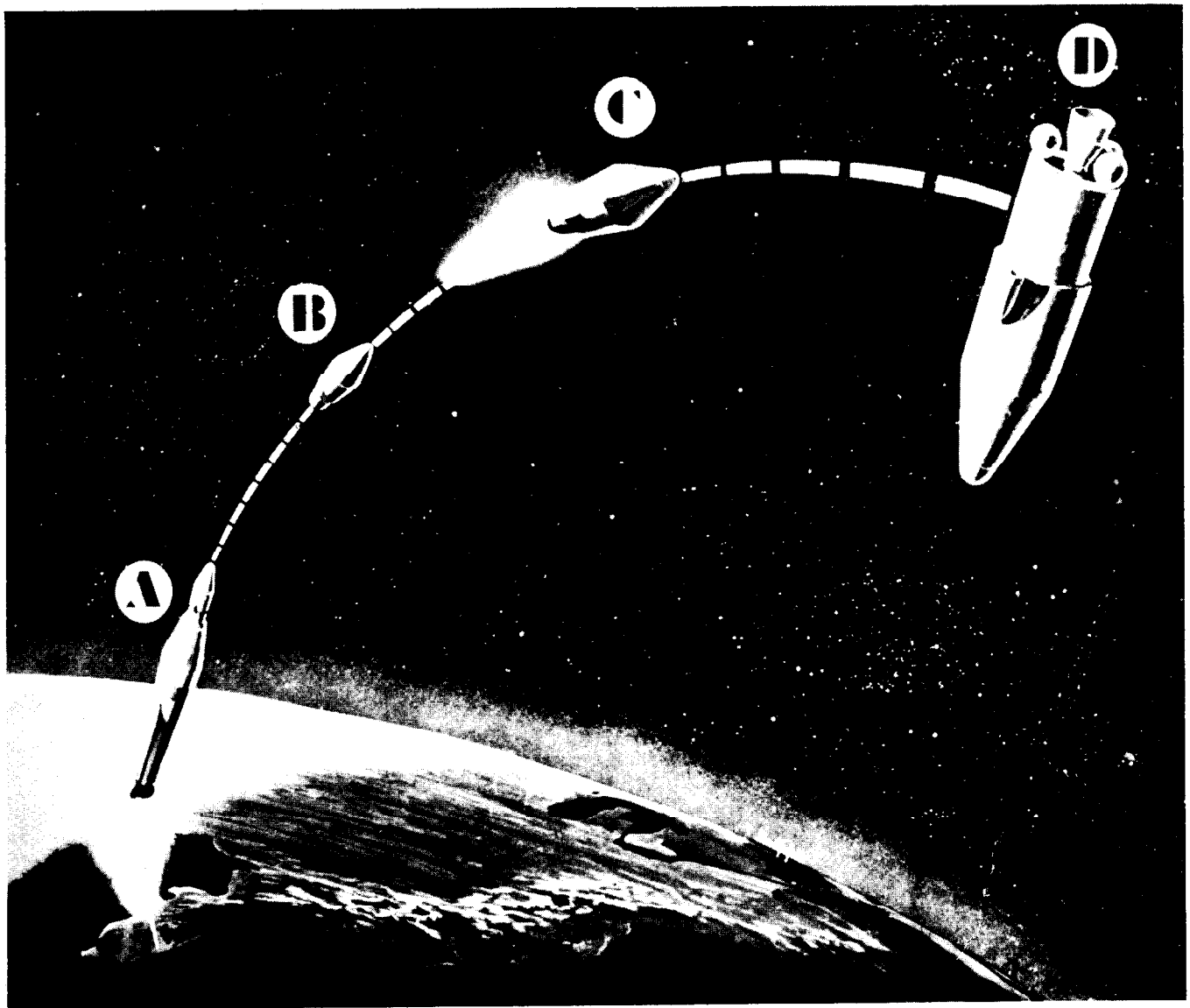


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HOW AMERICAN SPY SATELLITE ORBITED—The Lockheed Missiles and Space division says this artist's drawing shows the steps which orbited the Agena satellite fired at Cape Canaveral. A: Missile fired, using Atlas ICBM as booster. B: Coasting phase of the Agena satellite during which it positioned itself horizontally to the earth. C and D: Satellite's integral engine fired to power Agena to necessary 18,000 miles per hour and attitude change. The Agena is then stabilized in a nose-down position and goes into orbit.

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From Isolated Light Station

"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"We here at this isolated light station want to pass along to you just how much your son's daily broadcast means to us. There are only four of us stationed here. His programs bring us so much nearer to God, and help prevent the personal conflict we would otherwise have."

Lighthouse Crew from Cape St. Elias, Alaska

Editor's Comment: Yes, we are being heard daily in Alaska.

Convince Me!

"Will you send me your pamphlet 'Proof of the Bible?' I understand this to mean that it contains proof that the Bible is the inspired Word of God and if it convinces me that such is a fact, I will send you a check for \$1,000.00

for showing me that I am wrong and you are right. One of us is wrong, and if it is I, I certainly want to be corrected."

Man from Detroit, Michigan

My Mind is Open

"My knowledge of the quality of the READER'S DIGEST plus my respect for it assures me I should write to you again asking you this time to be so good as to send me '1975 in Prophecy.' I do not believe, I do not disbelieve—my mind is open."

Hastings, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand

Begins Tithing—Salary Increases Four Times Over

"Just a word about tithing as we believe very much in it and have taught our children to tithe. Here is what our 17-year-old daughter thinks of it. She says she knows that God has blessed her for tithing. She started to work April of 1959 at \$15.00 a week and started tithing. The first of May of 1960 she is making \$250.00 each month. More than four times what she started to make."

Co-worker from Monterey, Calif.

Receives Unexpected Check

"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"When my husband lost three days work due to bad weather we began wondering how we could pay all our bills and continue to tithe. We asked God for help, and that very week we received a \$20.00 check from a friend who rented our house four years ago and moved away leaving most of the rent unpaid."

Couple from North Carolina

"I Am Not One Who Cries"

"In my opinion you have certainly surpassed yourselves in the 21st and 22nd lessons of the Correspondence Course. These are two of the most eloquent sermons I have ever read. I am not one who cries, but each of these lessons brought tears to my eyes. If anyone could finish studying this 22nd lesson without yearning to completely surrender to God, then he can't have been called to the truth at this time."

Woman from Monrovia, California

Young Man Sets Right Example

"Imagine my surprise after listening to your radio program The WORLD TOMORROW for about two weeks, I discovered my 18-year-old son has been listening to your program for almost two years! When he saw how interested I was in your program, with my Bible in front of me by the radio, he pulled out a satchel where he secretly kept special articles he had read—also The PLAIN TRUTH magazines. Was I overjoyed! I couldn't believe the good news! I had to write you and let you know how much I enjoy reading the magazines and listening to you and your son on the radio."

Housewife from Illinois

Quits Job

"After reading one of your fine articles on 'The Sabbath' the other day, I quit the job I had last night. Even though the pay was \$2.51 an hour I know that no one can really be happy and blessed if he doesn't keep *all* God's commandments. I know, too, that I'll find another job to replace it. This was one of the most beneficial booklets I have received from you, but they are all fine and the truth."

Man from Seattle, Washington

Editor's Comment: Here is a man who knows "faith without works is dead." God has promised to prosper those who obey Him!

God "Spanked" Me

"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

". . . He [God] spanked me good regarding His tithe and now I am so happy. He gave me a job and a wonderful increase in salary and so many blessings until it truly seems my cup is running over and I feel so rich in so many, many ways."

Woman from Brooklyn, New York

Hate to Tear Myself Away

"I'm especially grateful for the Bible Correspondence Course. I just hate to tear myself away from it because there are too many things to interfere with Bible study anyway. I call it my 'guide.' It is really great and is already turning

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Next . . . the DEATH-RAY BOMB!

A new bomb, defying detection, is now in sight! Is development of this terrible weapon limited to the U. S. and Russia alone? WHY did Khrushchev scuttle the Summit Conference? Read the striking answer of Biblical prophecy!

by Garner Ted Armstrong

A NEW, horrifyingly destructive weapon is being secretly developed! Recent top news sources have revealed Russian and U.S. scientists are working on a Neutron "death ray" bomb!

Defies Detection

The Western allies have pinned much of their hopes for a peaceful settlement with Russia on disarmament agreements, with terms for mutual inspections.

Those hopes were dramatically *exploded* with the scuttling of the Summit Conference, and the rumored developments of a deadly *new weapon*!

Such a weapon would be fired into enemy concentrations in a *compact warhead* which would control and *concentrate* radiation to virtually eliminate fallout. Scientists say the "death ray" radiation would be greater than those produced by today's 'conventional' nuclear bombs."

A recent UPI release said, "A neutron bomb, when developed for combat, would revolutionize nuclear warfare. It would kill men with streams of poison radiation, while leaving machines and buildings undamaged." In a special copyrighted article appearing in *U. S. News & World Report*, May 30, 1960, the editors revealed that a workable neutron bomb would render useless further attempts at forcing a "test ban." The "ban the bomb" movement is rendered completely obsolete in the light of this new weapon, which, civilian scientists say, would be almost *impossible* to detect, since the blast signals would be so weak and easily disguised.

Is development of the bomb *limited* only to U. S. and Russian scientists? To thoroughly understand the answers to this question—let's take a look at the recent debacle of the Summit Conference!

Why Khrushchev Scuttled the Summit

After the U-2 spy plane incident, Nikita Khrushchev arrived in Paris as a belligerent, shouting, fist-shaking **CHALLENGER** of the Western nations.

His hostile and unprecedented actions left Western leaders *visibly shaken*, and overawed political observers around the world.

As a result, the world was thrown into one of its *worst war scares* since the Blockade of Berlin.

But **WHY** did the Communist Boss make a shambles of the Paris Conference?

Many ideas were circulated about. Some thought he was "afraid of Western culture." Others mused he was having internal difficulties at home. Still others "supposed" the Communist Chinese and other allies were disagreeing with his proposals toward disarmament.

All of these missed the mark!

The **REAL** reason for the scuttling of the Paris Conference was a blinding, well-founded **FEAR** of a reunified, reindustrialized, remilitarized **GERMANY**!

Life Magazine, May 16, 1960 said, "With the Summit near, West Germany's strength is Russia's real worry!" The surprising article appearing in *Life*, and accompanied by photographs showing Germany's new military strengths said: "At the Summit meeting in Paris next week the agenda will include the portentous question: What to do about Germany. Behind the talk of reunification in Berlin lies a development which emphasizes the importance of a divided country: *West Germany is arming again*. This fact of life is a *major worry* to Khrushchev, even though he may make more noise about incidents like the shooting down of a U. S. plane over the U.S.S.R. . . ." [Emphasis mine].

Think of it!

West Germany, the almost helpless, *totally ruined* nation following World War II, *has in just a few years* become the *third strongest nation on the face of the earth in war potential*!

"From a standpoint of *war potential*, West Germany has emerged as the *third strongest nation in the world*! While perhaps West Germany cannot be included in the same league with the United States and Soviet Russia, the Republic has definitely forged ahead of England with their British Empire troubles and France with its Algerian problems. . . .

"Most mature Germans can well remember two devastating wars in which they were soundly defeated. . . . The German of today is emphatically interested in, this time, being on the *winning side*! . . .

"If the Western scientists haven't the technical ability to win an armament race and if the selected operatives haven't the fanatical desire to succeed or die trying, the West German is beginning to wonder if, once again, he has chosen the losing side. It is a question on which to ponder." (*Blackwell Journal-Tribune*, p.3, Tuesday, May 24, 1960.)

Yes, *contrary* to the opinions of many, it is a *reunified, reindustrialized strong military GERMANY* which Khrushchev justly *fears*!

The Russians have not forgotten how German divisions knifed through the vast expanses of Western Russia, virtually moving so fast they outran their supply, and all but devastated most of Russian industry and many of Russia's major cities during World War II!

Why Khrushchev Fears Germany

Nikita Khrushchev wants to *avoid, at all costs*, a discussion over German reunification *as long as he possibly can*!

"Like its fabulous economic recovery,



Wide World Photo

TYPE OF MISSING U.S. SPY PLANE—This is the U2 high altitude weather research plane the type of which fell in Russia on a flight from Adana, Turkey. The U2 is capable of extended flight at altitudes between 50,000 and 55,000 feet. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration described the U2 as a straight wing, single-engine jet craft, originally designed for use as a high altitude test vehicle.

West Germany's rearmament is one of the miracles of Europe. Starting from scratch in 1955, the Germans now muster an army, navy and air force of 256,000 men. Its eager soldiers are in fighting trim and seven German divisions have already been turned over to NATO. German officers are once again drinking traditional toasts in brandy to the military virtues of courage and strength" (*Life*, May 16, 1960).

Behind this obvious military might, Khrushchev's biggest worry is *civilian endeavor* in the scientific fields!

He knows *they* could be working on the Neutron bomb, too!

"The Germans, denied by the victorious powers of World War II from making nuclear weapons, are throwing their great capabilities in this field of science into comprehensive work on . . . atomic energy.

"One of their major objectives is to

be the leader in the field of small nuclear power plants for sale to under-developed countries.

"It is not surprising, with the long history of German science . . . that the present crop of atomic scientists in this country is rated as outstanding. Some of them are in their 20s and 30s . . . Master of them all, and among the half-dozen outstanding nuclear scientists in the world is Werner Heisenberg, 57, who is leaving the university at Göttingen soon to head the Max Planck Institute in Munich." (UPI Release, May, 1960.)

Already equipped with modern U. S. weapons, such as the "Honest John" rocket capable of plunging deep behind enemy lines with a nuclear warhead, German scientists are struggling feverishly to develop *nuclear power plants of their own!*

Remember—even though great strides

have been made in nuclear physics in Russia and America, many, *if not most*, of those who have been working on such projects ARE IMPORTED GERMAN SCIENTISTS!

THIS is THE REAL REASON why Khrushchev fears Germany!

He knows there is not only a vast unsettled feeling in the average German heart over the division of his beloved "Fatherland," but he knows *Europeans everywhere* are restless, fearful of war, and desperately want to UNITE to form a "United States of Europe." This would, at the very OUTSET, form a greater economic and industrial bloc than all of Soviet Russia!

Germany Woos Israel

Of all the nations on the face of the earth you might *least* suspect to be receiving Germany with open arms, it
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HOW TO BE Saved!

Millions have been led to think they are saved, who are only deceived, and don't know it!—Here is a frank, daring article, making the truth PLAIN!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

Reprinted from the October 1955 issue in response to thousands of requests.

IT'S DIFFICULT to believe, but it's true—in *today's* religious confusion *millions* have supposed they had salvation spiritually—they have believed on Jesus Christ—and *are not saved!*

Would you suppose one could actually *worship* Christ—and all in vain?

Can One Worship Christ—IN VAIN?

Do you know *what* Jesus Himself said of these people who want to worship Him without *obedience* to God's Commandments?

Listen to His words: "Howbeit 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 . . . Full well do ye reject the Commandments of God, that ye may keep your own tradition" (Mark 7:6-9).

Back to the Faith Once Delivered

But what does GOD tell you in His Word?

Thru Jude, God says: "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the *common salvation*, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for *the faith which was once delivered* unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares . . . ungodly men, turning the GRACE of God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ" (Jude 3-4).

Yes, even before the New Testament was completely written, ungodly men had crept inside the Church to corrupt it—turning GRACE into LASCIVIOUSNESS.

And what is "lasciviousness"? It means "license"—unrestrained liberty,—abuse of privilege. In other words, license to do that which seems *right* in

human eyes—according to human *conscience*—tho it *disobeys* God's LAW! And that is exactly what those ungodly men, even in the first century, did—turned GRACE into unrestrained privilege to disobey God's law! turned to *human conscience* as a guide! And once introduced, the practice has persisted and spread over the whole world until today!

This is one of the FABLES the Apostle Paul warned us men would turn to. Paul said: "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, *deceiving*, and *being deceived!* . . . For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts (*lasciviousness—human reasoning—*) shall they . . . turn away their ears from the *truth*, and shall be turned unto FABLES" (II Tim. 3:13; 4:4).

But, one will argue, Jude said these men would *deny* the Lord Jesus Christ. Do *not* the men who teach a "no works" doctrine *believe in Christ*? Do *they* deny Him?

Yes, *they* DENY Him! God says: "They *profess* that they *know* God; but IN WORKS they *deny* Him, being abominable, and *disobedient*, and *unto every GOOD work reprobate*" (Titus 1:16). The way of human reason—that *seems* RIGHT—is often DISOBEDIENCE to God!

What the Saviour Himself Taught

These deceived teachers have just one favorite text. They quote Acts 16:31: "BELIEVE on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."

Now that text from the inspired pen of Paul means what it says. But there are *two kinds* of BELIEVING—the *living* faith that brings salvation, and a *dead* "no works" faith that produces only DEATH!

But WHY do they, in their tracts and their sermons, never quote *what the Saviour Himself said* in answer to the question? WHY?

Jesus was asked: "What shall I *do* to inherit eternal life?" (Luke 18:18). Some might try to tell you that the SAVIOUR Himself did not know, or teach, the way of SALVATION—He was teaching Old Testament religion. Well, He was asked HOW to gain ETERNAL LIFE. Is that salvation? It certainly is! Old Testament religion teaching lasted *until* John—not until the cross—not until "Pentecost." Just UNTIL JOHN (Luke 16:16). Jesus preached the SAME Gospel He commanded His disciples to teach ALL nations—Gentiles included—the same Gospel Paul preached to Gentiles. He preached *only* the NEW Testament Gospel. He revealed THE WAY OF SALVATION.

Here is His answer—that of the SAVIOUR HIMSELF on HOW TO BE SAVED:

"If thou wilt enter into LIFE, *keep the Commandments.*" And He enumerated enough of the Ten Commandments to show it was this particular law that must be obeyed AS A CONDITION to receiving eternal life as God's GIFT. Jesus said "IF"—(there was a CONDITION)—"IF" we are to be saved, by God's grace, WE MUST KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS! God lays down His own terms and conditions. His FREE GIFT is conditional—you get it ONLY if you "keep the Commandments."

You can't EARN it. God GIVES it—but only to those who "KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS." God will not GIVE you eternal life *in sin*. And what is *sin*? "SIN IS THE TRANSGRESSION OF THE LAW" (I John 3:4).

Some who pervert God's truth insist Jesus did not name ALL of the Ten

Commandments in the above Scripture. Sin is the transgression of THE LAW. It is a COMPLETE LAW. He named enough of its points to designate WHICH LAW He was talking about. And James says that law has "POINTS"—and, if we break any ONE of the ten points of the Ten Commandments, we BREAK THE LAW, and are sinners! (James 2:8-11).

The very same day the Holy Spirit came—the very day the NEW Testament Church commenced—thousands, hearing the inspired Peter's sermon which struck straight to their heart, asked: "What shall we do?"—yes, WHAT SHALL WE DO TO BE SAVED?

The inspired answer was:

"REPENT, and BE BAPTIZED every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38).

Jesus said, "REPENT YE, and BELIEVE THE GOSPEL." We must BELIEVE not only in Jesus as Saviour, but we must believe also THE GOSPEL He brought and preached—the gospel of the Kingdom of God—the AUTHORITY of God and the WORD of God *over our lives!*—*a message not preached today by most organized churches.*

After His resurrection, in His parting instructions to His disciples for preaching the way of salvation, Jesus said "Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: and that REPENTANCE and remission of sins should be preached in His name *among all nations*, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things" (Luke 24:46-48). This is the Gospel for ALL NATIONS!

But *what* must we repent of? WHAT IS SIN? Do you realize that VERY FEW people know? Very few know the BIBLE definition of SIN.

God's inspired definition of sin is this: "Sin is the transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4). Paul would not have known what was sin, except by the law. But *what* law? The very law which says: "Thou shalt not cover" (Rom. 7:7). That law is the Ten Commandments.

This law is summed up in the one word—LOVE! It is further defined in the two Great Commandments, LOVE to God, and LOVE to neighbor. But the

same law is further defined, and divided into ten points, by The Ten Commandments—the first four of which tell us how to love God, the last six of which tell us how to love neighbor.

James Inspired Answer

And thus it is explained in James: "If ye fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, ye do well" (James 2:8). Here is the Royal Law—the whole Law—as a general principle.

The law is LOVE—and LOVE is the fulfilling of the law. Jesus fulfilled it, setting us an example that we, too, should fulfill the law. We fulfill it *with* LOVE—not any natural, carnal love in human nature, but "*the love of GOD* is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit" (Rom. 5:5). The Holy Spirit in us is merely GOD'S LAW IN ACTION IN OUR LIVES! And so, if we fulfill this Royal Law, we do well—but if not, we commit sin (James 2:9). Now read verse 10. If we keep the WHOLE LAW—the general principle of LOVE to neighbor—yet offend *in one point*, we are guilty—we have broken the law—and the penalty is DEATH, not eternal life.

Notice, please, the law is divided into points! And it is divided into TEN POINTS—the Ten Commandments. These are merely the ten points, or subdivisions, of the General Royal Law, LOVE to God and to neighbor. "For He that said (or, that law which said), Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery"—if you do not break that specific point—"yet if thou kill—you just break that one point—"thou art become a transgressor of the law" (Jas. 2:11). So you see the TEN COMMANDMENTS is the very law it is sin to transgress.

It is a SPIRITUAL law (Rom. 7:14). It is fulfilled by the SPIRITUAL LOVE which is God's precious gift to us—His love placed within us. "Wherefore the law is HOLY, and the commandment HOLY, AND JUST, AND GOOD" (Rom. 7:12).

TO REPENT of sin means to turn from sin. It means to QUIT SINNING! And that means to *stop transgressing God's holy law*. And the way to stop breaking it is to begin KEEPING God's Commandments—ALL OF THEM, for if

you break only one, you bring on yourself the penalty—ETERNAL DEATH, and you *lose salvation*.

Now Jesus "magnified the law, and made it honorable" (Isa. 42:21). When we put a spiritual "magnifying glass," so to speak, on the Ten Commandments, it is enlarged in spirit and principle into many more points. And in a larger aspect the ENTIRE BIBLE is a magnification of God's law. The Law is the basis of all Scripture. It defines THE WAY of life—THE WAY to success—THE WAY to peace—THE WAY to happiness, joy, eternal life!

Notice how *like God* it is! The Law is GOOD (Rom. 7:12). God is good.

The Law is HOLY (Rom. 7:12). GOD is holy!

The Law is JUST (Rom. 7:12). GOD is just!

The Law is SPIRITUAL (Rom. 7:14). GOD is spiritual!

The Law is PERFECT (Psalm 19:7). GOD is perfect!

The Law—including all His Commandments—is immutable, ETERNAL, stands fast FOREVER AND EVER (Psalm 111:7-8). And GOD is eternal!

Of course—for the Law is the very character, the very nature, of God! It is the WILL of God.

Conscience Not Your Guide

But in the modern-day Babylon—confusion of conflicting teachings—you may have been taught, falsely, that YOUR CONSCIENCE tells you what is sin. But your conscience only troubles you when you do what YOU THINK is *wrong*! And what you think is wrong, *another* may think is *right*! Your CONSCIENCE IS NO GUIDE!

Sin is not the doing of what you think is wrong. Not the transgression of conscience—"sin is the transgression of God's LAW" (1 John 3:4). Sin is thinking and doing what GOD SAYS is wrong—and He says it in His Law! Some think it perfectly all right to divorce and remarry. Others think it is a sin. To do it would trouble the conscience of the latter, but not of the former.

One who does what he thinks is right may be committing a great deal of sin!

God says: "There is a way that seemeth *right* unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of DEATH!" (Pro. 14:12)

and 16:25.) Again, "The way of a fool is right in his own eyes" (Prov. 12:15). And: "All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes" (Prov. 16:2). The world has been going the WAY that

seems right to man for some 6000 years. But this WAY has brought only unhappiness, emptiness, discontent, poverty, sickness and disease and finally, CHAOS and DESPAIR all over the world! It has

produced NOTHING GOOD!

God says: "SEEK YE the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near; let the wicked forsake HIS WAY and the unrighteous man HIS

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THOUGHTS; and let him return unto the Eternal, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. For MY THOUGHTS ARE NOT YOUR THOUGHTS, NEITHER ARE YOUR WAYS MY WAYS, saith the Eternal" (Isaiah 55:6-8).

And *there* is THE WAY of Salvation! There is THE WAY to find GOD! SEEK HIM, by forsaking—WHAT? Forsaking YOUR WAY—your thoughts! The way you have THOUGHT to be right.

The WAY of SALVATION

The first step toward salvation is to REPENT—and that means forsake your way—the customs and traditions you have been following—the ways of man—the ways you have been living. FORSAKE YOUR OWN WAY. Turn to God's way—the way of HIS LAW! The way of HIS WILL! Yes, the WAY of peace, happiness, and joy—the WAY of success, achievement, doing good, of prosperity—the WAY of the full and ABUNDANT life—the WAY of ETERNAL LIFE!

Since the entire Bible contains the magnified explanation of GOD'S LAW, the Bible becomes OUR GUIDE FOR RIGHTEOUS AND SUCCESSFUL LIVING! That is why Jesus said man shall live by *every Word of GOD*!

True repentance means you give your SELF to God. And the only kind of repentance that is prerequisite to the gift of eternal life is COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER TO GOD—to His will, which means to HIS LAW. You become HIS, literally, and wholly, with no reservations! Repentance is a COMPLETE CHANGE in your life—in your *attitude TOWARD life*—your *purpose* in life—your THOUGHTS and your ACTIONS.

It means forsaking some of your old friends and companions—if they are living the worldly life that seems *right* to MAN. It means turning from and forsaking worldly social and religious customs, interests, pleasures that are contrary to GOD'S WAYS.

It means THE BIBLE becomes the SUPREME AUTHORITY over your life—your *guide to living*—yes, to happy, abundant, gracious living, and SUCCESSFUL and righteous living, henceforth and forever—to live your life from now on with GOD'S HELP, and BY HIS POW-

ER, according to the spirit and principle, as well as the letter and precept of His Commandments. You henceforth STUDY THE BIBLE—not just carelessly read, but STUDY, to learn GOD'S WAYS, and to LIVE BY EVERY WORD OF GOD!

Now ask yourself, candidly: HOW MANY people who profess salvation—who have "accepted Christ"—do you believe have REALLY COME TO THIS KIND OF REAL REPENTANCE? "Except ye REPENT," warned Jesus, "ye shall all likewise PERISH." And again, "He that SAITH, 'I know Him,' and keepeth not His Commandments, is a LIAR, and the truth is not in him" (1 John 2:4). Yes, MILLIONS ARE DECEIVED!

But if millions are deceived about the prior CONDITION of repentance, just as many millions are deceived today as to the KIND OF FAITH that really SAVES!

The FAITH That SAVES

Now *think* a moment! Use your REASON! We are taught, and rightly, that we cannot EARN our salvation—it is the GIFT of God. It is by GRACE—and "grace" means *undeserved pardon* and *free gift*. Yet, notice how inconsistent people are! They argue there must be NO WORKS—no OBEDIENCE of the Commandments, or doing GOOD—no recognizing of God's AUTHORITY over your daily living—because salvation comes by GRACE—God's free GIFT. And yet they seem to believe that somehow WE must supply the FAITH that brings salvation! If WE work up, or if WE supply this FAITH by which we are saved, *would not that*, in fact, amount to our producing *our own salvation* by the very WORKS of *supplying this* FAITH?

So notice, briefly! Notice more CLOSELY than you did before! "For BY GRACE are ye saved through FAITH; and that (that FAITH) not of yourselves; it (this saving FAITH) is *the gift of GOD*!" (Eph. 2:8.) The faith that really saves is GIVEN TO US by GOD—it is a GIFT from HIM! YOU don't supply it, or work it up.

Did you ever notice that before?

Well what, then? In Gal. 2:16 Paul explains a man is justified only "by THE FAITH of *Jesus Christ*." Notice, he does not say, by the man's faith IN Jesus Christ—he says by "the faith of Jesus Christ"—which means CHRIST'S FAITH

—the faith HE has and uses—the same faith with which He performed all His miracles—the same faith by which He lived—HIS faith, placed by a miracle, as a gift direct from God, into the man!

So, PLEASE UNDERSTAND! Salvation is GOD'S GIFT. You do not, cannot, earn it. God GIVES it. But—and here is where people become mixed up, and stumble—God will GIVE it only on condition! Yes, there are terms and conditions! God has set these terms, and you can't alter them, and He won't change them!

I want to make this perfectly PLAIN. It is not *your* faith in Christ—a faith YOU supply in BELIEVING in Him as Saviour—that saves you—it is CHRIST'S faith, which He supplies and places in you by His Holy Spirit, which actually IMPARTS ETERNAL LIFE. But WHAT, then? Is it not necessary for YOU to believe, with YOUR OWN faith, in Christ?

Now let me make this PLAIN! Salvation is GOD'S FREE GIFT—it is by GRACE ALONE. Yet the very purpose of God demands TWO prior CONDITIONS on YOUR part. First, you must REPENT! Second, you must BELIEVE in Christ as Saviour. But you cannot believe in Christ unless you also believe His message—the gospel of the Kingdom of God (Mark 16:15-16). But NEITHER your repentance, your obedience, NOR YOUR faith earns any salvation! They are merely prior CONDITIONS. But when you supply these two ingredients, then God STANDS BOUND BY HIS PROMISE to impart to you by His Holy Spirit, His *righteousness*, and CHRIST'S faith—and THESE, *supplied by GOD* are the ingredients that SAVE and impart ETERNAL LIFE!

Paul explains "even we have believed IN Jesus Christ, *that we might be justified BY THE FAITH OF CHRIST*" (Gal. 2:16). You must repent and believe in Christ, as a condition, a prerequisite, IN ORDER THAT you may receive, and be saved by the faith OF Christ—by HIS faith placed within you!

Cut Off from GOD

You see, my friends, ALL have sinned. All have gone the way that seems right in human eyes. And our sins have cut us off from God "Your iniquities have separated between you and your God, (Please continue on page 24)

DEATH-RAY BOMB

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might well be the little nation of *Israel!*

However, the "Israelis, many of whom still bear the physical and mental scars of the Hitler regime, are praying today for the continuation of West German prosperity. The reason: *Israel's economy is geared to German production.* Most of Israel's electrical plants, railroads, harbors, ships and telephone system were built by the West Germans. Failure of a German manufacturer to supply a specific spare part could cripple many an Israeli plant" (The Denver Post. Feb. 10, 1960).

For years, the readers of *The Plain Truth* magazine and listeners to *The World Tomorrow* program have been warned of a coming revitalized, militarily resurgent GERMANY!

Communism is one of the arch-enemies of democracy and free men! It seeks to enslave the minds and bodies of men, and to conquer the world!

But it is not the only enemy!

Bible Prophecy Speaks

Jesus foretold these *exact days* in which you live right now!

New, horrifying weapons being developed by the large powers (and, possibly secretly by other smaller powers) form only a *part* of our frightening world!

Jesus said, "And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things **MUST** come to pass, but the end is not yet.

"For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places" (Matt. 24:6-7).

You are living in *just such a time!* Look at the world around you! *Everywhere*, these words of Jesus are being clearly illustrated!

And the Bible gets **SPECIFIC!**

The prophecies of your own Bible foretold what *individual* nations would be doing—*right now*—and in the near future!

Surprising though it may seem, your



SLAMBANG SPEECH—Nikita Khrushchev pulled out all the stops at his press conference in Paris. Flanking the Red boss as he aimed his verbal bombs at the microphone were Russian foreign minister Andrei Gromyko, left, and defense minister Marshal Rodion Malenovsky.

Wide World Photo

Bible reveals war with Russia is **NOT** just ahead!

Rather, the prophecies reveal a gigantic powerful **UNION** of *10 nations* is now forming in *Europe*—which is going to *change the course of your life*, and the *history of the world!*

"And the ten horns which thou sawest are *ten kings*, which have received no kingdom as yet; but received power as kings one hour with the **BEAST!**" (Rev. 17:12).

Your Bible identifies this great "Beast" as a symbol for the revived military might of a modern version of the ancient **ROMAN EMPIRE!**

It is comprised of **TEN NATIONS** (identified in symbol as "horns")—which will have developed into supreme military power just before the arrival of Jesus Christ!

This **UNION** of nations will be *dominated* by **GERMANY!**

Germany is identified in prophecy as "Assyria"! (Write immediately for an article on "Germany in Prophecy").

God says, "O Assyrian, [O Germany!] the rod of Mine anger, and the staff in their hand is Mine indignation.

"I will send him against an hypocritical nation, and against the people of My wrath will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets" (Isa. 10:5-6).

Yes, Jesus warned of impending **WARS!** He said these wars would merely be the "*beginning of sorrows*"—the "signals" which point up that the return of Jesus Christ is very close!

He said, "*These* [ten kings, with a powerful Germany at their head] shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for He is Lord of Lords, and Kings of Kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful" (Rev. 17:14).

No War With Russia

Russia and China are identified in the prophecies of your Bible as "Gog" from the land of "Magog." Also the words "Meshech" and "Tubal" refer to the Great Russians. In the prophecies of Ezekiel 38 and 39, it is revealed Russia, pictured as the slow-moving "bear" in the book of Daniel, will not truly be **READY** to launch an all-encompassing

world-wide war until much LATER than most military observers think!

Regardless of how imminent war with Russia may seem to some—the prophecies of your Bible are SURE!

A war between the United States and Russia simply IS NOT GOING TO HAPPEN!

Rather, unless we change our ways, and begin to REPENT, personally and NATIONALLY, a war may well come—NOT with Russia, but with a future "United States of Europe!"

If you have not yet read the surprising, step-by-step analysis of the prophecy about the future of Europe, then write for Mr. Armstrong's free booklet, "1975 in Prophecy" immediately!

Keep reading the Plain Truth—listen to every broadcast of The World Tomorrow!

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).

KEEP YOUR EYES ON GERMANY!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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out to be the best investment in time and effort of my whole life, just as you said it would in the first lesson. It is actually uprooting some things deep in the inner recesses of my mind which I hadn't previously realized were there, and I'd like to add, is replacing them with the real solid truth."

Man from Vinita, Oklahoma

Filled with Wonderment

"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"I have been studying the article 'The Great Commandment,' and am so filled with wonderment of being able to have such fine writings at my finger tips."

Woman from Alsea, Oregon

Couldn't Stop

"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"Many times I had been trying to quit smoking and couldn't stop. I thought I

never would until I read your copy on 'Should Christians Smoke?' After I read it I never smoked another, with the help of God. I am 19 years old and started smoking at 15 years of age."

Girl from Kentucky

Post Office Worker Sees Magazine

"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"I am a post office worker here and I saw one of your papers going through the mail. . . . My attention was taken by the title of your paper, The PLAIN TRUTH. . . . I would like to receive it for myself."

Man from Massachusetts

Truths Are Shattering

"Thank you very much indeed for sending all the booklets I have requested. These truths are shattering, but I think at last I have found, through God's help, something I have been looking for for such a long time—the true way of God."

Woman from Transvaal, South Africa

Quit Smoking

"Well I have quit smoking! One night I got mad—I couldn't get your broadcast because of the commercials on smoking so I quit right then two years ago."

From Missouri



Wide World Photo
LAST DITCH EFFORTS FAIL—France's President Charles deGaulle, British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan and President Eisenhower, left to right, leave second conference among them at Elysee Palace in Paris. Their last attempt to save the summit conference with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev ended in failure.

The Sixth Commandment

Are YOU a potential killer? You need to UNDERSTAND the true scope of the sixth commandment as expounded in this continuing series on God's Law!

by Roderick C. Meredith

THIS is an age of HATE and violence. It is an age of intense *competition, strife* and personal *tensions*.

The nations of the earth—and the individuals within them—are conditioning their minds and consciences to the likelihood of *wholesale MURDER*—and possibly *world suicide*. Naturally, this situation is *devastating* to the spiritual principles and ideals of our people. The effect of this is being felt NOW—even as you read this article!

"Murder, rape or assault with intent to kill was committed *every four minutes* in the United States last year, the Federal Bureau of Investigation reported today.

"The F.B.I. said crime is growing far more rapidly than the population. It estimated the population expanded 1.7 per cent from 1957 to 1958 while the spread of crime was *five times as great*" (recent United Press release).

The Sixth Commandment

Men have *forsaken* God and His Law! Modern man does not know and does not FEAR the true Creator God. He *breaks with impunity* the great spiritual LAW of God. And now he is beginning to *pay the penalty*.

Obedience to the Ten Commandments would stop the growth of a living HELL which is rapidly festering in what we call "civilization" today!

In this series of articles, we have seen the BLESSINGS that come through *fear* and *respect* for the one true God, through *reverencing* His name and office, through *hallowing* His Sabbath day to keep in the true knowledge of Him, and through *honouring* our fathers and mothers in their high office which directly reflects His fatherhood and love for all creation.

In all these commandments, we have seen *love* and *wisdom* and BLESSINGS. And so it is with the *sixth commandment*.

Amid the thunders and lightnings and the literal SHAKING of Mount Sinai, God's voice *thundered* the sixth commandment: "*Thou shalt not murder*" (Exodus 20:13, Jewish translation).

Biblical authorities agree that "murder" is a more correct reading of the original inspired Hebrew than the word "kill." For it is possible to kill and yet not to murder. And it is important to understand that only the *letter* of God's Law was given to ancient Israel, whereas Christians are to live even by the *spirit* and *fullest intent* of that Law as magnified by Christ Himself.

Israel Understood Only the Letter of the Law

Under the original letter of the law, it was *intentional* killing or *murder* which was forbidden. Remember that in this same "book of the Covenant" given to Israel, God commanded them to *kill* or *execute* those guilty of major crimes (Exodus 21:12-17). Also, the instructions in Numbers 35:9-34 show that *accidental killing* was not regarded as murder.

Even here, though, manslaughter was obviously a terrible offense—and the careless or "unwitting" slayer had to remain in a city of refuge for perhaps *many years*—until the High Priest died.

Just as capital punishment was commanded by God for serious crimes under the "letter" of the Law, so the *commanded wars* of Israel are viewed not as acts of wholesale murder but the carrying out of the Divine will through human instruments. Notice in Deuteronomy 7:1-2, that God directly commanded Israel to *exterminate* the heathen tribes in the land of Canaan!

This was NOT humanly devised warfare nor was it personal vengeance or malice. It was the express WILL of Almighty God who gives life—and who *alone* has the right to say when it shall be taken.

It is worthy of note in passing to say

that the history of the time indicates that these nations occupying Canaan were absolutely WICKED in the extreme—and were *burning alive* their own children in human sacrifice to their pagan gods. This was part of the intelligent *reason* why the Creator ordered their extermination at that time.

Notice that in all these cases where God permitted man to take life, it was only as *His agent—at His express will*.

When the nation of Israel entered a war on their *own* initiative, they were routed with slaughter. In those instances when God ordered them to war, He was using them as His INSTRUMENT of judgment instead of a plague or famine.

In considering the things permitted ancient Israel, bear in mind also that they were one of the *physical* nations of this earth—whereas God's kingdom is now a *spiritual* entity. Describing the difference in the operation of God's law in the carnal Israelite and the Spirit-led Christian, the apostle Paul stated: "*For the letter killeth, but the Spirit giveth life*" (II Cor. 3:6).

Remember the principle set forth by Jesus Christ regarding what Moses "permitted" the unconverted Israelites to do in certain cases: "*For the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept. But from the BEGINNING it was not so*" (compare Mat. 19:8 with Mark 10:5).

God's *original PURPOSE* is that man should *learn not to kill*. And although it was "permitted" in certain instances to the carnal, unconverted people of Israel, we shall see that God is now developing in His Spirit-begotten children the character to *love*, to *serve*, and to *save* life—NOT to destroy it.

The SOURCE of Life

"And God said, Let us make man in *our image*, after *our likeness*: and let them have *dominion* . . ." (Gen. 1:26).

Man is given life by his Creator. He did not give it to himself. Neither may

he take it from himself—or from others. Life is sacred because it is God-given.

Man has been made in the very *image* and *likeness* of God. Of all the physical creation, only man has the type of *mind* that God possesses. God is the RULER of all that is. But out of human flesh He is forming *literal sons* who will some day share in that rule. So God said: "Let them have *dominion* . . ."

Man needs *experience* in order to develop the CHARACTER God purposes for him. Experience requires *time*. And a man's *life* consists of just *so much time*. God GAVE that life for the supreme PURPOSE of preparing another son to be in His kingdom and family forever.

The *giving* of life, and breath, and ability includes all. It is the most wonderful gift of which man has knowledge.

The *taking* of life ends all. It cruelly and unexpectedly CRUSHES all the hopes and dreams and plans of a man made in the very image of the CREATOR Himself. It is a wicked usurpation by man of a prerogative belonging to God alone who gives life in the first place—and who alone has the authority to take it away (Job 1:21-22).

That is why *any* form of murder is one of the *ten great sins*. It is DESTROYING the highest creation of Almighty God! In effect, it is an attempt to thwart the very PURPOSE of the great, sovereign RULER of the universe!

The *Giver* of all life is God. And puny, mortal man has *no business whatsoever interfering with GOD'S greatest gift!*

Personal Application of the Command

Jesus Christ came into this world to "magnify" God's law and make it honourable (Isa. 42:21). Jesus cast a *spot-light* as it were on the Ten Commandments, and showed their real spiritual *intent* and *meaning* in the full Christian life.

Jesus said: "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: *But I say unto you*, that whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother,

Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire" (Mat. 5:21-22).

Here murder is traced to its source—*hate* and *anger*. Christ declared that if personal anger filled the heart of one of His subjects, such a person is in danger of *judgment*. If that anger leads a man to have utter derision and contempt for his fellow human being, that man shall be "in danger of the council"—of God's *punishment*. If in bitterness and scorn a man shall say of his fellow, "Thou fool," an expression which in the original Greek marked *condemnation*, such a man shall be "in danger of the hell of fire."

This is Jesus Christ's application of the sixth commandment to you and me! If we harbor *hate* and *anger* in our hearts, we are harboring the "spirit" of MURDER!

Action follows thought. First we think, then we do! The Spirit of Christ guides us not only to control our actions, but to control our *thoughts* and our *attitudes!*

In part, the New Covenant is the process of God writing His LAW in our *hearts*, and *minds*, and inward parts (Heb. 8:10).

God spoke through Paul: "Dearly beloved, avenge NOT yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord" (Rom. 12:19).

Man is *incapable* of taking vengeance with proper wisdom and justice to all concerned. God ALONE has the wisdom and the power and the "right" to take vengeance on human beings—to the extent of *executing* them if need be. The true Christian must learn that God is REAL—and that His *protection* and His vengeance is *just as real!*

The Character You Should Build

How, then, should you deal with your enemies? "Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; If he thirst, give him drink: For in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good" (Verses 20-21).

It takes real *strength* of character to *help* and *serve* your fellow human being when he has directly tried to harm

you! It takes the spiritual *wisdom* to realize that he is a fellow human being, made in the image of God, and simply misguided for the time being in his thoughts and actions.

Instead of the natural tendency to want to "get even" with one who has done us wrong, a real Christian must really LEARN the lesson that the apostle Paul was allowed to bring to us directly from the lips of Christ: "*It is more blessed to give than to receive*" (Acts 20:35).

God is the GIVER of every good and every perfect gift (James 1:17). He has given us our *lives*, our *strength*, our *minds*, our *abilities*—everything we have or hope to have comes from Him! In order to live happily forever as God's son, man also must learn to GIVE—to *serve*—to *love*. This is the great LESSON of life.

The *perfect* definition of this highest of all attributes—*Christian LOVE*—is given in the 13th chapter of I Corinthians. *Read it. Study it.*

The spirit of *malice* and *murder* is the exact OPPOSITE of this basic attribute which God requires of His sons.

Notice the apostle John's emphasis of this point: "We know that we have passed from death unto *life*, because we LOVE the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. *Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer:* And ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him" (I John 3:14-15).

A continued lack of love in carnal human beings leads to *hate*. And hate leads to MURDER. God says the spirit of hate *is* murder!

And this "spirit" of murder is not an indefinable nothing. Doctors and psychologists have clinically proved that people in the attitude of *strife* and *malice* and *hate* literally become SICK physically—and have a form of mental INSANITY if this mental attitude is not changed! And in all too many cases, these wrong emotions lead to the *literal* MURDER of a fellow human being.

Mass Murder in the Christian Home?

Concerning these wrong emotions of *lust* and *hate* and *covetousness*, God warns us: "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any

man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the *lust* of the flesh, and the *lust* of the eyes, and the *pride* of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world" (I John 2:15-16).

Certainly there is no more dramatic example of the *drinking in* and *cultivation* of LUST, and VIOLENCE than that of a professing Christian sitting and absorbing—hour after hour—a literal DELUGE of fornications, adulteries, beatings and murders from his television screen or that of the nearby motion picture theater!

Jesus said: "Whosoever looketh upon a woman to LUST after her *bath committed adultery with her already in his heart*" (Mat. 5:28).

So it is with *hate* and *violence* and *murder*! If you'll "look on" this sort of thing night after night and *entertain* these thoughts in your mind and heart, you are bound to be GUILTY, in spirit at least, of the very actions with which you are saturating your heart and mind!

It is time to WAKE UP!

It is time that professing *Christian* people and nations learn to *quit saturating their minds and hearts with filth, violence and murder*!

The Breaking Down of Spiritual Principles

To a far greater extent than most of us realize, our modern society is literally based on a system of *competition, greed and selfishness*. In other words—in plain language—it is based on the spirit of MURDER!

You have never thought of it that way before, have you?

Well, it is a *fact*, and it is time you *came out* of this modern "Babylon" (Rev. 18:4) before Almighty God intervenes to PUNISH!

There is not space here even to enumerate all the conceivable forms of *murder* indulged in regularly in our western world. But we do need to understand the *principle* of the sixth commandment, and to OBEY it!

In "respectable" business, it is all too often a practice to overlook the cumulative damage to human beings that the use of certain manufactured products involve. The manufacturer and the advertiser alike both close their eyes

from what—in many cases—scientists KNOW is a grave danger if certain products are used regularly.

"It's just business," people say to excuse themselves.

But God says your first and most important "business" is to OBEY His Law of love!

To a great extent in the past, and in some cases even at the present time, certain industries have forced their employees to work under such conditions, with such equipment, or such long hours that those at the top really KNEW that a certain percentage of God-given human LIFE would be sacrificed in their business operations to make more money! Those who think this is "respectable" murder will come to a rude awakening in the cold light of God's impartial judgment!

In like manner, modern employees have banded themselves together in labor union movements. They—like the employers—have literally MURDERED to get their way or to gain more of what God describes as "filthy lucre." To all those who read and understand, we may only echo Jesus' words: "*He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.*"

Other Personal Violations

There are hundreds of those in our society *who take their own lives*. But this, too, is *violating* the sixth commandment! It is GOD who gives life—and no man has the right to take that God-given life, even the one to whom it has been committed as a steward. For such a one is *refusing* to fulfill the purpose for his creation—and is in effect *condemning* and BLASPHEMING the very Creator in one of the strongest possible ways!

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The modern psychology of *pleasing* the "self" has led many to other forms of *murder*. *Thousands* of young women each year are committing a crime against God and man which is far greater than most of them have perhaps realized. In their desire to evade responsibility or to cover up shame, they are willfully *taking the lives* of unborn babies still carried in their wombs! This practice is called *abortion*—and it is clearly MURDER in the sight of the Almighty God who gave these little lives!

So-called "mercy killing" is simply the revival of an ancient *pagan practice*! It advocates the medical "murder" of a patient suffering from an incurable disease or in great pain.

But, once again, men who advocate such practices have left GOD *completely out of the picture*! They don't think of God as REAL. They forget that God GAVE life—and that He *alone* has the right to take it away. And in many cases they remain *willfully ignorant* of His divine POWER to heal *any kind of disease or sickness*—no matter what the medical science of the moment might be able to do about it.

God has NEVER given the right to puny, mortal men to carry on such a so-called practice as "mercy killing." Its practitioners will stand guilty before His judgment for—MURDER!

There is another species of murder that uses the *tongue* as its instrument. This is the case of a man so *reviling, condemning and scandalizing* his fellow human being as to lead him to physical and mental sickness—and possibly *death or suicide*.

The apostle Paul describes the *attitude* of these men who have forgotten God: "Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, backbiters . . ." (Rom. 1:29-30). Paul says the judgment of God indicates that such men "are worthy of *death*" (verse 32).

Those who *revile* or *scandalize* their fellow man to the point of misery and distraction are GUILTY of the spirit of murder—and perhaps *literal murder* if such action leads to the death of a fellow human being!

"*Death and life are in the power of*

the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof" (Prov. 18:21).

Humanity's Greatest Crime

Perhaps the greatest international crime of humanity is the scourge of *war*. Millions of human lives created in the image of God have been mercilessly *slaughtered* down through the ages in useless, senseless, idiotic wars which in most cases *failed utterly to accomplish their stated purpose!*

The spirit of God's Law as magnified by Jesus Christ is as *totally opposed* to every form of war as would seem possible! Nearly all the really great religious and political leaders of the world have acknowledged the utter *FUTILITY* of war.

Before the outbreak of World War II, Pope Pius XII declared: "Everything is gained by peace; nothing is gained by war."

One of the most respected statesmen and military leaders of our time, General Douglas MacArthur, has stated: "Men since the beginning of time have sought peace . . . military alliances, balances of powers, leagues of nations, all in turn failed, leaving the only path to be by way of the crucible of war. The utter destructiveness of war now blots out this alternative. *We have had our last chance.* If we will not devise some greater and equitable system, our Armageddon will be at our door. The problem basically is *THEOLOGICAL* and involves a spiritual recrudescence, and improvement of human character that will synchronize with our almost matchless advances in science, art, literature, and all material and cultural developments of the past two thousand years. *It must be of the spirit if we are to save the flesh.*"

Humanity's "last chance" is to *REPENT* of the sin of war before *human annihilation removes every vestige of life from this planet!*

General MacArthur acknowledges that the problem we face is *theological*—it is a *Christian* problem involving a true knowledge of the true *GOD*! He went on to say that it involves "an improvement of human character."

The greatest statesman of all times was Jesus Christ. He was the Spokesman for the government or kingdom of

God. Christ said: "Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, *LOVE YOUR ENEMIES*, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you . . ." (Mat. 5:43-44).

There is a great deal of highly respectable, cultured, and most interesting paganism abroad in the world today under the name of "Christianity." But can even this sophisticated paganism face these clear words of Jesus Christ without confessing that His life, His teaching, and His Spirit *CONDEMN* the very essence of war?

More lives have been snuffed out prematurely, more suffering has been endured, more homes have been wrecked and broken, more time and property has been utterly wasted because of the scourge of war than through any other means in the history of man!

And war has *NEVER* solved the problems of men or bought permanent peace. Instead, it only *breeds more war!* "For all they that take the sword shall *PERISH* with the sword" (Mat. 26:52).

The Bible Teaching

Jesus Christ came into this world as a *messenger* of the government or kingdom of God. He took no part in this world's politics or wars. On trial for His very life before Pontius Pilate, He said: "My kingdom is *NOT* of this world: If my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight that I should not be delivered to the Jews: But now is my kingdom not from hence" (John 18:36).

As we have stated, only *GOD* who gave life has the right to take life. Therefore, only *God* has the right to wage war! And, as Jesus taught, God does not choose to have His children wage war for Him during this age.

Jesus said that His servants would fight *IF* His kingdom were of this world. But it is *NOT*. And wars fought by and for the governments or kingdoms of this world are in *defiance* of the higher government and *RULE* of Almighty God from whom all real authority proceeds.

The apostle Paul stated to the Christians at Corinth: "For though we walk in the flesh, *we do not WAR after the*

flesh" (II Corinthians 10:3).

Through the apostle James, God shows that war results from a type of spirit *exactly opposite* that which He wants His servants to have. "From whence come wars and fightings among you? Come they not hence, even of your *LUSTS* that war in your members? You lust, and have not: Ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: Ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not" (James 4:1-2).

A Lack of Real FAITH

Men do *not BELIEVE* that God could give them—individually and nationally—the material possessions that they want and need. Instead, they feel they must *compete* and *fight* and *WAR* to get these things.

When an aggressor attacks, peoples and nations of this world *REFUSE* to trust God to deliver them as he did ancient Israel at the Red Sea (Exo. 14). Today, we are *divided* and *confused* in our religious, political and national loyalties. There is no modern Moses to command us "The Lord shall fight for you, and *ye shall hold your peace*" (Exo. 14:14).

In plain language, *there is no nation on earth*—including America and Britain—that really *KNOWS* and *TRUSTS* the true living *GOD* for His supernatural protection in time of war!

Instead, we seem to find it easier to spend countless *BILLIONS* of dollars and man-hours to protect ourselves. Countless millions of lives are killed or crippled or ruined. And millions of young men are taught to become effective killers—*murderers!*

Indeed, one of the most devastating indictments against war is that it breeds in whole populations the spirit of *violence* and *MURDER*. In one generation, Americans are taught to *hate* the British in a Revolutionary war. Later, they are taught to *hate* the Mexicans and the Spanish. Still later, they must *hate* and *destroy* the Germans and the Japanese! And now, the entire Western World—called "Christian" by some—is taught to return the *hate* and *violence* and spirit of *MURDER* of the Communist hordes of the East!

No wonder there is so much violence,
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The Bible Story

by Basil Wolverton

CHAPTER TWENTY-ONE

THE EXODUS BEGINS

EVENTS now moved rapidly. God told Moses to tell the Israelites to ask their Egyptian neighbors and acquaintances to pay them on the fourteenth of the month for the many services that they had performed for the Egyptians for so many years. Many Egyptian people really appreciated the things that the friendly Israelites had done for them. Besides, they held Moses in very high esteem.

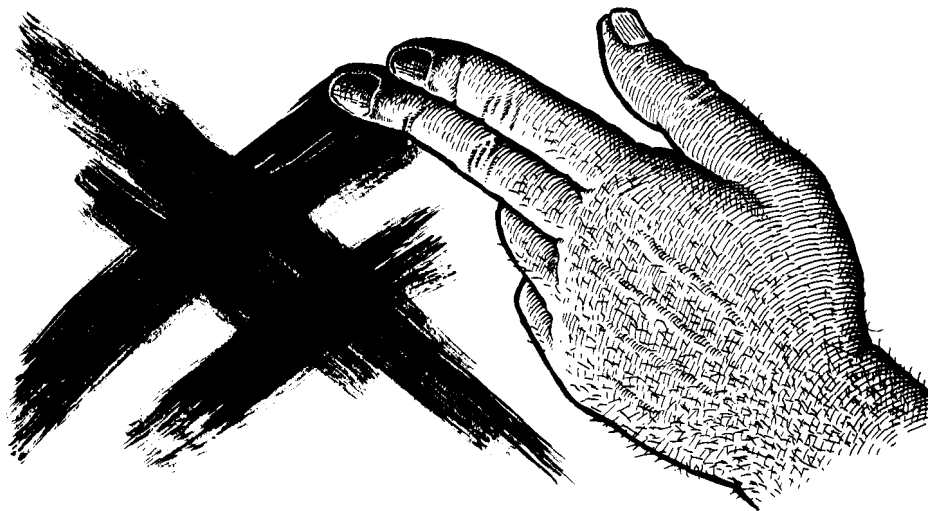
But first, another very important thing had to take place before the Israelites could receive their pay and leave.

Israel Observes the Passover

"This present month, which I have named Abib, is the first month of the year," God told Moses. (Exodus 12:1-9.) "Instruct the Israelites that on the tenth day of this month every family should provide itself with a perfectly healthy male lamb not more than a year old. These lambs must be kept till the evening of the fourteenth day of the month. Then each family must kill its lamb, roast it with its head, legs and inner parts, and eat it with bitter-flavored herbs and unleavened bread.

"Be sure to roast it well. Don't eat it half-cooked and don't boil it. Eat all of it if you can, but if any part is left over, burn it. Moreover, when you eat this lamb, be dressed as though you are about to start out on a long journey.

"When you kill the lamb, take some of the blood and smear it on the two sides and upper parts of the doors of your homes. Then, when I send angels to slay the first-born of Egypt, these signs on your doors will direct the angels to pass over those marked houses.



The Israelites smeared lamb's blood on the doorposts of their homes.

"This will be known from now on, therefore, as the Passover. It will show my mercy toward the people I have chosen to help carry out my plan on Earth. It will prove to Egypt that no heathen king, prince, idol or so-called god has any power against me.

"The Passover shall become a memorial to you, to be observed forever, to remember that I spared your first-born from the death angel when you were living in Egypt.

"One day later, on the fifteenth day of the first month—starting at sundown of the fourteenth day—you are to gather yourselves together to observe a yearly sabbath. It will be known as the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. You shall put all leavening out of your homes before that holy feast day starts, and for seven days the bread that you eat must have no leavening in it.

"The last day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread—the twenty-first day of the first month—shall also be a holy annual sabbath. As on the first holy day of this week without leavened bread, you shall gather together to worship me, and no work shall be done except that of preparing food. (Verses 15-20.)

"This week during which you eat no leavened bread shall be a time to be observed forever by you. It is to help you remember my bringing you out of the sinful, idol-worshipping nation of Egypt." (Exodus 13:3-10.)

God then went on to explain that leavening (which we generally refer to as yeast, baking powder, and baking soda) was something that caused a puffed-up condition. He pointed out that such sinful characteristics as pride, conceit and vanity caused people to be puffed up in their minds with false feelings of importance and goodness.

"Just as you must depart from sinful Egypt," God continued, "so must you leave

behind the sinful ways that are symbolized by leavening.

"Any one among you who continues to eat leavened bread during the Feast of Unleavened Bread, whether he is an Israelite or of any other nation, that person will not be allowed to go with my chosen people on their way to freedom in a land I have prepared for them."

When the Israelites learned these things, they obediently prepared for what was to come. When the sun went down in the late afternoon of the thirteenth of the month, and the fourteenth day began, thousands upon thousands of families slaughtered lambs for the commanded Passover. In many cases young goats, or kids, were slaughtered, for God had said that young goats could be used if lambs were not plentiful.

After the lambs and kids were killed, the Israelites immediately smeared the animals' blood on their doorposts—the sign for God's death angels to spare the first-born human beings and beasts wherever the blood smears showed. (Exodus 12:22-23.)

By the time the Passover animals were roasted and ready to eat, the Israelites were dressed as though prepared to leave. Obeying God's directions, they hurriedly ate the meat with the bitter vegetables and unleavened bread at this very first Passover. Little did they realize what would happen on that same night and at that same time of evening hundreds of years later.

What the Passover Represents

We know now that God's Son, often spoken of as the Lamb of God, was also slain as a sacrifice on the same day and month that the Passover was started.

God is good and perfect, and so He does things at the right time and on time. He made the weekly Sabbath a holy day. He did the same for the annual Sabbaths. He set certain dates for us to observe, and He carefully told us when these times would be, so that we could keep them in the proper manner.

These sacred dates are signs between God and His people—the people of His church who have been chosen for a very important task.

Down through the ages there have been proud, disobedient kings, priests, ministers, politicians, dictators and all kinds of leaders of men who have tried to change or blot out the days and times made special and holy by God. Many such men have succeeded in causing millions of people to believe that it is just as well to observe one day as another, or even that there are no worthwhile reasons to observe any of the days hallowed by God.

However, no man has succeeded in actually doing away with any of the days God has set aside for sacred purposes. If, for example, not one person in the world observed

the weekly Sabbath, yet the Sabbath would still be holy time. Meanwhile, no one would receive the wonderful blessings and happiness that come because of obeying God in these important matters.

Today, most people who are considered Christians aren't aware that there is only one time and one new way of observing the Passover. Many of these people don't even know what the Passover is. Some think that it was some sort of harsh, Jewish custom which later developed into a beautiful Easter service pleasing to their Creator.

It is well to remember that the Jews aren't even mentioned in the Bible till long after the Passover was started. That very first mention of the Jews pictured them at war with Israel! (II Kings 16:6.)

You will find the word "Easter" in some Bibles. It was never written in the original, God-inspired text, however. It is there in the English translations along with a few other errors made several hundred years ago by writers who thought, or who were told, that it would be a good thing for the Passover to be joined with the pagan worship of the ancient goddess Astarte, later called Easter.

Many people have been taught to observe Passover under several different names and in as many different times and manners. It is often called "Communion." Some partake of it as often as once a week. Others think that once a month is proper. Still others feel that four times a year is the thing to do.

Those who are obedient in this matter go according to the Bible, and observe the Passover once a year in the first month of the Hebrew calendar, at the exact time God has said it should be observed.

Jesus' Example

Since the death of Jesus Christ, who was killed as a supreme sacrifice for us, obedient Christians follow the example Jesus gave before He died. They now gather together on the date of the Passover, which ancient Israel observed in Egypt, and which was the same date upon which Christ was killed. They eat broken, unleavened bread, which stands for the sinless body of Christ, broken by the cruel whips that were used on Him. As a symbol of the blood of Christ, poured out so that our past sins would be blotted out, they also follow Jesus' example by drinking a very little bit of wine.

God gives special understanding to those who work and study to learn how they can best please Him. Little by little He opens their minds to grasp unusual knowledge and wisdom. Thus they come to know how important it is to properly observe God's sacred times and customs—beginning with the New Testament Passover—so that His wonderful plan for a happy future is made known to them.

You might think that God's plan—which will be told to you in more detail

later—would be taught in most churches and church schools, but it isn't. However, even the fact that it isn't fits into the way God is working. There are about two and one-half billion people in this world. Many millions of them live in our lands. But only a few thousand know how God is using human beings to prepare for glorious and amazing things to come.

God Again Punishes Egypt

Now to return to the story. During the night of the Passover in Egypt, the Israelites stayed in their homes, having been told that the only safe places would be behind the blood-marked doors. (Exodus 12:27-28.)

The middle of the night came and went, and those in the marked homes saw nothing unusual and heard nothing unusual.

It was much different with the Egyptians, however. At the stroke of midnight every first-born of their people and animals suddenly dropped dead! (Verse 29.)

Inasmuch as many Egyptian families were still up at that hour, hundreds of them fell dead before the eyes of their friends or relatives.

Whenever an Egyptian met death, it had long been the custom of the people to rush into the roads or streets and show their grief by wailing and howling in loud tones of dismal distress.

Those who first noticed the dead didn't lose much time in starting the mournful howling. This awakened their neighbors, who got up to find that there were dead in their homes, too. Before long every city, town and village in the land was filled with horrible moaning and yelling. Also, as was their custom, the mourners beat themselves with their fists and frantically ripped their clothing into tatters.

As for Pharaoh, he was stunned with surprise and dismay when he found his old-

The Egyptians ran out of their homes and mourned their dead by shrieking and moaning loudly.



est son lifeless in bed. If the king had thought that only Moses and Aaron were to blame for this thing, he would have angrily sent soldiers to kill them. But he then fearfully realized, more than ever, that the dreadful power of the God of Israel had come upon him and his people. This was one time when he didn't hesitate to act.

Israel Ordered Out of Egypt

"Send my swiftest messenger over to Rameses!" Pharaoh shakily commanded an aide. "Tell the messenger to go to Moses and Aaron with this command from me: 'Get all Israelites out of Egypt at once with their flocks and herds to go worship your God!'" (Verses 31-32.)

"It shall be done quickly, oh Pharaoh," the aide murmured, and turned to hurry away.

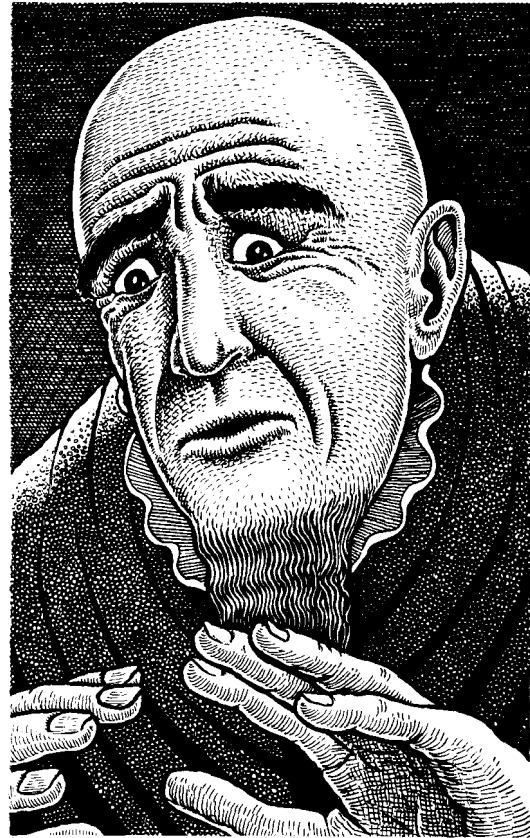
"Wait!" the king called. "One more thing. Tell the messenger to ask Moses and Aaron to pray to their God to have mercy on me!"

The sun was almost up when the messenger from Memphis arrived at Moses' residence with the command from Pharaoh. Because it was no longer dark, the Israelites were beginning to venture out of their homes. A large group of elders and officers had already gathered with Moses and Aaron, who were awaiting the king's next move following the terrible events of the last few hours.

"This is it!" Moses exclaimed to those around him after the messenger had spoken to him. "This is the moment we have long awaited. Send the signal to all Israelites to either gather here as soon as possible or meet us on the way by which it has been decided to leave Egypt."

The escape they had looked forward to wasn't to be made in a careless, unplanned manner. Moses and his officers had long since worked out the details, with help from God, and now messengers were rushed out to all parts of Goshen to tell the Israelites what to do.

Because of following God's orders to be dressed for a journey while eating the



Pharaoh froze with dismay when he saw the lifeless body of his oldest son.



Messengers rushed to all parts of Goshen to tell the Israelites when to leave their homes and where to meet.

Passover, they were ready to leave when word came to them. But even before the word to leave arrived, their wailing Egyptian neighbors came knocking on their doors.

"Take all of our gold, jewels, clothing, food and anything of ours you want!" the Egyptians begged them. "We will pay you in some measure for your services to us as our slaves. If you want more, say so. We're willing to give you anything we have. All we ask is that you quickly leave our country before your God destroys all of us." (Verses 35-36.)

This tenth and last plague—death to their first-born—was too much for the Egyptians. Now they feared what God might do next. They were frantic to get the Israelites away from them. Furthermore, it was no small matter that the first-born of their animals had been killed. Almost every kind of animal was worshipped by the Egyptians. To them, the sudden death of these creatures was almost like sudden death to some of their idols.

Now being urged by their Egyptian neighbors to depart at once, and also being told by messengers from Moses that they should leave without any delay, the Israelites didn't have any extra time to pick up many belongings. They simply seized whatever they could load on their pack animals and what they could carry on foot. (Verse 33.)

Using long, wide pieces of cloth, they quickly bound up their necessary possessions. These included many of the things the Egyptians had given them, plus their bread-mixing bowls filled with meal and unleavened bread dough.

Having expected that they might receive a message to leave at any time, the Israelites had kept their flocks and herds close to their homes.

Thus prepared, they rounded them up as quickly as possible, and moved with them toward the city of Rameses or Old Cairo.

The Exodus Begins

In the next few hours there was a gathering of a tremendous number of people—a huge multitude such as the world had never known. By nightfall of the fifteenth they had arrived at camp along a trail from Rameses to points several miles northeast of that city. On this night they were to hold a joyous festival as God commanded.

There were about six hundred thousand men gathered for the escape from Egypt. However, many of these men had families, and that greatly increased the number of Israelites. Furthermore, there were people of other nations who wished to go with the Israelites. Adding up all the people, it is plain that at least two and a half million persons must have gathered together to move out of Egypt.

The main item of food for the Israelites on that first night of camping were cakes of bread made of the dough that was in their mixing bowls. There not only hadn't been time to add yeast to cause the dough to rise—but that was according to the instructions they had been given—not to eat leavened bread.

It had been a great day for the weary Israelites. After generations in Egypt, they were at last on their way to freedom and a land of their own where sticks, stones and animals weren't worshipped as gods. They thanked God for bringing them out from among the idol-worshipping Egyptians, and for sparing their first-born the night before.

That eventful night of the fifteenth—the first annual Sabbath was one long to be remembered. In fact, God told the Israelites to tell their children about it down through their generations, so that they wouldn't forget how He had freed them and performed awesome miracles in order that they would be freed. (Exodus 13:3-10.)

Today, many centuries later, the people of God's Church still remember the night of the fifteenth of the first month by meeting in a joyous festival together, as they have been told to do, at the beginning of the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread.

Later that night the Israelites prepared themselves to leave Rameses. They formed themselves into strict marching ranks like those of an army, and divided themselves into their twelve tribes. There was order and control in the manner in which they moved. God didn't want His people to rush from Egypt in an unruly mob.

Perhaps you will remember that before Joseph died in Egypt he asked to be buried in Canaan. Now, many, many years later, the Israelites took with them his bones from his tomb to carry out his wish. In fact, the bones of all twelve of Jacob's sons were brought to Palestine.

Starting out from a place called Succoth, around which they camped for the next night, the Israelites probably expected to travel northeast on the shortest way to the

land of Canaan. However, a small nation of people called the Philistines lay on this shortest route to Canaan. The Philistines probably wouldn't have let the Israelites pass through their land without attacking them or at least demanding some kind of heavy payment for the Israelites going through their land.

God didn't intend that the Israelites should run into wars as soon as they got started. Therefore He chose a different way for them to go. (Verse 17.)

Toward the Red Sea

That morning a strange thing happened. A small cloud appeared in the eastern sky. Slowly it grew larger, extending almost down to the ground like a massive, white pillar. It could be seen by all the Israelites—even by those who were several miles away in the rear ranks of the mass of people.

"This cloud will be our guide," Moses told those at the head of the multitude. "Send the word back through our ranks that God is leading us by it, and that we are to go when and where it goes."

This startling bit of news spread swiftly back to all the people. Probably there were many who couldn't believe that a cloud would be their guide, but when the cloud began to move eastward, they must have come closer to realizing a fact everyone should know: with God all things are possible. (Verses 21-22.)

Probably it was plain at first to only those in the foremost ranks that the cloud was moving, and they did likewise. Others behind them followed, until gradually the whole, vast multitude, spread out for several miles, was on the march.

Never in the history of mankind had there been a sight like this—millions of people walking or riding at the same speed, headed by a cloud that seemed to stand on one end!

It wasn't possible for that gigantic caravan to move fast. Animals usually move rather slowly when they are herded, and the people couldn't move any faster than they could drive their many thousands of cattle, sheep, goats, burros, and camels. A large number of these animals were heavily loaded. Besides, there were thousands of small children and elderly people on foot who couldn't go very far at a swift stride.

The journey from Succoth was one through an area where there was plenty of grass for the livestock. But by the end of the day the green vegetation thinned out. The Israelites were leaving the lush delta country of the Nile, and were approaching an arid region.

Many hours passed. Then the cloud ceased moving. This was the sign for the people to stop and camp. It was in the general area of a place called Etham.

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HOW TO BE SAVED!

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and your sins have hid His face from you, that He will not hear" (Isa. 59:2).

Now salvation—eternal life—comes from GOD. But your sins have cut you off from GOD. The connection is SEVERED. YOU severed it! God will not GIVE you His gift of eternal life until you are reconciled to Him!

But He SO LOVED you, that He GAVE His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to DIE FOR YOU so that you need not perish—but, thru Jesus Christ, be brought into contact with Him so He can GIVE you eternal life!

The PENALTY of transgressing His law is DEATH! Jesus paid that penalty in your stead. If, and when, you TRULY REPENT, as I have explained at length, and BELIEVE on Jesus Christ as your Lord and personal Saviour from sin and from sinning, then by and thru HIM you gain access to GOD THE FATHER.

The two conditions of turning FROM sin, and *accepting* Christ (including baptism), YOU *must* DO YOURSELF! That's what YOU must do! That is NOT *what saves you!* It merely *reconciles* you to GOD—brings you into CONTACT with God, so that God will then GIVE YOU His HOLY SPIRIT—and HIS SPIRIT is the gift of the FAITH that saves—and it is also the Spirit of UNDERSTANDING, of knowledge, of the LOVE that FULFILLS the Law, and imparts GOD's righteousness!

So my friends, that is it! Millions have been *deceived*, and believed *falsely* that they *have* a salvation which they do NOT yet have at all! GOD HELP US, then, to UNDERSTAND.

What You Should Do

Now, finally, just HOW shall you go about it?

Must you go down the aisle in a church? Must you go to a public altar, and shed tears in front of others, and pray aloud before others?

Being converted is not an initiation into a lodge or secret society! It is not a rite or ceremony! It is a matter of turning FROM the old life that was false, yet may have seemed right to you—of

turning TO a new and TRUE way of life in Christ Jesus, living by every Word of God, in and by the power of God's Holy Spirit! When you UNDERSTAND the real MEANING and the PURPOSE, you'll see that it is something that takes place down deep in your HEART and not a matter of THE PLACE or THE SURROUNDINGS, or the presence of other people. What Jesus said about confessing, or denying Him before men did not refer to a rite, or ceremonial form of being converted. Being converted is the receiving of the Holy Spirit—the *very life*—of God.

You CAN, of course, make this full surrender and consecration to God in front of others, at an altar. You *can*, also, make it just as sincerely and fully, in a private room at home, all ALONE with God! You can pray in church before others and do it sincerely from the heart. Yet Jesus said, "When thou prayest, enter into thy closet (any small room), and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly."

Well, WHEN you come to this *parting*

of the ways from the old life—when you come to the place of making this COMPLETE CHANGE—this total unconditional surrender to God—this complete consecration, GIVING your SELF to Him, accepting Christ as your personal Saviour—turning FROM your sins, and TO God's way of life as you'll find it in the Bible, you'll want to PRAY! Yes, you'll want to throw yourself completely on God's mercy, and ask Him thru Jesus Christ to FORGIVE YOU all your past sins and transgressions against Him.

It is not perhaps of great consequence *where* you do it—whether in a church meeting, or ALONE WITH GOD AT HOME! But the IMPORTANT thing is to DO IT—and to DO IT NOW!—not to delay or put it off, and let the temptation to keep on putting it off finally rob you of your salvation altogether. The longer you put it off the harder it will become. WHY it should be difficult to just go and throw yourself on God's mercy, and ask His forgiveness, and give your SELF to Him, is hard to understand—yet something in the lower nature within you will keep tempting you to PUT IT OFF. That temptation is not of God, you may be sure.

If you are sick and tired of the empty, fruitless, materialistic life you have been living—IF in your heart you DO want to turn from it to the FULL and JOYFUL life filled with God's SPIRIT, then WHY DELAY? Why delay another minute, even? Wherever you are now, go where you can do it—into the privacy of your own room if you are at home, YES, RIGHT NOW!—get down on your knees, make your full surrender to God, give yourself without any reservations to Him—ask Him to forgive—no matter how terrible, or how many have been your sins—He will forgive them all—and acknowledge Jesus Christ as your living Saviour! God will accept you as HIS! Just UNLOAD that burden of your sins on HIM—go and do it NOW! This is *just the start* of the real Christian life. Don't look for a certain feeling, but repent and believe. God laid down the terms. Conform to them, NOW!

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by Dr. C. P. Meredith

PART IX

IT COMES as a shock to realize that the professing Christian world is being deluded by a FALSE MESSIAH—one who has been masqueraded as Jesus Christ.

The apostle Paul knew of this clever deception that would be foisted upon the Church. Here is what he said under inspiration of God:

"I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent beguiled Eve in his craftiness, your thought should be corrupted . . . For if he who cometh preacheth *another Jesus*, whom we did not preach . . . or *another gospel*, which ye did not receive"—that is, if any minister comes who preaches about ANOTHER JESUS—a false Jesus whom the apostles did not preach about, or *another GOSPEL*—a different way to ETERNAL LIFE than the way you received from Christ and His apostles—"ye bear well with him"—you accept his false message! (II Cor. 11:3-4).

Paul was shocked at the fact that Christians in his own day were giving heed to the false doctrines about *another Jesus*—a false Messiah to whom the name of Jesus Christ was appropriated.

A false savior appeared long before Christ's time and is the one upon which people today are depending for their salvation! IT IS TIME TO WAKE UP! Bible evidence proves that this is just what has happened!

World's False Savior Reappears

The inhabitants of the earth just after the flood knew and understood that a Savior was to come (Genesis 3:15), but they did not know WHEN He would come. They were LOOKING and WAITING for HIM!

It was under these circumstances that Nimrod—the world's great leader and founder of this world's civilization after

the flood—died (Genesis 10:9-11). Semiramis, his wife—known also as the "Queen of Heaven" (Jer. 44:17, 25)—desired to retain the vast holdings of her dead husband at all costs.

She conceived a daring plan. Her family, even at the death of Nimrod, was considered very unusual because of their great exploits. It was not difficult when she gave notice to the world of that day that her illegitimate child HORUS WAS THE VERY Savior reborn, FOR WHOM THEY WERE LOOKING!

The world knew that Nimrod had "liberated" them from God's "distasteful" ways. Therefore, after Nimrod had been slain, Semiramis claimed that she miraculously conceived and that Nimrod was thus miraculously reborn to her as the "SAVIOR" in the form of her present illegitimate son, Horus or Nin-yas, as he was called in different nations.

HORUS, then, WAS THE "SAVIOR" THEY WERE LOOKING FOR! SEMIRAMIS WAS THE VIRGIN MOTHER! The world accepted them.

NIMROD, IN HIS NEW FORM OF HORUS WAS TO continue TO LIBERATE THE WORLD FROM GOD'S distasteful WAYS, AND WAS TO USHER IN A new WAY—another WAY OF LIFE!—THE WAY OF sin, IF YOU PLEASE.

This Semiramis, the Queen of Heaven, received the adoration of the world through her lie. She became the virgin mother of the "Savior!" Her position over the holdings of Nimrod was thus secure.

Even today, this woman Semiramis—whose Assyrian name was *Ishtar*, pronounced as "EASTER"—is worshipped. The world continues to pay homage to her as mother of its "Savior" in the pagan festival Easter.

Because of the fierce opposition of Noah's son Shem, Semiramis was compelled by this circumstance to use SYM-

BOLS to represent the three members of her family so that the early world after the flood could worship them *secretly*. Thus arose the MYSTERY system, referred to in the New Testament (II Thes. 2:7), by which EASTER and innumerable other pagan customs have been introduced into the church. Those who knew the MEANING of the SYMBOLS knew whom they worshipped—the outsiders did not.

These three, the husband, the wife, and her illegitimate son, came to be worshipped in many symbolical forms, and under many Babylonian names. Her system has been perpetuated by monks, nuns and celibate priests down to this day!

Today's Religious Confusion from One Masked Source

THE POLLUTION of God's teachings, whether ancient or modern, came from ONE great masked source. It is hard to believe—yet it is absolutely true!

It came from one family—the family of Nimrod and Semiramis! THE KNOWLEDGE OF THIS HAS BEEN GRADUALLY LOST!

This is how it happened, step by step:

1. At first Semiramis—also called Ishtar or Easter—desired to have the members of her family worshipped openly, but, as we have seen, she was forced by the opposition of Shem to have them worshipped through SYMBOLS.

The hero worship, bestowed on Nimrod while he was alive, became transferred to symbolical rites in his honor after his untimely death. The remembrance of her dead Nimrod was so strong and his popularity had been so great that the worship of Nimrod, his Queen of Heaven (Semiramis), and her son Horus saturated the whole earth

in the time of Semiramis' rule.

The very use of SYMBOLS to represent the human beings that were worshipped did, however, remove the people *one step* from the knowledge of whom they worshipped. The people were not as aware of whom they were actually worshipping as they would have been had they not been worshipping them through SYMBOLS!

The point is, the world even then, *after* SYMBOLS were introduced, was not quite as aware that they were worshipping Nimrod's family, although *for a time* it was explained to them. SYMBOLS CLOUDED THE REALIZATION OF WHOM PEOPLE WERE ACTUALLY WORSHIPPING!

The Next Fateful Factor

2. The second great factor which made the people of the earth lose sight of whom they were *actually* worshipping was that the various family groups at the tower of Babel were miraculously given *different* LANGUAGES. *They could not understand what the other family groups were talking about!*

Thus, while each group was actually worshipping the *same* original three persons, ultimately, as they began to spread out upon the face of the earth from this central focal spot close to where their forefather, Noah, had landed the ark, THEY BEGAN TO BELIEVE THEY WERE WORSHIPPING *different* GODS! For the three were bearing DIFFERENT NAMES!

3. Now we come to the third great masking procedure. It was a method which brought to complete perfection the other two *masking* processes. It was a process which has culminated in *completely* blinding the world *today* to the fact that it also is worshipping only three *human* beings—Nimrod, Semiramis, Horus.

What is this procedure?

When Christ came, THE DEVIL INSPIRED CHRIST-IAN NAMES TO BE PUT UPON THE RITES AND DOCTRINES WHICH SEMIRAMIS FORMULATED BY WHICH SHE, HER SON, AND HER HUSBAND WERE TO BE WORSHIPPED!

Labeling Pagan Practices by Christian Names

Here is how it happened! The Gen-

tiles all around Christ in His day were still worshipping the *first* "SAVIOR"—Nimrod. The world in Christ's day was *saturated* with the worship of the "unholy" three. The worship was *attractive*—there was *still* the desire to be "liberated" from the authority of God by *their own* "Savior." Seeing the POWER of Christ manifested through miracles, people wanted to associate themselves with Him. Yet they would not accept Christ's gospel—a *repentance* or TURNING *from their former ways*, NIMROD'S WAYS. They rejected the *only* WAY to obtain eternal life. The people were in a quandary as to what to do about their TWO SAVIORS!

SO, WHAT DID THEY DO? THEY PAID "LIP SERVICE" TO CHRIST BY PLACING "CHRIST-IAN" NAMES ON THE OLD PROCEDURES BY WHICH THE *false* "Savior" WAS WORSHIPPED; AND THEY *continued* TO WORSHIP and follow THE *first* "SAVIOR"! *Do you understand?*

OUR WORLD HAS REFUSED CHRIST, THE TRUE SAVIOUR, and His ways—IT STILL CLINGS TO THE FALSE "SAVIOR and His ways"—"another Jesus"—against which Paul warned (II Cor. 11: 3-4). THIS WORLD APPARENTLY WANTS TO LIVE LICENTIOUSLY and DIE OF VIOLENCE, THE SAME AS DID THE FAMILY OF NIMROD WHICH REJECTED THE TRUE GOD AND HIS WAYS! *The world made its great decision at the time the TRUE SAVIOUR appeared!* No wonder CHRIST MUST COME A second TIME TO SAVE THIS WORLD FROM ITS SINS! (Heb. 9:28).

Pagan Rites Masquerading As Christian

The procedures for worshipping the counterfeit "Savior" *still* remain and are *observed*, although they bear "lip service" to the name of Christ. Nimrod's birthday on December 25 is still celebrated around the earth, although it bears the somewhat Christian name of "Christ-mas." Sun-day—the day of the SUN—Nimrod's day—is still observed world-wide, although it is now often called by the name of "Sabbath." Semiramis' sprinkling rite *continues to be used*, although it now falsely bears the Christian name of "baptism."

These pagan practices—falsely labeled "Christian"—are masquerading as the

teaching of a "Jesus"—a DIFFERENT Jesus from the One whose life and doctrine is taught in the Bible!

The surface has barely been scratched here in naming all the ways which Semiramis formulated for the worship of her "Savior"—ways which are used by the whole world today to worship Nimrod instead of honoring Christ!

You Are Born Into Your Religion

4. There is a fourth factor which comes *naturally* into play and which has aided in hiding from the world today those whom they are *actually* worshipping.

Here is how it works!

Semiramis was forced to introduce symbols for her family so that others could worship them. The worshippers were *at first* told that in adoring these symbols (idols, trees, animals, periods of time, etc.) they were *actually* worshipping the members of her family.

The priest who told a worshipper what these symbols *actually* represented bore the title of "Peter," which in the Babylonian language means "interpreter" (*The Two Babylons*, page 208). There was a "Peter" in Rome, for instance, who later became confused with Peter the apostle of Jesus.

In time the symbols were *no longer explained*—THE ONCOMING GENERATIONS WERE "born INTO THE FAITH OF THEIR FATHERS"—THEY WORSHIPPED THEY KNEW NOT WHAT! Their father's *old time* "religion" was good enough for them. THEY WORSHIPPED THE *first* "SAVIOR" FOR THE SOLE REASON THAT IT WAS THE PATH OF LEAST RESISTANCE—they did not know of any other handy way to worship. THIS IS WHAT PROBABLY HAPPENED TO YOU! YOU WERE PROBABLY born INTO YOUR RELIGION!

PEOPLE ARE *not* PROVING THINGS BY THE Bible as the Bereans were *commended* for doing (Acts 17:11). People today *unquestioningly* accept the confused denominational teachings of their parents handed down by tradition from generation to generation.

Bible Proof That World Worships False "Savior"

If the world is so saturated with the worship of Nimrod, the counterfeit

"Savior," and his family, many ask, "Why doesn't the Bible concern itself with the matter?"

This is naturally the thought that enters anyone's mind. Here is the answer:

The worship of Nimrod's family is the *only* false religious system that the Bible *does* speak of—it is *that* important! The Bible mentions Nimrod (Genesis 10:8-10), his Queen of Heaven—Semiramis (Jeremiah 44:17-19, 25), and Horus—the Queen of Heaven's illegitimate son who was supposed to be Nimrod miraculously reborn as the "Savior." Then THE BIBLE EXPLAINS NOTHING ELSE IN THE WAY OF A FALSE RELIGIOUS SYSTEM BUT OF THE *symbolic idols* WHICH STOOD FOR ONE OR THE OTHER OF NIMROD'S FAMILY—the symbols which were conjured up by the mind of Semiramis.

The world has noticed, and marvelled at the great variety of gods which the Bible shows were worshipped by the Old Testament people. *There seems to be no connection between them. But this is not true.* It is a fact that they all came from ONE source—from that first ruling family of Old Babylon!

Let us now notice IN THE BIBLE how the *world-wide* worship of Nimrod, the first "Savior," and of his family, caused Israel, the only nation that made any attempt to follow the *true* God, to turn away from him. MARK WELL THAT THESE THREE—NIMROD, HORUS, AND THE QUEEN OF HEAVEN *and no others* WERE THE ONES WHOM THE WHOLE EARTH WORSHIPPED. But different names in different lands were applied to them. This was what God referred to when He said the people "went a whoring after other gods" (Judges 2:17).

Abraham and Israel

In Abraham, God found a man after the flood who *would obey him*. He commanded him to leave his home country and told him He would make of him a great nation and give him and his offspring forever all the land he saw (Gen. 12:1-4; 13:14-15). Ultimately, Abraham's twelve grandsons found themselves in Egypt due to a famine in Palestine, and there they became the slaves of the Egyptians (Ex. 1:11).

They were in Egypt—the land which, according to *other* evidence, was full of the worshippers of the Mysteries (SYMBOLS) of Semiramis. They were *among the pagans*, and remained captives among them over two hundred years. They learned, while there, how to worship the *first* "Savior" and his "virgin" (so-called) mother, the Queen of Heaven (Semiramis). They forgot the True God, but God, because of His promise to Abraham, had not forgotten them.

He led them out of Egypt and promised them He would make them the greatest of nations if they would *forsake* their idol (SYMBOL) worship and follow Him. If they would not, He said He would punish them severely (Lev., Chapter 26).

Israel Worshipped Counterfeit "Savior"

The Israelites had scarcely started their journey to the promised land when the people called for their old SYMBOLIC pagan gods that they had known in Egypt. Moses had gone up on Mount Sinai to receive the Ten Commandments. In his absence the people said to Aaron, "Make us gods (SYMBOLS), which shall go before us; as for this Moses, this man that brought us up out of Egypt, we know not what is become of him" (Ex. 32:1).

Aaron made them a *golden calf* to worship, which, as we have shown in previous installments, was the way the Egyptians *mystically* worshipped Osiris (Nimrod), their "Savior." This was almost 1500 B.C.

Those who first worshipped the golden calf (Exodus 32:1-4), did so with the *full knowledge* that they were worshipping the "re-born" Nimrod—the "Savior" in one of his symbolic forms! The calf symbolized the false Savior, as the Lamb symbolized the true Savior.

EVERY ONE OF THE NINETEEN KINGS THAT RULED OVER THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AFTER THE SEPARATION OF ISRAEL AND JUDAH WORSHIPPED THE GOLDEN CALF—the symbol of the FIRST "SAVIOR!"

Now continue through the Scriptures.

Do you recall the account of the Europeans who passed through the bonfire in our "Christian" times? Now

notice that your BIBLE shows it originates from the worship of Nimrod:

We have previously shown in another installment that *Molech* was also a title applied to Nimrod in one of his idol forms and that in order to "purify" themselves, people, usually children, were made to "*pass through the fire to Molech.*" In Leviticus 18:21, just after they had left Egypt, God warned Israel: "Thou shalt not let any of thy seed pass through the fire to *Molech.*" "Whosoever . . . giveth any of his seed unto Molech; he shall surely be put to death" (Lev. 20:2).

That this practice was picked up from *neighboring pagan nations* is evident; "Thou shalt not learn to do after the abomination of *those nations* . . . that maketh his son or daughter pass through the fire" (Deut. 18:9-10).

Today the teaching has become the doctrine of *purgatorial fires* in the next life.

Why Mentioned in Scripture

Now we can begin to see why God named in Scripture an endless array of pagan gods—ALL OF WHOM REPRESENTED THE THREE DEIFIED MEMBERS OF Nimrod's FAMILY! IT IS A VEILED WARNING THAT A WORLD saturated WITH THE WORSHIP OF THE false CHRIST would continue TO WORSHIP THE FALSE "SAVIOR" THEY HAD KNOWN SINCE THE FLOOD—BUT WOULD REJECT THE TRUE SAVIOUR AND HIS GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM WHEN HE CAME, EVEN THOUGH THEY WOULD APPROPRIATE HIS NAME FOR THEIR PAGAN CUSTOMS.

Chemosh was the god of the Moabites. God says Israel had *forgotten* Him and was worshipping Chemosh (I Kings 11:33). Who was Chemosh? He is identified with Baal-peor—the pagan "Christ child"—and with Baal-zebub, Mars, and Saturn (Peloubet's *Bible Dictionary*, p. 115). We have shown that Saturn was one name of Nimrod, and Mars, another name as the god of war of the Greeks. *Chemosh, then, was the Moabite name for Nimrod.*

Solomon, despite his wisdom, built an altar to him (II Kings 23:13). *Even he was misled* by this Babylonian worship.

Israel also joined itself to the worship of the idol BAAL-PEOR which is but an-

other form of the old Babylonian worship of Nimrod (Num. 25:3). Again in Numbers 31:16, God rebukes Israel for worshipping PEOR, which is the abbreviated name of BAAL-peor.

A Dead "Savior"

Recall that the *true* Messiah is often pictured still hanging *dead* on a cross—whereas he is *actually* LIVING today.

God admonishes in Psalm 106:28 that Israel "joined themselves also unto Baal-peor, and ate the sacrifices of the *dead*"—the *dead* human Nimrod. (Hislop's *The Two Babylons*, p. 69). These people were eating sacrifices offered to Nimrod. God was telling them a *dead* god could do them no good. The *true* God is a *living* God (John 6:57).

BAAL-ZEBUB, the god of Ekron (II

Kings 1:3-4), the pagan god of medicine, was none other than Nimrod (*Hislop*, p. 279). Here we see Israel partaking of the Mysteries of Semiramis and worshipping Nimrod in this form also, by depending on healing from him *through doctors and drugs*. Luke 11:15 shows the real power behind Baal-zebub—it was the "chief of the demons"—Satan.

These are the pagan customs which have passed into the churches as Christian customs. They are labeled with *the name of Jesus*—but they originated among the pagans as a means to help them worship the FALSE MESSIAH!

Peter warns you today that there is no other way to be saved than through the NAME AND PERSON OF THE TRUE MESSIAH! (Acts 4:12).

GIRLS WERE NOT IN MEN'S CLOTHES

EDITOR'S NOTE: We have received several letters from readers of *The Plain Truth* who mistakenly thought they saw pictures in the May issue of Ambassador College girl students wearing male attire.

Here are the facts:

The two girls supposed to be wearing "shorts" were returning from the tennis courts on our athletic field, and were wearing the girls' standard tennis uniform. This is a standardized female uniform worn by female tennis players the world around. These uniforms are not "shorts," and have skirts, although the skirts are short enough to permit the action and agility required in playing tennis.

Actually, these two girls were so far away from the camera that the photographer did not notice them. They appeared so small in the picture that neither the editor nor managing editor noticed them, in selecting this picture for publication. It appears that those who did notice them, and wrote criticising letters, must either have used a magnifying glass to spy out supposed "evil" or else have very sharp eyes to see that which they may condemn in others. The pic-

ture shows two of our girls' student residences, and these girls were merely returning to their rooms from the tennis courts.

Girls are not allowed to wear these uniforms on the Ambassador campus, except when going immediately to and from the tennis courts.

Not Men's Pants

The one girl seen in the picture on the front cover, who was supposed, according to some who were quick to see supposed evil in others, to be wearing men's pants, was not wearing "that which pertaineth to the man," as some accused.

At Ambassador College all men students are required to be on the athletic field at 6:00 a.m. every school-day morning for physical culture exercises. Through the winter season it is quite chilly at this hour in Pasadena, and we provide special warm-up suits for all students—one kind for men, and another kind made especially for girls. After the men have left the field, at 6:30, the girls are required to appear for morning exercises.

Some of these exercises require

them, lying on their backs on the cold cement tennis courts, to go through certain arm and leg exercises in which they must kick up their legs. For this their legs must be covered. The girls' early-morning warm-up suits are made to keep them warm, with hoods that can be drawn over their heads.

It happened that on the day this cover picture was being taken, this particular girl's regular tennis uniform was apparently in the laundry, and she was on her way from her room to the tennis court for a scheduled lesson with the trouser part of her morning warm-up suit. Here, again, this girl appeared so small in the picture that, even after these criticisms had been received, I personally did not know which girl it was.

I mentioned these condemning letters in open forum before the entire student body, sharply reprimanding the girls about even giving the "appearance of evil" as a stumbling block to others. I mentioned that I wanted to see the girl in the picture personally after the assembly. The girl who came crying afterward was not the girl I thought I had identified in the picture. The girl appeared so small in the picture that even I myself was unable to identify which girl it was. She was very sorry, indeed, that she had caused some to criticize the work and the ministers of God. Yet actually she had done no wrong.

Sometimes I wonder if many professing Christians, who are so righteous in their own eyes, always willing to see evil in others and hurl the first stone, ought not to turn the looking glass right around and look down good and deep into their *own* suspicious hearts, and see the dirt that may be lurking *there!*

Perhaps some should read again the words of Jesus:

"And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, and perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye?"

Let us be careful to avoid "straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel," or being like the Pharisees—watching outward appearances only. God looks on the heart; and one thing I should like to assure our friends, co-workers and readers: the inward intent and motive,

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The Man Who Couldn't Afford to TITHE

by Herbert W. Armstrong

IT WAS late in 1933—the very depth of the great depression. Ed Smith was a well driller by profession, but nobody seemed able to afford to have wells drilled.

Ed and his wife, Emma, attended services I was then holding in a one-room country schoolhouse twelve miles west of Eugene, Oregon. Ed made no profession of Christianity until later. But he attended services, and went up and down the countryside discussing Bible doctrines with his professing Christian neighbors.

"You've got to pay tithes and obey God," he insisted. "The Bible says so. It's PLAIN!"

One of his neighbors became irritated.

"Look here, Ed," the neighbor exploded, "why do you come around here trying to talk me into these things, when you don't obey the Bible and pay tithes yourself?"

"Because," came Ed's quick and ready answer, "I don't profess to be a Christian, and you do. Besides," he added, "I can't afford to tithe, anyway."

Thousands Like Him

There are thousands who, like Ed Smith, reason in their own minds that they can't afford to tithe, even though, like Ed Smith, they realize the Bible commands it.

I heard about the above conversation, and preached a sermon on the question of whether the *unconverted* should obey the Ten Commandments and pay tithes, or whether, as Ed has reasoned, these things were only for Christians. I pointed out that God's law was put in motion for *man's good*,—it is THE WAY of life that brings peace, happiness, prosperity, the full, abundant, interesting life; success, joy, *here and now*, as well as eternal life thru Christ for the saved.

I showed that it PAYS, and is the only sensible way of life, entirely apart from the matter of salvation—and that, even

if one is finally lost, he who sins little shall be punished with *few* stripes, but he who sins much with *many* stripes. I pointed out God's promises to *prosper* the tithe-payer, and that this is a definite LAW God has set in motion, which operates inexorably and automatically on the just and the unjust alike.

Ed began to obey the Bible. At the very next service—we were holding services at this little school house three times a week, and three other nights a week in a hall in downtown Eugene at the time—Mrs. Smith smilingly handed me a one dollar bill.

"That's Ed's first tithe," she said triumphantly. "We are now down to \$10, and Ed decided to start tithing with what we have on hand."

The very next service she came to me with another happy smile.

"Here's a five dollar bill," she said. "The very next day after Ed gave God's work a tenth of all he had, a customer who had owed him \$50 for a year came and paid up. So here's the tithe of that \$50. After paying the total \$6 tithe, we now have \$54 on hand instead of the \$10 we had the other day."

It was beginning to *pay*! But only *beginning*! By the next service, as I remember it, Ed had received his first order in one or two years to drill a new well, for which he received cash payment. Before he finished that job, another was contracted. Soon he had three or four jobs coming in at once, and was forced to begin employing men to work for him.

Ed Smith was only one of *many* I have known who learned *by experience* that one cannot afford *not* to pay God the tithe that BELONGS to God! I remember Ed Smith did encounter some troubles of a different nature later, and his wife and son were sent to the state tuberculosis hospital, and he finally broke down in real repentance, accepting Jesus Christ as Saviour. He came to me, ac-

cording to the command of James 5:14, and both his wife and son were completely healed and returned home.

This is a true story, and the name is not fictitious. Ed Smith died several years ago, but I'm happy to remember these incidents in his life in the hope they may start many others on the right and *profitable*, as well as the Christian, way of life.

Why did God ordain tithing? Was it to place increased burden and taxation upon us? Let us not misunderstand God's love and wisdom!

It isn't that God really *needs* your first tenth. He could have established some different system for carrying on His work. But to have done so would have robbed *us* of the blessing that flows back to us if we are faithful in tithes and offerings!

The tither is invariably a prosperous man. I do not mean *wealthy*—but one whose actual needs are always supplied. Tithers, if faithful and obedient to the Eternal, are not often found in want. "Not because I desire a gift; but I desire fruit *that may abound to YOUR account*" (Phil. 4:17).

God promises His children shall always have something to give (Deut. 16:16, 17). It is only when they withhold and misappropriate the tithe and offerings that He fails to prosper them. For thru John He tells us "I wish above all things that thou mayest *prosper* and be in health" (III John 2).

"Honor the Eternal with thy substance, and with the *first* fruits of all thine increase: *so shall thy barns be filled with plenty*, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine" (Prov. 3:9, 10). Try it! "*Prove me now herewith*," challenges the Eternal to us, in a prophecy for *our* day (Mal. 3:10), "if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that *there shall not be room enough to receive it*" —financial blessings! Are you behind

financially? In debt? Your unfaithfulness in tithing and offerings *may be the reason!*

Concrete Experiences

John D. Rockefeller, it is said, accepted at eight years of age God's challenge to prosper the individual who pays God His tenth. Did he prosper?

Mr. Colgate, the great soap manufacturer, left home when a very small boy. He soon met a prosperous old sea captain. He asked the boy what he could do, and the boy replied he knew only how to make soap and candles.

"Yield yourself to God," advised the old sea captain, "and pay Him a tenth of your income. Some day there is going to be a man at the head of the great soap industries in New York, and there is no reason why you should not be the man." The boy took the advice, got a job, earned a dollar and paid a dime.

Very soon he earned two dollars and paid twenty cents. Soon he got a job in a soap factory and he continued to pay a tenth and to prosper. He rose from common laborer to foreman. Later to manager, and then to president of the company, and finally he owned the entire establishment. As he continued to prosper, Colgate paid two tenths. He prospered still more and paid three tenths. Still he prospered, and he paid four. His prosperity kept increasing and he decided to give HALF of all his income.

And still he prospered!

I know a man who started a small grocery business in a small city in the state of Oregon. This was during the great depression. He had practically no capital, had the poorest location in town, and refused to sell tobacco. Others said he could never succeed. Thus handicapped, starting in the beginning of the worst depression the world ever knew, not many would have dared pay a whole tenth.

This man decided he would be a faithful steward, take God into partnership, and trust the Lord with his business. He prospered from the start and was the only grocer in his town who weathered the storm of depression successfully.

When God receives His portion of all your income, God becomes your

partner, sharing in your profits. He causes His partners to prosper, and if you are in debt, take God into partnership *first*, and watch Him prosper you until finally you are out of debt! Remember the debt you owe God comes FIRST.

Tithing While in Debt

Yet so many say: "I don't think it would be right for me to tithe while I'm in debt." Yes, it *is* right, and the other way is WRONG. "There is a way that seemeth right to a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." God's Word tells us what is RIGHT, and God tells us to pay to His work the *firstfruits* of all our income. Regarding our material and financial needs, even debts, God

says "Seek ye *first* the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." (Mat. 6:33.)

The tithe is the debt that you owe God. This debt is FIRST in time and principle. Pay your debts to God, make Him your PARTNER in your finances, and receive His blessing in temporal affairs. This will enable you to pay your debts, or to get a job, or to have your needs supplied more quickly than if you evade His debt.

Remember your ALL belongs to HIM, not to you. (Deut. 10:14). You are in the position of steward handling that which *belongs to another*. He is your silent partner, and the first tenth, in addition to offerings, is His share. The rest

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Short Questions

FROM OUR READERS

My employer has told me he will have to fire me if I do not begin working on the Sabbath. Jobs are very hard to find in this locality. Should I keep the Sabbath regardless, and trust God for another job?

The immediate question that always comes into mind when faced with the decision to obey God and keep holy the day He made holy is: "How am I going to support my family?" The answer is that we must not look to the physical circumstances involved, but trust God in BELIEVING FAITH. Have you ever read II Cor. 4:18, 5:7 and Jas. 2:18?

Some of God's people who thought they would lose their jobs have been surprised to learn that their employers changed their minds about firing them. Others, who *have* lost their jobs for refusing to break God's Sabbath Day have soon had equal or better jobs!

We are told in Matthew 6:31-33, "... take no thought [anxious thought or worry], saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your

heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. *But seek ye first the kingdom of God*, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." The person who accepts God at His Word, and is willing to STEP OUT on faith, *exercising* it, and trusting Him to supply every need, is a person upon whom God will look with favor and to whom God will see that work is supplied.

This takes real courage and faith in God; but we know we have His *sure promise* that He will provide for our needs. God may allow you to be temporarily jobless to test your faith, but as long as you obey Him and follow Christ, your perfect example—and *keep looking for a job*—you will find work. God will not forsake you (Deut. 4:30-31). But there is one thing to remember, you must be a hard and trusted worker. God will not intervene for one who is lazy!

Pray for God's guidance and intervention on your behalf, so that you will have His help in finding the right job should you be fired. The chances are that you will keep your job, or find a better one if you do lose your present job.

He gives freely to you. But if you appropriate for yourself HIS share, *you are stealing*, and ROBBING GOD (Mal. 3:8). Would you pay your debts with money another man had left in your trust? If a man working in a bank does that, *we call it embezzlement!*

The only *sure way* to know you have God as Partner and that He is taking care of your interests is to obey Him in tithing. Think what recently happened in Chile. People who did not have God as their Partner had no divine protection when terrible earthquakes struck.

Your Glorious Opportunity

Some will say, "I never tithed, and I know God never frowned on me, for I have the feeling in my heart that I am His child without having to tithe."

God has blessed you according as you have *yielded* to Him according to the light He has revealed to you, from His Word! While you have the light, WALK

in it, *lest darkness come upon you!* (John 12:35, 36). GROW in grace and the KNOWLEDGE of our Lord" (II Pet. 3:18). See also Rom. 11:22.

If every professing Christian would accept this plain instruction from God, honoring HIM instead of themselves with their substance, the work of the Eternal would go forth with such mighty power that the world would be shaken to its foundations!

Seek ye FIRST the Kingdom, and your material needs shall be ADDED. Try it! Take God at His Word! PROVE HIM! (Mal. 3:10). *See how you begin to prosper!* Be a faithful steward; make God your PARTNER! Receive His BLESSING! God's work is waiting upon YOU!

And if you haven't read our astonishing, helpful booklet "*Ending Your FINANCIAL WORRIES*," write immediately for it. It is free. It will tell you how you can get on your financial feet!

Women Not in Men's Clothes

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here at Ambassador College, is right.

While we assuredly do not want to teach our girls in Ambassador College prudery or narrow-mindedness; and we do not wish to be harsh and stern and strict and unkind and unloving, yet we do in our college rules adhere strictly to the ways of God, as revealed in the Bible. Girls are not allowed to wear shorts or jeans or slacks on our campus. They are allowed to wear their athletic uniforms, *made especially for girls*, ONLY on the tennis courts and the athletic field, and while directly en route from their rooms to the athletic field and tennis courts.

I must say frankly and in all candor that I hope our critics are as sincere of heart in yielding fully and completely to the way and the will of God as I know these wrongly accused Ambassador College girl students to be. I do thank God for them, and what I know is in their hearts.

ROCKED BY EARTHQUAKE—Soldier stands guard near rubble strewn around an electrical shop which was shattered by earthquake in Concepcion, Chile. This could happen to your property if you are without divine protection.

Wide World Photo



THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT

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crime, adultery and broken homes in the wake of every war! More than any other one thing, war breeds the *spirit of murder*! And that evil spirit is growing and increasing throughout the world today!

God's Government Will End War

Jesus Christ came preaching the good news of the government or **RULE** of God. That rule is based on the *Ten Commandments*—God's spiritual Law.

Jesus *magnified* that Law and showed its spiritual intent and purpose. He taught that if we even *hate* our brother, we are spiritually *guilty of murder*! Jesus taught that men should **OBEY** the laws of God and prepare for His coming kingdom by yielding themselves to let God's laws—His *character*—be placed within them.

When God's government does come very soon now to this earth, His **LAW** will go forth as the standard of conduct of all nations (Micah 4:1-2). At that time, God *alone* will wage war to punish rebellious nations in perfect wisdom and justice.

As for the peoples of the world themselves? "Nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, *neither shall they learn war anymore*" (verse 3).

War involves *learning* to hate and kill! Young men will no longer be forced to **LEARN** an attitude which is diametrically opposed to the rule of God's law of love!

President Eisenhower has said: "Man's hope for world peace does not rest in opposing armed camps, but in an idea. That idea is *the concept of a RULE OF LAW* as the means of settling disputes among sovereign states." Whether our President realized it or not, he pointed up the fact that only the *government of God* based on His **LAW**s will solve the problems of men and nations!

But meanwhile, true Christians must work and pray for God's kingdom of peace, and we must realize that the spirit of war is the spirit of **MURDER**—and avoid it with all of our strength.

Jesus Christ and War

Speaking before the League of Nations, Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick put this thought in a very powerful way: "We cannot reconcile Jesus Christ and war—that is the essence of the matter. That is the challenge which today should stir the conscience of Christendom. War is the most colossal and ruinous social sin that afflicts mankind; it is utterly and irremediably unchristian; in its total method and effect it means everything that Jesus did not mean and it means nothing that he did mean; it is a more blatant denial of every Christian doctrine about God and man than all the theoretical atheists on earth ever could devise. It would be worth while, would it not, to see the Christian Church claim as her own this greatest moral issue of our time, to see her lift once more as in our fathers' days, a clear standard against the paganism of this present world and, refusing to hold her conscience at the beck and call of belligerent states, put the kingdom of God above nationalism and call the world to peace? That would not be the denial of patriotism but its apotheosis."

The essence of the matter is that Jesus Christ is against the *spirit of murder* in every form. He is against *war*—and someday He will put an end to it forever!

He is against all malice and envy and hate. Jesus Christ taught the dignity of man and the sacredness of human life—"Created in the image of God."

And the great Father of Jesus Christ, the Almighty **GOD** who governs the universe from His throne in heaven, that God *thunders* at an age of violence and rebellion: "*Thou shalt not murder.*"

In next month's article, we will come to understand the **BASIS** for most of the misery and wretchedness among married couples today. The *seventh commandment* is more far-reaching than you have realized! Be sure to read next month's article in this series on God's Law.

Sorry! There is no **AUTOBIOGRAPHY** this month due to Mr. Armstrong's pressing duties. But be sure to read next month's surprising installment.

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