a.m., Sun.
 CJRN, St. Catharines-Niagara — 710, 11:15 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 7:30 a.m., Sun.
 CJMX-FM, Sudbury — 105.3, 7:30 a.m., Sun.
 CJSD-FM, Thunder Bay — 94.3, 8:00 a.m., Sun.
 CKO-FM, Toronto — 99.1, 9:30 p.m., Sun.-Fri.
 CFCM, Toronto-Richmond Hill — 1320, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CKJY-FM, Windsor — 93.9, 8:00 a.m., Sun.
 CKLW-FM, Windsor — 93.9, 8:00 a.m., Sun.

QUEBEC

CKO, Montreal — 1470, 9:30 p.m., Sun.-Fri.
 CFMB, Montreal (French) — 1410, 5:00 p.m., Sun.
 CFMB, Montreal — 1410, 6:30 a.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CHNC, New Carlisle — 610, 6:45 p.m., Tues. and Thurs.; 7:45 a.m., Sun.
 CJRP, Quebec City (French) — 1060, 7:15 a.m., Sun.
 CJRS, Sherbrooke (French) — 1510, 6:52 a.m., Sun.
 CJSA, Ste. Agathe Des Monts (French) — 1230, 8:45 a.m., Sun.
 CJER, St. Jerome (French) — 900, 8:45 a.m., Sun.
 CKSJ, St. Jovite (French) — 1400, 8:45 a.m., Sun.
 CKLD, Thetford Mines (French) — 1330, 8:15 a.m., Sun.
 CHLN, Trois Rivières (French) — 550, 7:00 a.m., Sun.

ATLANTIC CANADA

CKDH, Amherst, N.S. — 900, 10:05 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CJFX, Antigonish, N.S. — 580, 10:05 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CKBC, Bathurst, N.B. — 1360, 8:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CJVA, Caraquet (French), N.B. — 810, 10:15 a.m., Sunday
 CIYQ, Central Nfld. — 680, 10:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CHTN, Charlottetown — 1190, 10:00 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CFLC-FM, Churchill Falls, Lab. — 97.9, 6:00 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CFCB, Cornerbrook, Nfld. — 570, 6:00 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CFDL-FM, Deer Lake, Nfld. — 97.9, 6:00 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CJEM, Edmundston — 570, 8:35 a.m., Sun.
 CFNB, Fredericton, N.B. — 550, 11:00 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CFYQ, Gander, Nfld. — 1350, 10:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CKGA, Gander, Nfld. — 730, 10:30 a.m., Sun.
 CKCM, Grand Falls, Nfld. — 620, 10:30 a.m., Sun.
 CKMV, Grand Falls — 8:35 a.m., Sun.
 CHFX-FM, Halifax, N.S. — 101.9, 9:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CHNS, Halifax, N.S. — 960, 7:30 a.m., Sun.

CFLN, Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Lab. — 1230, 6:00 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CHCM, Marystown, Nfld. — 560, 8:30 a.m., Sun.
 CKCW, Moncton, N.B. — 1220, 10:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CKEC, New Glasgow, N.S. — 1320, 10:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CFNW, Port au Choix, Nfld. — 790, 6:00 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CFCN, Port aux Basques, Nfld. — 1230, 6:00 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CKYQ, Southern Nfld. — 610, 10:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CFCV-FM, St. Andrews — 97.9, 6:00 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CFNN-FM, St. Anthony, Nfld. — 97.9, 6:00 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 VOCM, St. John's, Nfld. — 590, 9:00 a.m., Sun.
 CJYQ, St. John's, Nfld. — 930, 6:05 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CFSX, Stephenville, Nfld. — 910, 6:00 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CHER, Sydney, N.S. — 950, 10:30 p.m., Sun.-Thurs.
 CHYQ, Trinity Bay-Bonavista Bay, Nfld. — 670, 10:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CKCL, Truro, N.S. — 600, 10:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CFLW, Wabush, Lab. — 1340, 6:00 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 CJCJ, Woodstock — 920, 7:00 p.m., Mon.-Sat.; 5:00 p.m., Sun.
 CJLS, Yarmouth, N.S. — 1340, 10:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

AUSTRALIA

VICTORIA

3GL, Geelong — 1341, 8:30 p.m., Sun.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

6MD, Merredin — 1098, 5:30 a.m., Mon.-Fri.

OTHER INTERNATIONAL AREAS

NEW ZEALAND

1XP, Radio Pacific — 1593, 7:00 p.m., Sun.
 1XX, Radio Bay of Plenty — 1242, 7:00 p.m., Sun.
 2XS, Radio Manawatu — 828, 7:00 p.m., Sun.
 4XF, Radio Foreaux — 1224, 7:00 p.m., Sun.
 Hong Kong Radio, Kowloon — 1044, 6:30 a.m., 12:00 a.m., Sat.
 A3Z, Tonga Radio, (Eng) Nuku'alofa — 1020, 6:30 p.m., Sun.
 Radio Luxembourg, (Fr) Luxembourg — 5:15 a.m., Mon., 5:00 a.m. Tue., Thur.
 ZFB-1, (Eng) Hamilton, Bermuda — 960, 1:40 p.m., Mon.-Sun.
 ZNS-3, (Eng) Freeport, Bahamas — 6:00 a.m. Mon.-Fri.; 9:00 a.m., Sun.
 Radio Turks & Caicos, (Eng) Turks & Caicos — 7:00 p.m., Mon., Tue., Wed.; 7:30 p.m., Fri.; 10:30 a.m., Sun.
 RJR-FM, Jamaica — 92.5, 8:00 p.m., Tue., Thur.; 9:30 p.m., Sun.
 RJR-AM, Jamaica — 4:30 a.m., Thur., Sat.
 MBC Radio Haiti — 10:30 a.m., Sun.
 4VCM-4VGM-4VBM, (Fr) Haiti — 10:15 a.m., Sun.
 WOSO, (Eng) San Juan, Puerto Rico — 1030, 7:30 a.m., Sun.
 ZDK, Grenville Radio, (Eng) St. John's, Antigua — 10:00 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 Radio Caraibes, (Fr) Guadeloupe & Martinique — 5:30 a.m., Mon.-Fri.
 Radio Caribbean, (Eng), St. Lucia — 3:00 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
 Rediffusion, (Eng) Bridgetown, Barbados — 10:30 a.m., Mon.-Fri., 9:30 a.m., Sun.
 Radio Antilles, (Eng) Montserrat, Eastern Caribbean — 930, 7:30 p.m., Mon.-Sat.; 7:00 a.m., Sun.
 Radio Antilles, (Fr) Montserrat, Antilles — 1450, 740, 6:00 a.m., Mon., Thur., Sat.
 NBS, Trinidad — 610, 10:30 p.m., Sun.-Fri.
 GBS, (Eng) Georgetown, Guyana — 1:00 p.m., Mon., Wed., Fri.
 Radio Ceylon — 7190, 9720, 15425, 9:00 p.m., Sun., Tue., Thur., Sat.
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CZECHOSLOVAKIA

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Czechs of Bohemia and Moravia, and the Slovaks of Slovakia, combined to form the new state.

Fifteen years later Adolph Hitler came to power in Germany. Within five years, the Fuehrer had consolidated his position and built the defeated Germany back into a formidable military power.

Then he began his quest for Lebensraum—"living space"—for the Third Reich.

The lands confiscated from Germany after World War I, and other areas of the Continent that had sizable German populations, were his first territorial goals. High on the list of priorities was the "dagger aimed at the heart of Germany."

In 1938, Hitler insisted that the Sudetenland of Western Czechoslovakia, with its three million German-speaking people, should be allowed to become part of the Third Reich. The Czech government resisted, which led to confrontation and retaliation against the Sudetenlanders. Czechoslovaks knew that to let Hitler have his way meant the eventual dismemberment of their nation. However, Czechoslovakia's Western allies, Britain and France, anxious to avoid another war, yielded to Hitler's demands in a final gesture of appeasement. The Czechoslovaks—and the world—soon found out what giving Hitler his way would mean. The Munich agreement of September 29, 1938, resulted in the Sudetenland passing to Hitler's Germany. The Czech government had no say in the matter, and were compelled to acquiesce. Less than half a year later, the dismemberment of the remainder of Czechoslovakia took place.

The Nazis occupied Bohemia and Moravia while Slovak fascist sympathizers set up their own

puppet state in what was left of the country. Czechoslovakia, after less than a quarter of a century of nationhood, was ripped asunder.

No area of Europe escaped unscathed from World War II, but the conflict in Eastern Europe was waged with exceptional savagery. Armies on both sides fought relentlessly—giving and asking no quarter. Soldiers and civilians alike were victims of atrocities rarely paralleled in the history of war. It is important to understand this if we are to comprehend the frame of mind of Czechoslovaks and other Eastern Europeans today. That ter-

assassinated Hitler's personally appointed Reich protector, Reinhard Heydrich. The Nazis took ruthless revenge. On one morning in June 1942, the inhabitants of Lidice woke to find themselves surrounded by Stormtroopers. The entire adult male population was shot, and the women were sent to the concentration camp at Ravensbrück, where many of them died of starvation, disease and exhaustion. The children were sent to live with German families. And then, Lidice was burned and bulldozed to the ground, and the ruined site was plowed over.

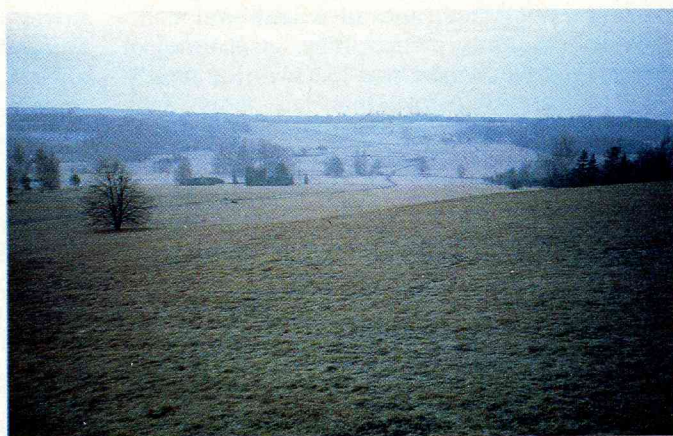
When the women who had survived Ravensbrück returned after the war, they found only a field of corn where their little village had once stood. After the war, a new town was built a few hundred yards away. The field that was old Lidice is now a national monument.

A Czechoslovak who lived in a town near Lidice during the war took me to the site. "I remember that time well," he said. "While they were searching for Heydrich's assassins, the Nazis thought they had found some incriminating evidence in our town. I awoke one morning to find soldiers in my bedroom, and my mother being held at gun point. Fortunately the searchers

found nothing, but I still remember what the officer said to my mother: 'I am glad that we don't have to do to you what we have done to Lidice.' No, I'll never forget that time."

Many older generation Czechs and Slovaks could tell similar, frightening stories.

Czechoslovakia was liberated from the Nazis in 1945 by the Soviet Army, and the Republic was reestablished. The geopolitical facts of life, consequent to the Yalta Conference, determined that within three years Czechoslovakia would become a socialist state within the Warsaw Pact.



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rible time still looms large in their memory. Losses were measured by the millions—the Soviet Union alone lost more than 20 million of her people. Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia suffered proportionally devastating casualties. Most were slain not in battle, but in the brutality that accompanied the Nazi occupation. Few families escaped the loss of relatives and friends. Many names still strike fear and anger in Czech hearts, names like Treblinka, Auschwitz... and Lidice. Lidice is—or was—a small village 20 kilometers west of Prague.

In May 1942, Czech partisans

And so it remains to this day.

A Cultural, Peaceful People

Czechoslovaks have always preferred to live in peace than die as heroes. Those that they truly admire tend to be men who stand for culture and freedom.

The Czechs are proud of their nation's heritage. Millions of tourists visit each year from all over the world. Western visitors are made welcome, and once they have completed the necessary (and seemingly interminable) entry formalities, are free to go anywhere. Prague is still one of the great cultural cities of the world. Many of the historic buildings are being cleaned and restored. The city that Mozart loved still has much to offer music lovers. Places of entertainment abound from classical concerts to modern rock. There is also a wide variety of films and plays from all over the world—not just from the European bloc. In late December *The Poseidon Adventure* was playing at the Jalta Theater, *Macbeth* was on stage at the Smetana, and *Hello Dolly* was also in town.

On the somewhat touchy subject of religion, the Czechs are also realistic. The constitution guarantees freedom of religious belief to every citizen, although it is no secret that the communist government does not encourage it. As in many other countries in the world, what the constitution says and what the government of the day *allows* may be two different matters.

Church attendance in Czechoslovakia is not nearly as high as in neighboring Poland, but considerably higher than in many Western "Christian" countries. The party and the church regard each other with guarded respect. Smaller denominations can also function.

Contrary to popular belief in the West, there is no restriction on individuals owning a Bible.

This then is Czechoslovakia—a little nation locked by geography and history in the heart of Europe. It is not a paradise, but neither should it be thought of as grim, gray and miserable.

"True Heart of Czechoslovakia"

Throughout their history, Czechs and Slovaks have been dominated

by their more powerful neighbors—forced by political or military circumstances to be on one side or the other.

Like people everywhere, the Czechoslovaks yearn for security, peace, freedom from fear—and a chance to be themselves. They tend to be idealists with a strong sense of justice. The reform movements that rocked the established church in the Middle Ages had their roots in the Hussite revolutionaries in 15th-century Prague. After Jan Hus was martyred in 1415, some of his followers set up a government based on their notions of the kingdom of God, at Tabor, in Southern Bohemia. Private ownership was abolished, and all wealth was communally owned. The basic tenet of government was to "love thy neigh-

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bor as thyself.” It didn't last long. Military opportunists moved in and mobilized the town's resources for war. Those who remained faithful to the original concept were denounced as heretics and burned at the stake.

Men, however well intentioned, cannot bring about the kingdom of God by their own efforts. That kingdom will come—but not until this world has proved that it does not know the way to lasting peace and prosperity.

The Czechs have lived in precarious peace for most of the years since the Second World War ended. Whatever changes they may want, they will not risk losing all

that has been achieved. The average Czechoslovak is a family man, who wants to be allowed to live in peace, to earn his keep, to provide for his loved ones, using his talents to the best of his abilities.

Czechoslovakia has millions of people like this, and in them lies the true potential of this hardy little country.

The Changing Map of Europe

As regular readers of this magazine know, the balance of power in Europe is about to see a great change. The Roman Empire is prophesied in the Bible to rise once more. It will undoubtedly rise out of the economic and political instability in Western and Central Europe. Its sudden rise to power, and the force and energy it commands, will probably take even its own leaders by surprise. It may seem to be, for a while, the economic and political salvation of Europe. But that neglected source of European history—the Bible—graphically portrays the tragedy into which the whole world will be plunged by the struggle for the “soul of Europe.”

But, strangely, while none of the Warsaw Pact nations base their foreign policy on the prophecies of Daniel and the book of Revelation, *they* seem to appreciate better than the West the problems inherent in such a union.

We cannot be dogmatic as to what Czechoslovakia's future role in a new Europe will be. For centuries she was a part—albeit a reluctant part—of the old Holy Roman Empire.

One thing is certain, the coming events in Europe will involve her—as events in Europe always do. That may sound foreboding—but it will turn out finally to be good news. For out of the turmoil that will once again engulf the Continent—and the world—will come a new age of peace that will last for a thousand years.

That age will be ruled not by the whim of man but by the will of God. In that world tomorrow, Czechs and Slovaks will work alongside present friends and former enemies, to make their own very special contribution to the prosperity and well-being of all mankind. □

FOREWARNED!

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cant in other regards. It was a turning point for the United States in the United Nations, where the balance of power in the world body began to shift away from the U.S.-led West.

America's present ambassador to the United Nations, Jeane K. Kirkpatrick, took note of this power shift—and the watershed year of 1964, as she called it—in a speech she delivered before the Heritage Foundation Conference in New York City, June 7, 1982:

"Eighteen months is long enough for me to have observed at firsthand the relative powerlessness of the United States at the United Nations. . . . Today there are some 157 members of the United Nations. . . . The big influx of the former colonies into the U.N. occurred alongside the beginning of the decline of U.S. influence.

"Someone noted that 1964 was a watershed year. During that year 17 new nations were admitted to membership. . . ."

The year 1964 was also a critical one for the United States on the home front as well.

Moral Tobogganslide

In May, President Johnson proposed the building of a "Great Society." During the year a vast, far-reaching legislative program was enacted, greatly increasing the federal government's role in all aspects of life. This was the beginning of the expansive—and expensive—welfare state.

Only four years earlier President John F. Kennedy had proclaimed in his inaugural address: "... ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country."

Now, the ethic was to be: the federal government, *with tax dollars*, will solve problems and right wrongs.

The year of 1964 witnessed the passage of far-reaching civil rights legislation. Unfortunately, the way was also opened for nonracial causes such as gay rights, the "femlib" movement, the right of abortion on demand, even "kids'

rights." In universities, students clamored for the right of "free speech."

The fabric of society was being unraveled. Individuals began to think primarily in terms of their rights (licit or illicit) rather than responsibilities.

Moral "Junk Food"

Also in 1964 a new word entered the popular lexicon—Beatlemania! The word was coined to describe the hysterical response by U.S. youths to the music of four young instrumentalist-singers from England who made their first personal appearances in the United States.

Almost tame by today's standards, the rock sound of the Beatles unleashed a whole new genre of music, ultimately leading to acid-rock, punk-rock and other variants. Popular culture was never to be the same again.

For the majority of youths today, writes University of Chicago sociologist Allan Bloom, "Rock is all there is. There is now one culture for everyone, in music as in language. It is a music that moves the young powerfully and immediately.

"The most powerful formative influence on children between 12 and 18," continues Dr. Bloom, "is not the school, not the church, not the home, but rock music and all that goes with it. It is not an elevating but a leveling influence. . . . This is the emotional nourishment they ingest in these precious years. *It is the real junk food* . . ." (emphasis ours throughout).

Perhaps it was significant that the late manager of the Beatles, Brian Epstein, recounting his experiences with the group, entitled his book *A Cellarful of Noise*.

Historic Court Decisions

America's retreat from the pinnacle of power and prestige accelerated during the 1970s. Looking back to that time, two most noteworthy events occurred almost back to back.

On January 22, 1973, in the case of *Roe v. Wade*, the United States Supreme Court, by a 7-2 vote, legalized abortion nationwide.

The court based its ruling on the concept of a "woman's right to priva-



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cy." Thus, this new right (which was described by others as a "woman's right to control her own body") followed logically in the stream of the nationwide "rights consciousness" begun in the mid-'60s.

As a result of this and subsequent rulings, abortions zoomed upward. In 1980, a record 1.55 million legal abortions were performed in the United States, terminating about one of every four pregnancies. The 1980 figure was more than double the 774,000 legal abortions performed on demand in 1973, the first year of legalized abortions in the nation.

Of course in some states and localities the figure is even higher. For example, in Florida, 31 percent, or nearly one of three pregnancies, now end in abortion.

How ironical that some of the same class of people who profess the most concern about the outbreak of nuclear war, also countenance the war against the unborn in the womb! For in demonstrating against nuclear weapons policy, a phrase often heard from the protestors is, "We are doing this for the sake of our children, and for future generations."

Last year, the editor in chief of *The American Spectator*, R. Emmett Tyrrell, took note of this. "Maybe . . . we in the West are not as fervid for human life as the demonstrators would have it," wrote Mr. Tyrrell in the April 20, 1982, issue of the *Los Angeles Herald Examiner*.

"Some rather gruesome practices have become the norm. . . . One and a half million abortions are now practiced annually. So what? In February [1982] the newspapers carried pictures of men disposing of a mound of fetuses, possibly as many as 2,000, found in formaldehyde in California. Their presence there remains a mystery, but, though they were being hauled off like trash, they looked strikingly like babies to me."

Vietnam Disaster

January 27, 1973, only five days after the momentous Supreme Court abortion decision, the United States and North Vietnam reached accord on the Paris peace agreements. But there was to be no peace.

The pact merely secured America's ungraceful exit.

The Soviets and the Cubans shrewdly perceived U.S. timidity, commonly described as the "Vietnam Syndrome"—meaning prophetically America's loss in the pride of its power (Lev. 26:19).

Author Max Singer observed the effects of the "Vietnam Syndrome" development in the December 1982 issue of *Commentary*:

"People around the world, friends and enemies, used to assume almost as a law of nature that, although the U.S. might make mistakes, we could not be defeated and would not let ourselves be humiliated or shown to be negligent or incapable of defending our interests or our word. . . .

"But how many, even in our own country . . . are confident of this today?"

How God Views America!

Perhaps it is time to see how the God that Americans *claim* on their coinage to trust in, views their country. It is a lesson for the rest of the world to observe—and heed!

Only by discerning God's perspective will Americans be able to see why so many afflictions, within and without, are occurring to their nation that literally ruled the world 38 years ago.

America, simply put, has lost its way and broken loose of its moral moorings. Drugged by years of humanistic psychological jargon, too many of its citizens no longer can see the moral connection between how they live and the success of the nation as a whole.

In an essay in the December 1981 issue of *Harper's* magazine, famed Italian author Luigi Barzini wrote this in his article, "The Americans":

"The United States is . . . a great nation, in many ways the greatest nation of all times. . . . Very few imitators have understood that the secret of the United States' tremendous success is not merely technology, know-how, the work ethic or greed.

"It was a spiritual wind that drove the Americans irresistibly ahead. Behind their compulsion to improve man's lot was at first an *all-pervading religiousness*, later the sense of

duty, *the submission to a God-given code of personal behavior*, the acceptance of a God-given task to accomplish and of all the necessary sacrifices. Few foreigners understand this, even today. The United States looks to them like the triumph of soulless materialism."

These godly based ethics, noted Mr. Barzini, are now "feeble, *discredited by intellectuals*, corroded by the doubts of these impious times, but without them, or *what is left of them*, America would not be what it is."

The Bible as an "Icon"

Few Americans stop to pause and reflect on just how far down, morally speaking, America has skidded.

The Bible, proclaimed *Newsweek* magazine in its December 27, 1982 issue, "made America." Perhaps even more than the Constitution, noted this magazine, "the Bible . . . is our founding document: the source of the powerful myth of the United States as a special, sacred nation, a people called by God to establish a model society, a beacon to the world."

In America's youth, added the *Newsweek* authors, "Bible study was the core of public education and nearly every literate family not only owned a Bible but *read it regularly* and reverently."

Our contemporary modern society would readily—and in most cases cheerfully—admit that this is no longer the case. The Bible, confirmed *Newsweek*, "has virtually disappeared from American education. It is rarely studied, even as literature, in public classrooms. . . ."

In sum, said the editors of *Newsweek*, the Bible has joined the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution as an "American icon."

Yes, an icon, an object of idolatrous veneration—but rarely if ever consulted any longer for what its author—the Creator God—wrote inside its hallowed pages.

It is highly significant that President Ronald Reagan, in early February, proclaimed 1983 as the "Year of the Bible."

"Can we resolve to read, learn and try to heed the greatest message ever written—God's Word in the Holy Bible?" the President

What Our Readers Say

New Readers

Several years ago I subscribed to the *Plain Truth* magazine. After receiving it for a long time—without taking time to read it—I thought I was too busy—I cancelled, very foolishly. I am retired now, and recently asked for the subscription to be started again. I received the introductory issue last month. I read it from cover to cover, and can't begin to tell you how much I enjoyed it. I think of all those wonderful issues I missed.

Frann O. Lewis
Ashland, Oregon

I heard your sermon over the television, Mr. Arm-

strong. I was very much interested in your message about what is going to happen in this world. You also made mention about your free booklet *The Book of Revelation Unveiled at Last*. I want to learn the prophecies in the hardest book of the New Testament—the Revelation.

Please send me one, so that I could help our teacher in our Bible class.

Adelina V. Yting
Sta. Cruz, Jimenez
Misamis Occidental

Nutrition and Pregnancy

I read with great interest in *The Plain Truth* the article

"There Is No Second Chance," dealing with proper nutrition in pregnancy. I could not help but notice that you are deeply involved in helping your readers make the most of their spiritual as well as worldly resources while they gain a sense of accomplishment out of their important roles as members of our society and as homemakers.

I, too, have a deep interest in helping families make the most of their limited resources. As a part of my work in the field of family money management, for the New York State Cooperative Extension Service, I have prepared a kit of materials entitled *Be a Better Shopper — Buying in Supermarkets*. The

suggestions given and examples used make it possible for readers to save at least 10% to 20% a week on family food bills. The files in my office are bulging with testimonials to this effect. Others who have merely read and followed a few of the ideas found that they too benefited, though, of course, in varying degrees.

The kit provides a system designed to develop and improve shopping skills, help shoppers stretch their supermarket dollars and point out the values and rewards of planned spending.

Heinz B. Biesdorf
Extension Faculty Professor,
Consumer Economics
Ithaca, New York

asked in signing the proclamation.

How many Americans will heed Mr. Reagan's request?

Ignoring the Bible's Injunctions

If Americans of recent years had still been reading the Bible, and believing the clear injunctions and warnings of its inspired writers, they would have known that deficit spending year after year is wrong, that abortion is murder—the breaking of the Sixth Commandment—that alcohol and drug abuse are "lusts of the flesh," not unexplainable "diseases," that pornography is clearly injurious to one's moral outlook—despite what presidential commissions might report—and that homosexuality is thoroughly condemned throughout the Bible. San Francisco, California, would not have become, as some say, a "walk-in closet"!

President Reagan recently observed that "each year government bureaucracies spend billions on problems related to drugs and alcoholism and disease."

"Has anyone stopped to consider," added the President, "that we might come closer to balancing the budget if all of us simply tried to live up to the Ten Commandments and the golden rule?"

How then, does God view America today? Notice the first chapter of the book of Isaiah, verse 4 (RAV): "Alas, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a brood of evildoers, children who are corrupters!"

God's Somber Warning

God furthermore says of the nation, in verse 5, that "the whole head"—meaning its governing apparatus—"is sick" and that "the whole heart"—referring to its national soul and morale—"faints."

Of American society, God says, "From the sole of the foot even to the head, there is no soundness in it, but wounds and bruises and putrefying sores."

Concerning America's low moral standing, God refers, with few

exceptions, to its leaders and its citizens in very explicit terms, one not likely to please the proponents of gay rights.

"You rulers of Sodom," God thunders, "you people of Gomorrah."

God's instructions to America today are equally plain, beginning in verse 16:

"Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes. Cease to do evil, learn to do good...."

'Come now, and let us reason together,' says the Lord, 'Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow.... If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword.'

Yes, a divine punishment is coming—unless America obediently turns to God and his ways!

"For the mouth of the Lord has spoken." □

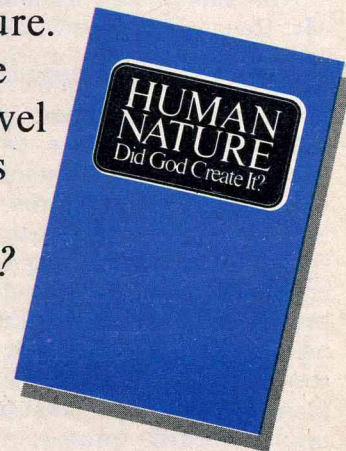


There's Something in the Air

This world's evils are often attributed to human nature—the potential for hostility, deceit and hatred inside virtually every person.

But are human beings born with this selfish and destructive nature? The origin of human nature is made plain in the Scripture. There we read of Satan, who is called the “prince of the power of the air.” Just as television and radio waves travel through the airwaves, Satan broadcasts his evil attitudes through the air into unsuspecting human minds!

Our free booklet *Human Nature—Did God Create It?* explains this wavelength of Satan's and shows you how, in its stead, to acquire the very nature of God himself. For your free copy mail the literature request card.



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