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AND NOW important new doors are opening wide and rapidly before us in the Middle East. Last September I spent a profitable and delightful week in Lebanon having important personal meetings with the president, prime minister, minister of foreign affairs, and minister of education, besides other influential people in this important Middle East nation.

In early January, I had a round-the-world trip planned to include Tokyo, New Delhi, Nepal, Teheran, Addis Ababa, Vienna, and our English campus.

I learned through some of our friends in Tokyo, who are high-ranking members of the Diet (Japan's Congress or Parliament) that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was sending eight high-ranking congressmen on an official goodwill junket to visit the capitals of several oil-producing countries in the Middle East.

We were flying our Gulfstream II private corporate jet into virtually the same areas. I invited our Japanese friends to travel with us instead of by commercial airlines, and they accepted.

At New Delhi, where we have many friends, including the president and prime minister, members of Parliament and important businessmen, educators, and ambassadors from other countries, we were able to co-host a dinner in their honor. It was attended by some seventy distinguished and high-ranking people of India and other nations. It helped promote goodwill and friendship between these nations and Japan.

At Teheran, again where we had high-ranking friends, we were able to co-host a reception in honor of our Japanese friends and also in Ethiopia. From Addis Ababa, we took a one-day flight to Nairobi, Kenya, and returned the same day. We all enjoyed a short safari of some two hours by automobile into a wild animal preserve, where we saw many wild animals in their own natural habitat. Also, plans were

Personal from



EIGHT JAPANESE CONGRESSMEN HELP OPEN NEW DOORS TO US IN THE MIDDLE EAST

laid while there for personal meetings on a following trip with the heads of government. This had been set previously by invitations from a Kenyan ambassador we had met in another country.

But at Kuwait and Dubai, where we had never visited before, our Japanese friends established future contacts for us, which will lead to personal meetings with the sheiks and heads of state in these oil-producing countries.

Then we flew to Cairo. My wife and I had visited Cairo 18 years ago, but I had not been there since and had no contact with government heads there. But through our Japanese friends, the door was opened. They were glad to help us in this way, for which we are extremely grateful, and partly because I have been decorated by the Japanese government with the highest honor ever conferred on a private alien. This, of course, gives me a different status in Japan.

While in Egypt, we were at Aswan High Dam at the same time Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and President Sadat were together there, at the precise moment the separation of forces agreement between Israel and Egypt was being signed.

Below is an account I typed on the spot:

Luxor, Egypt

We are just passing Secretary of State Dr. Henry Kissinger's plane, the 707 *United States of America*, as we taxi on Luxor airport runway for takeoff for Cairo. Secretary Kissinger has been following us all day — first, at Aswan High Dam, now, at Luxor.

We pause briefly now for clearance for takeoff. It came quickly, as I turned off the electric typewriter at my working desk before my seat on our "Gulfstream II" plane and folded the typewriter back into its receptacle, below the glassed-in bookcase. This is my "office" in the sky. And, according to published pictures I have seen of the inside of the President's *Air Force I 707*, I prefer my working space to his when airborne.

With me, as usual, are Stanley R. Rader, our general counsel, who acts as my personal executive secretary on trips, Professor Osamu Gotoh, four Japanese congressmen, and two Japanese stationed in Cairo.

It happened that eight high-ranking Japanese congressmen were going on an official goodwill mission to a number of Middle East oil capitals, and our current round-the-world tour was taking us to the same

(Continued on page 29)

Millions shared in the celebration of Britain's royal marriage. Yet this is a time when the age-old institution of marriage is threatened on all sides. Are marriage and family no longer relevant?

by Charles F. Hunting

WATCHED BY 500 million people — every seventh person on earth — a radiant Princess Anne became the wife of Captain Mark Phillips on a brilliant November day in London's historic Westminster Abbey.

Thousands jammed the royal route to get a glimpse of the regal procession. They were joined by the millions who, through live satellite television coverage, thrilled to the pageantry of this jubilant occasion.

A Breath of Happiness

On this joyous day, Britain, and indeed the world, took time off from a tense national and international crisis that had occupied the minds of statesmen and populace alike in the anxious weeks and months preceding the wedding.

Asked in a BBC interview about the overwhelming interest that has been shown in the wedding, Captain Phillips commented that it "reflects a little bit the state of the world at

the moment, in that every day people pick up the paper and read about some disaster or some new scandal, and I think they are really rather relieved to read about something that is genuinely happy and good."

The Queen Mother, returning from the wedding to Buckingham Palace, remarked to Prince Charles as she waved to the crowds in the Mall, "Aren't they all so happy?"

Yes, it was a tremendously happy occasion! Marriage, and especially a royal marriage, somehow excites most human beings. And perhaps more than any other in recent years, this marriage captured the minds of hundreds of millions.

If the royal wedding taught us anything, it was certainly that in spite of the mounting attack on marriage in this twentieth century by a vocal minority among psychologists, philosophers and women's libbers, marriage is still very much in vogue with the masses.

Most people, in fact, consider marriage and the family as still being vital in the modern world. A British opinion poll in 1971 revealed that even in this permissive age, with growing demands for new freedoms, 94 percent of the British people believed that "the family structure is of supreme importance"

(*Daily Express*, Aug. 28, 1971).

Another poll showed that of those in the under 30 group, 77 percent think marriage is still relevant. As one person said: "Marriage is essential for the security and stability of family life. I'm convinced there is a far greater responsibility towards children in marriage than there is in a loose arrangement, which seldom if ever seems to work" (*ibid.*, June 30, 1971).

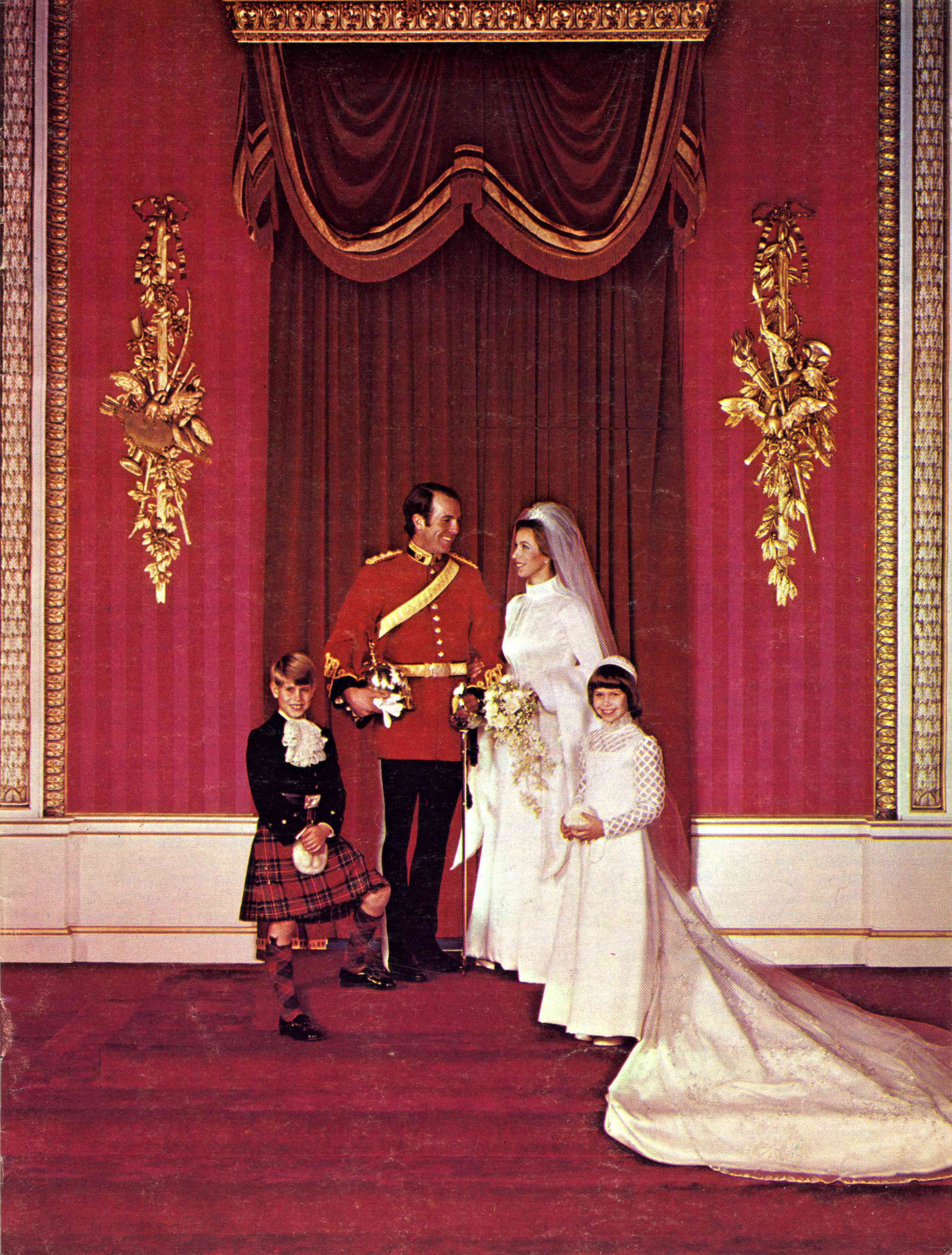
Yet homes, despite the tremendous interest people have in marriage, are too often unhappy!

Is Marriage Obsolete?

Divorce, now epidemic, vividly reflects the unhappy state of marriages. Almost one in three American marriages, for example, ends in divorce, and in some U.S. West Coast cities the rate is 70 percent! Meanwhile, an estimated half-million American children run away from home every single year — a shocking testimony to that heart-ache. And an expanding slice of youths belong to an alienated culture which is hostile toward the family and society as a whole.

Small wonder then that unhappy and increasingly shattered homes are causing some sociologists to question the value of such an institution in this changed world.

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"The family, with its narrow privacy and tawdry secrets, is the source of all our discontents," declares Cambridge anthropologist Edmund Leach. "The bourgeois family unit," adds a British psychiatrist, "is the ultimate and most lethal gas chamber in our society."

California psychologist Richard Farson has also concluded that the family "is now often without function. It is no longer necessarily the basic unit in our society."

If you're married, what has been your experience? Would you agree with these statements? Here are a few reasons why those men and other sociologists have come to question the value of the family. Chances are, they are the same issues which affect your family life.

The greatest single issue concerns the happiness of wives. Renowned sociologist Jessie Bernard comments in an analysis of women's needs in marriage, "Once men have known marriage, they can hardly live without it." But while "the story of the husband's marriage can be short and simple; not so, however, the story of the wife's" (*The Future of Marriage*, pp. 18, 24-25). Marriage, she shows, needlessly has an adverse effect on the mental health of many women. They experience a great lack of fulfillment in marriage, leading to nervous breakdowns, feelings of anxiety and inadequacy, depression and phobic reactions. Marriage, for them, brings a lowering of status. "For, despite all of the clichés about the high status of marriage, it is for women a downward status step" (*ibid.*, p. 38).

Why do so many marriages involve a lowering of status? "The housewife is a nobody," says Philip Slater, and almost everyone agrees. "Her work is menial labour. Even more status-degrading is the unpaid nature of her job Housework is a dead-end job; there is no chance of promotion Not only does the wife not grow, but the non-specialized and detailed nature of housework may actually have a deteriorating effect on her

Dave Conn — Plain Truth



DR. MARGARET MEAD
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mind . . . rendering her incapable of prolonged concentration on any single task. No wonder that after hours of passive, often solitary, absorption in television and radio soap operas, she comes to seem dumb as well as dull" (*ibid.*, pp. 43-44).

The housewife syndrome is, of course, the basic reason that women's liberation became a major issue in the latter part of the sixties. Germain Greer's *The Female Eunuch* sought to smash the syndrome and bring to light the growing disenchantment with the wife's traditional role.

A Look at the Nuclear Family

It wasn't so long ago that the family played a vital role in everyday life.

The family wasn't just husband, wife and children. It was a society within a society, an extended family in which parents and children were surrounded by grandparents, brothers, sisters, uncles and aunts. Most of the family's relatives lived next door, on the next farm, or within a ten- or twenty-mile radius. This ex-

tended family provided psychological support, and there was a togetherness that buffered the individual against crises which might have threatened break-up.

But with the industrial revolution and, later, the advent of the automobile, families began to drift apart geographically. Children left home for the big city. The nation became 70 percent urban, and families now comprised parents and children alone in a hostile environment.

Thus was born the "nuclear family."

The warmth and togetherness of previous generations tended to fade. Dad, no longer able to work alongside his children in the field, often became a visitor who saw the youngsters only briefly before they were ushered to bed.

With the move to the cities, families had to face increasing financial burdens which brought employment for 40 percent of the women, thus further dividing the home. Children were farmed out while mother worked. In those marriages where the woman did remain at home, the husband was away at the office instead of nearby in the fields. Wives were isolated, and another awesome nightmare loomed large — *suburban neurosis*.

To counteract growing discontentment with isolation in the home, women's liberation sprang up. And the pendulum went to the other extreme. The home took a giant leap closer to the brink of oblivion. Today, in these early '70s, the family is at a crisis point!

In a little over two generations we have come from the expanded family, with all its reinforcements for marriage, to a state where many modern families are in a desperate struggle to simply survive.

And Now — the Abolition of the Family?

Because of the gigantic problems posed by unhappy families, growing numbers are seeking an alternative.

An alternative which some are experimenting with is the "arrange-

ment." Couples live together in a "marriage" which is not bound legally and which can be dissolved as quickly as it came into being.

For others, the "solo-parent" concept has appeal. Because unmarried mothers are not as often ostracized by society, numerous young girls have far less fear of the "fatherless family."

Anthropologist Margaret Mead summed up these modern trends: "Students in rebellion, the young people living in communes, unmarried couples living together, call into question the very meaning and structure of the stable family unit as our society has known it."

But while a vocal minority searches for a successful alternative to the family, others see grave danger in its abolition.

The Family: Basis of Society

"The extinction of faith in the familistic system," warns Harvard Professor Emeritus Carle Zimmerman, "is identical with the movements in Greece during the century following the Peloponnesian Wars, and in Rome from about A.D. 150. In each case the change in the faith and belief in family systems was associated with...crises in the very civilizations themselves."

History documents the vital role which the family plays in preserving a nation. Said Dr. Paul Popenoe, founder of the American Institute of Family Relations: "No society has ever survived after its family life deteriorated."

Although down through history the family has been challenged on numerous occasions, it has always survived. It is the oldest of human institutions, and society after society has proved it cannot be replaced successfully.

To understand why no society has been able to get along without marriage, we need to ask how the family began and why.

The only rational explanation for this unique institution is given in the ancient biblical record of the book

American Institute of Family Relations



DR. PAUL POPENOE. "No society has ever survived after its family life deteriorated."

of Genesis. Here we find that marriage was ordained by the Creator himself to be the basic building block of society.

God decreed that humans should live together in the family relationship, and he reveals that we were made male and female for this very purpose.

Jesus Christ referred to this divine origin of marriage when he said, "Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, and said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?" (Matthew 19:4-5.)

Since marriage did not originate from human experimentation, it isn't the prerogative of humans to determine whether it should continue as the basis of society. It is precisely because God *decreed* the institution of marriage that humans have been unable to find a better way!

Why the Family Is Important

In recent years, there has been a great deal of research into the role of both father and mother in the proper development of a child.

Writes Dr. Louisa Eickhoff, consultant child psychiatrist at Selly Oak Hospital, Birmingham,

England: "The stable home background with its balanced parent-complex is as vital as the placental link in pregnancy. Without it the child cannot prosper or profit, however good the available facilities." (*Education: Threatened Standards, "The Primacy of the Family."*)

Can we begin to grasp that a happy family is the very best possible environment for the development of children? There simply is no way in which father and mother can be replaced if children are to be balanced and well-adjusted.

Marriage is the basis of the home, and it enables men and women to share their lives and to rear children in an atmosphere of security and love. It ties two individuals together in a manner that guarantees a stable environment for offspring. Without it, children could enter into loose moral relationships and might suffer insecurity for life.

Civilizations which have lost sight of the importance of the family have perished! So will ours if the family is not preserved.

The Happy Family

To preserve the family, God set in motion certain laws to regulate the home. When these laws are broken, an automatic penalty is exacted. When they are obeyed, happiness results. These laws, revealed in the Bible, form a protecting hedge about our families so that they are not torn apart in a world where marriage is increasingly ridiculed and right standards are scorned. These laws governing marriage involve the roles that God has ordained for husbands and wives.

Now see why movements which threaten the future continuation of the family relationship are so wrong:

Women *need* to be emancipated from the down-trodden, second-class-citizen status which they have long held in a materialistic-minded world! But there are those in the Women's Lib movement who do not seek merely a rise in status for women. Writes Arianne Stassino-

poulos, who read Economics and was president of the Union at Cambridge University: "Liberation... is a demand for abolition of wife and mother, the dissolution of the family" (*The Female Woman*, p. 60).

Miss Stassinopoulos shows that there is a difference between genuine emancipation and the demands of Women's Liberation. "Emancipation," she explains, "means equal status for different roles — in our present context, greater status for distinctly female roles as wife and mother..."

God created men and women with physical and mental differences which are not a matter of superiority and inferiority, but of different roles. He intended men and women to complement each other so that they might form a balanced team for the training of children.

Purpose of the Family

What is one of the primary purposes of the family? The answer is revealed in the book of the prophet Malachi in the Bible: "What does the one God require but godly children? Keep watch on your spirit and do not be unfaithful to the wife of your youth" (Malachi 2:15, *The New English Bible*).

The first purpose of the family is the development of godly children! The family is not only the ideal formative environment in which babies should be brought up. It is also where the character of potential sons of God can be molded!

In a speech delivered on a recent visit to the United States, Princess Grace of Monaco asked: "What better 'thing' of one's own can one do than share in the creation of a new life, thereafter integrating it into a loving and wholesome family, and continuing to guide the formation of its personality and the moulding of its character?"

To bring a new life into the world and to guide its development is a responsibility and a privilege that defies human imagination!

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PRINCESS GRACE OF MONACO. "What better 'thing' of one's own can one do than share in the creation of a new life, thereafter integrating it into a loving and wholesome family and continuing to guide the formation of its personality and the moulding of its character?"

Family Breakdown Propheesied?

The Bible actually predicted the disruption that has come about in the family today. Notice how accurately the prophet Isaiah foretold this very time: "And I will give children to be their princes, and babes shall rule over them. And the people shall be oppressed, every one by another, and every one by his neighbour: the child shall behave himself proudly against the honourable" (Isaiah 3:4-5). There's disrespect for the older generation today, a complete reversal of conditions extant in Western nations only decades ago when young people honored and respected the parent population!

Verse 12 reads: "As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them." Yes, women are running many families today, and unruly children are oppressing our society!

Unhappy husbands and wives are suffering the penalty of broken laws. Our children are suffering from insecurity and lack of parental guidance. Our society as a whole is

threatened by the breakdown of the family.

But at this juncture, when the very future of the family is in question, God has sent his servants to proclaim to the world the truth about the awesome purpose of the family and to restore right family relationships!

A Message About the Family of God

The prophet Malachi also foretold a work of God on this earth immediately prior to the prophetic "day of the Lord" — the very same time Jesus Christ referred to in Matthew 24:14. Notice what message this work would be proclaiming: "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: and he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse [Hebrew: utter destruction]" (Malachi 4:5-6). (That is the same destruction warned of in Matthew 24:22.)

God commissions his servants to reveal the purpose of the family! To carry out God's commission of proclaiming the truth about the family, Ambassador College publishes several important booklets and articles which are available without charge.

Write for *The Plain Truth About Child Rearing* and discover how to prepare children for their future marriages. Be sure to request also our booklet *Your Marriage Can Be Happy*.

Husbands, request our article revealing the true role of a husband and father. It's entitled "Is There a Conspiracy Against Fatherhood?"

Wives, ask for our attractive booklet explaining your role: *True Womanhood*.

Because the world has not understood the purpose of the family or the laws regulating marriage, homes are breaking up as never before. But marriage was *meant* to be happy! Family life ought to be fulfilling. A happy marriage isn't just for a princess! □

advance news

in the wake of today's **WORLD EVENTS**

● **Southern Africa — Race War Ahead?**

Africa, to many people, has almost become a backwater on the world scene, dominated by big power politics. In reality, the huge continent is undergoing major changes which will not leave even the big powers unaffected. Based on present trends, some analysts are deeply concerned that the world's first full-scale black versus white race war could erupt in southern Africa sometime in the middle-to-late 70's. "The situation in southern Africa is explosive," warns U.N. Secretary-General Dr. Kurt Waldheim. "It could provoke an extensive conflagration with possible consequences spreading far beyond the confines of Africa."

Echoing Waldheim's fears, British foreign secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home told the British Parliament: "My fear since long ago has been that eventually there would be a front on the Zambezi between the southern half of Africa and the north."

The Zambezi River has been called the "symbolic Mason-Dixon Line of Africa." Most of the nations above that line broke loose from colonial rule in a wave of black independence movements which swept over the continent in the 1960's. Now, black nationalist "freedom fighter" groups pose a growing challenge to the last bastions of white minority rule in southern Africa.

The nations and territories targeted by the black liberation movements are the Portuguese colonies of Angola and Mozambique, plus Rhodesia and South-West Africa.

Insurgent attacks in southern Africa have thus far been on a relatively small scale. The governments of South Africa, Rhodesia, and Portugal are stepping up cooperative countermeasures in an attempt to head off the problem before it gets out of hand. Fortunately for them, the various liberation groups have been plagued with internal dissension, which may block their efforts of "liberating" the south.

The government of the Republic of South Africa, meanwhile, is caught in a dilemma on how to react to a growing feeling of "black consciousness" among its majority black and colored population. How to reform or

relax the nation's strict racial policies without "letting things get out of hand" is the problem.

● **U. S. Power Key to Peace in Asia**

Nuclear war in Asia within two or three years? That's what some experts are now warning as they size up the heated dispute between the Soviet Union and Communist archrival People's Republic of China.

The Krèmlin hierarchy is under growing pressure from its military advisors to "do something now" about China, which is steadily growing toward full-fledged superpower status. That "something" could involve a preemptive nuclear "surgical strike" to wipe out China's nuclear installations and nip Peking's nuclear development program in the bud before it gets too sophisticated and powerful. That critical point is considered to be somewhere between two to three years away.

Perhaps what is most shocking is that the Soviets — in 1969 — actually sounded out the United States to see if Washington at that time would callously turn its back on a Russian blitz of Chinese nuclear sites. President Nixon not only objected strenuously to the naked assault scheme but embarked on a counter policy of summit talks with both Peking and Moscow in an attempt to defuse the Asian time bomb.

Since 1969, the Soviets have greatly increased their military might along the 5,000-mile Russo-Chinese border. Today there are nearly one million Soviet troops stationed there, with great quantities of armor and artillery, including tactical nuclear weapons. The Chinese have responded to the threat by launching a massive civil and military target defense program.

The power and prestige of the U. S. Presidency, it appears, is the major factor keeping the Sino-Soviet quarrel and much of the other squabbling among nations under control. This is precisely why the Watergate scandal could be so disastrous not only to the United States but also to the entire world. As the British news weekly *Economist* said in August: "When the President of the United States loses his grip, half the world finds itself in pieces on the floor."

— Gene H. Hogberg

WHERE IS EUROPE HEADING?

Our London regional editor reports on critical developments now emerging in Western Europe. Events perceived and foretold decades ago in this magazine!

by Roderick C. Meredith

FEW people here in Europe and elsewhere around the globe grasp the magnitude of recent world events. For staggering crises, now threatening to tear Western Europe apart, are ultimately impelling the nations of Western Europe toward complete and final unification.

Time is of the essence.

The October war in the Mideast jarred the European nations into renewed awareness of their own impotence in times of world crisis. Then, the severe oil shortages, affecting Europe vastly more than the United States, rubbed salt into the fresh wound.

In Copenhagen recently, the nine member nations in the European Economic Community (EEC) publicly recommitted themselves to economic and political union *before* 1980.

But how rapidly can the European nations genuinely unite so that they can "speak with one voice"? Chancellor Willy Brandt of West Germany and President Pompidou of France seem ready to push toward unification — howbeit each on his own terms — within a very

few years. However, Britain and Denmark do not feel the same urgency at present.

The fact is that not merely leaders but events are going to determine the pace of unification. It was the depressed economic and political situation within Europe, plus the ominous Soviet threat, which provided the motivation for the mid-century birth of the European Community. It was the event of American disengagement from Vietnam and her subsequent consideration of gradual withdrawal from Europe — coupled with her startling move toward détente with the People's Republic of China and Russia — which forced Europeans to take more serious steps toward unification in recent months.

Now, it's the events of the Mideast war and its aftermath — the oil crisis — and Europe's impotence in the face of these events which will ultimately force a European union.

In the near future, who can say what the specific scenario will be? A new Soviet threat to Europe via Germany or Berlin? Another outbreak of hostilities in the Middle East, which would pinpoint and dramatize a divided Europe's helplessness even more vividly?

One or more such events are likely to occur within the next year.

A full-scale United States of Europe, it is now felt, is urgently needed to meet the growing threats posed by the superpowers on the one hand and such crises as that

exemplified by the current oil embargo on the other. Yet Europeans seem unready to submit national sovereignties to a higher European authority. Far greater events are yet needed to impel Europe into final union.

Who Will Be Members?

The European Identity Paper approved in the Copenhagen Conference by the heads of government of the current EEC membership stresses that the European Community must be "open" to other nations of similar backgrounds and interests.

The question is *which* other nations?

The answer to that involves a very real problem which was not specifically discussed. That problem involves significant "grassroots" disfavor with the Community by major segments of the populations within the member nations. Many Danes, for example, want their government to withdraw from the EEC. There is also the recent opinion poll in Britain which found that only 31 percent of the British public considers Common Market membership a good thing. They blame rising prices on it. Many also fear loss of sovereignty to "faceless Brussels bureaucrats." In addition, Holland feels betrayed by its "partners" in the Common Market. Because of its refusal to side with the Arabs, it is bearing the brunt of the oil shortage here in Europe. It has appealed — so

far with no avail — for help from its European brothers in the EEC. This demonstrates the kind of tensions and national moods present in the Community.

If any one or two of the above nations withdraw from the EEC — which is possible — who will take their place?

A few possibilities immediately present themselves. Spain and Portugal are likely candidates. Both are fully Western European in outlook and traditions. Portugal is already a member of NATO. Though Spain is not, it is definitely in the Western camp and has treaties with the United States which permit the latter to lease air and submarine bases. However, the basically non-democratic nature of the two Iberian nations presently bars their inclusion in the Community.

Other possible EEC members include Austria, Greece, Turkey and even Yugoslavia. There are so-called "impossibilities" attached to the membership of each. But so were there to Britain's membership just a few years ago, and she is now a full member. Unforeseen events could impel some of these nations to actions that they are not now contemplating. Franco's rule in Spain will come to an end soon. He is eighty-one years old. With the pressure of the need for a unified European voice and the imminent threat of Soviet intervention if U. S. troops in Europe are withdrawn, it would be easy to imagine a speedy entry of Spain and Portugal into the EEC — and even Greece.

Austria's constitution would have to be amended, and Yugoslavia would need to make a complete break with Soviet Russia. But ethnically, geographically and historically, both Austria and the northwestern part of present day Yugoslavia were for centuries part of the Hapsburg family of nations.

Already a full member of NATO with strong historical ties to Europe, Turkey might easily opt for full EEC membership — it is already an associate member — if U. S. power

in the Middle East and Europe continues to decline. There are rumors floating around Europe to the effect that Turkish soldiers — noted for their toughness — could in part replace American troops if needed.

A Separate "Identity"

The European Identity Paper approved recently in Copenhagen is something far less than Europe's "declaration of independence." Nevertheless, as the 22-point document stressed, the Community's close ties with the United States "do not conflict with the determination of the Nine to establish themselves as a distinct and original identity." Henceforth, the Community would seek "cooperation with the United States on the basis of equality." And, in unusually forceful tones, the framers of the identity paper asserted that "Europe must unite and speak increasingly with a single voice if it desires to make itself heard and play its proper role in the world." Thus, another giant step was made in the weaning of post-war Europe away from what is regarded as undue reliance on American policies and influence.

There is good cause for this. The long, drawn-out Vietnam malaise, the Watergate tragedy, U. S. moves such as the atomic alert of last October, the direct Middle East peace initiative with the Soviet Union (bypassing European allies) — all these events and more have caused Europeans to feel they can no longer solely depend on American leadership and support.

European antagonism toward the United States and its policies is now in the open. The next few years will bring forth more misunderstanding, conflicts of interest and, at times, outright hostility between the United States and Europe.

Europe — including West Germany — will have to build its own unified armed forces, including nuclear weapons. Religious as well as political forces will play a key role in the future.

It All Seems So "Natural"

Precisely twenty-five years ago, *The PLAIN TRUTH* spelled out in some detail this coming European union. It was the article "Now It Can Be Told," in the December 1948 issue, by Herbert W. Armstrong.

How would one know the details of the coming European union that, a quarter century later, is beginning to take shape despite the unwillingness of the nation-states of Western Europe to surrender national sovereignties?

There is a higher power which is working out a great purpose on this earth. That power is not an insipid great grandfather-like figure from ancient mythology. Rather, a great spirit personality is involved, one who has supreme intelligence and wisdom, supreme love and also supreme power. If moral decay and spiritual rot continue within the Western European, British and American peoples, the Creator will speak to us all in a language we will listen to! This language involves national punishment — unless we repent.

The details contained in *PLAIN TRUTH* articles and in radio broadcasts two and even three decades ago are working out so slowly and so "naturally" that few even now seem to grasp their significance. But the specifically prophesied united Europe is being molded by the very events that seem to be tearing Europe apart. You are living in the end of an age. Readers of the *PLAIN TRUTH* have the priceless opportunity to understand.

The stark meaning of turmoil in Western Europe is found in detail in the free book *The United States and British Commonwealth in Prophecy*. It will be sent to you free, upon request and without any obligation. See back cover for address nearest you. Also watch world events and carefully read each issue of *The PLAIN TRUTH*, a magazine of understanding. □



Success is more than money

by William F. Dankenbring

One of the unique success stories of modern times is the incredible rise to wealth of a Texas businessman — H. Ross Perot. It deserves to be told in the pages of The PLAIN TRUTH.

AFTER GRADUATING from the Naval Academy in Annapolis and serving in the United States Navy, young Perot became a salesman for IBM. During the time he worked for IBM, he became frustrated. He was a good salesman, and the company became concerned that he was making too much money, so it set a maximum limit on his sales. He reached this limit for the whole year of 1962 by the end of January of that year.

At this time, Perot read an inspiring line from Thoreau's *Walden*:

"The mass of men lead lives of quiet desperation." That moment was a turning point; he decided to go into business for himself. Perot says: "I decided I would rather be a young failure than lead a life of quiet desperation."

With only \$1,000 in savings, Perot founded Electronic Data Systems Corporation (EDS). Six years later, he decided to sell company stock to the public, and from the first day, the stock grew at an astounding rate.

Stock was first sold to the public

September 12, 1968 at \$16.50 per share. Perot himself retained more than nine million shares. By March 1971, the value of the stock had skyrocketed to \$150 per share. His personal worth on paper quickly rose to about \$1.5 billion. Since that time, with the traumas of the stock market and lack of investor confidence, the entire market has sagged. The value of EDS stock has also greatly declined, but Perot doesn't overly worry. He is still a multi-multimillionaire. His fortune is now roughly \$300 to \$400 million. His firm presently does \$100 million worth of business annually. Perot also had control of duPont Walston, Inc., the second largest brokerage firm in the United States, but is presently getting out of the shaky securities industry.

What makes this financial saga of H. Ross Perot intriguing is the fact that Perot's supreme goal in life was never to make money. Perot does not equate wealth with success!

"Making all this money is partly an accident," Perot asserts. "I could have gone into an earth-moving business or been a farmer and maybe not had the same opportunities."

But because of his opportunities and hard work, Perot is a millionaire many times over. Nevertheless, he has no intention of hoarding his wealth for himself or his family. His goals transcend money making.

For example, he has organized the Perot Foundation in order to use his wealth to help others. He has given \$2.5 million to an experimental public school for disadvantaged Dallas children and has contributed another million for Boy Scout activities in the ghetto. He has also purchased a ranch for the Girl Scouts and promoted a program to combat drug abuse among Texas youths. Ross Perot believes that he should invest his money for the good of the nation that gave him the opportunity to make it. He is wholly concerned about national affairs.

He made worldwide headlines when he chartered a Boeing 707 — christened *Peace on Earth* — and

loaded it with 28 tons of presents, medical supplies and messages for American prisoners of war in Vietnam, in an attempt to help call attention to their plight. He was unable to deliver the supplies since he was refused entry by the communists, but the whole world became more aware of the prisoner-of-war issue.

Perot intends to use his fortune to help solve the nation's problems because he is deeply distressed by the immorality in the Western world. "We've already hit bottom," he explained. "Nowadays, you can see everything in the movies."

Perot the Man

Just what kind of man is H. Ross Perot? To answer this question, a look at his childhood helps.

Perot attributes much of his success to his parents: "My parents made great sacrifices to see that my sister and I had various opportunities. I would never do anything to disappoint my Dad, even today. He loved me and gave me a lot of his time." Perot came from a stable home, filled with love. He considers the influence of his parents paramount in the formation of his character.

Also of great importance was religious training. As young Perot grew up, he memorized a Bible scripture every day for school. "We had to learn one Bible verse every morning. Typically, we would learn it the night before and polish it up on the way to school," he recalls. From the Bible, Perot learned basic principles of right living, morality, and fair play. He learned success is not measured by money alone but by one's attitude of service toward others throughout life. His family life was full. A close bond existed between family members and helped provide high moral standards.

Ross Perot lived in modest circumstances as a youth. Yet he never felt poor, never envied the wealthy.

Because of his own upbringing, Ross Perot considers his family the number one responsibility of his life. His is a closely knit family. Says Perot, "The family is the key to our

society." He believes it deserves first place and comes before business or any other consideration.

The kind of man H. Ross Perot can be seen in his life-style. He is still close to the roots of the land. Although he lives in a spacious, comfortable home and has a home gymnasium, Perot does not flaunt his wealth. His home is surrounded by several acres, and he keeps horses for his children to ride, providing them opportunities to experience the environment of nature.

A Successful Life

The story of Perot demonstrates that hard work, perseverance, and

Is the acquisition of fortune or fame equivalent to real success? Is it wrong to be rich?

the courage to take advantage of opportunities can lead to rewards and fulfillment in life.

An insight into Perot's courage is given by a motto inscribed on a plaque outside his office at the EDS Center in Dallas: "Every good and excellent thing stands moment by moment on the razor's edge of danger and must be fought for."

Perot believes that anything worth having is worth working or fighting for. This would include one's family, one's country, or some great enterprise.

Success, in the eyes of Ross Perot, is measured by what one does with one's abilities and opportunities to serve and enrich the lives of others.

Perot believes it is possible for a hard-working, resourceful man of character to achieve material success in life. But it is not easy. When asked what he felt is the major difference between success and failure, he replied: "Most people give up just when they're about to achieve success. They quit on the one yard line. They give up at the last minute of the game, one foot from a winning touchdown. No matter how

bad it looks, don't get discouraged and give up."

This basic ingredient for success — perseverance — is also stressed in our booklet *The Seven Laws of Success*, available free to our readers. This booklet describes in detail the way to true success.

Wealth Alone Not Success

The philosophy of H. Ross Perot about success and wealth was expressed in similar terms by King Solomon.

Solomon knew his great wealth was a gift from God (II Chronicles 1:11-12). He himself did not originally seek wealth. He wanted wisdom and knew that material success wasn't true success: "The man who loves money can never have enough, and the man who is in love with great wealth enjoys no return from it. This too is emptiness. When riches multiply, so do those who live off them..." (Ecclesiastes 5:10-11, *The New English Bible*).

Solomon was concerned about people. He put first the need to wisely govern his nation before acquiring personal wealth. He saw that some men hoarded wealth — and eventually lost it all (verses 13-15).

This ancient king knew that although life could be full of blessings, times can and do change. Difficulties, unexpected pitfalls, and adversity may suddenly occur. No one knows precisely what tomorrow will bring. Wrote Solomon, "Enjoy prosperity whenever you can, and when hard times strike, realize that God gives one as well as the other — so that everyone will realize that nothing is certain in this life" (Ecclesiastes 7:14, *The Living Bible*).

What's Your Attitude Toward Riches?

Solomon knew that property is something to be enjoyed and wisely used, because riches do not last forever. Unfortunately, some people think that all rich men are "crooked." They believe it is wrong

to be rich. This idea is decidedly wrong.

The Bible records the lives of several righteous, wealthy men who served and obeyed God. There was Abraham, a man of tremendous wealth, very rich in cattle, silver, and gold (Genesis 13:1-6). He was also a righteous man (Genesis 26:5). His son Isaac also prospered enormously. Isaac was undoubtedly one of the richest agriculturalists of his time (Genesis 26:12-22).

In New Testament times, we find that Joseph of Arimathea — a follower of Christ — was a very rich man (see Matthew 27:57).

God nowhere condemns the possession of wealth. On the contrary, the apostle John wrote: "... I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health..." (III John 2).

Perot himself, appreciative of his wealth, never envied or hated the wealthy when he was growing up in the depression. He knew that life afforded him the opportunity to be what he wanted to be. He never sought wealth, as such. But now that he has it, he intends to put it to good use.

Money itself is not the measure of success, but on the other hand, we should all realize that having money is not wrong. It can be a tremendous tool to accomplish good.

However, the love of money is another matter! "The love of money is the root of all evil things, and there are some who in reaching for it have wandered from the faith and spiked themselves on many thorny griefs" (I Timothy 6:10, *The New English Bible*). Some people, seeking wealth alone, equating it with true success, fall into this trap. They

focus on money and forget the larger issues of life.

Jesus himself knew the human temptation. He said: "Do not store up [that is, hoard] for yourselves treasure on earth, where it grows rusty and moth-eaten, and thieves break in to steal it. Store up treasure in heaven, where there is no moth and no rust to spoil it, no thieves to break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:19-21, *The New*

terms of what an individual does with the abilities he receives during life. Not all become millionaires or make vast amounts of money. Success is measured in other ways.

Jesus Christ set us a perfect example. He was not a "millionaire." But his whole life was devoted to doing good. He healed the sick, comforted the afflicted, and encouraged the faint-hearted. He proclaimed a gospel of deliverance from misery and bondage — the good news of the kingdom of God.

His was the greatest real success story of all history. His impact on the lives of people cannot be measured in terms of money.

Jesus Christ measured success by an interesting yardstick — giving. He said:

"It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35, RSV).

Real success is not defined as the acquisition of wealth, fame, or human adulation; it is not defined as how much you "take out" of life or "get" from others. Rather, it is defined by how much you "put in" — how much you contribute to the lives of others.

Jesus Christ did not amass great wealth, although he could have; but his life was spent in serving the needs of people and providing their greatest need — spiritual fulfillment — so their lives could be happy and prosperous.

Success in life comes not from the acquisition of material goods, but from developing an attitude of service for mankind and from giving, not getting. The sooner the whole world learns this inestimable lesson, the sooner we will all experience worldwide happiness, peace, and prosperity. And what success could be more thrilling than that? □

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English Bible). He added, "You cannot serve God and Money" (verse 24).

Inordinate desire for wealth can cause ulcers, contribute to heart attacks, and result in a host of other ills. But when money is used as a tool to help others, it can be a great power for accomplishing good and keeping one in good emotional, mental, and physical health.

Real Success Defined

Men like H. Ross Perot, who have studied, prepared themselves, taken great risks, launched businesses, driven themselves, persevered in spite of obstacles and set-backs, have often achieved notable "success," as most people define this word. But real success in life goes one big step further. It involves not merely the acquisition of fame or fortune, but putting these things to use in service to others.

True success may be measured in

an interview with H. Ross Perot

Henry Ross Perot was born on June 27, 1930, in Texarkana, Texas, the son of an East Texas horse trader and cotton broker. He was commissioned an ensign after graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1953. After working as a salesman for IBM for five years, Perot founded Electronic Data Systems Corporation and became eminently successful. He has also controlled duPont Walston, Inc., the second largest brokerage firm in the United States. He expresses his views about life, success, and society in this remarkable personal interview.



Eugene Snyder — Plain Truth

QUESTION — PLAIN TRUTH: How did you get your start in business?

ANSWER — PEROT: I have no formal business education. The only business training I had was in my father's office as a child from the time I was 12. My father was a cotton broker. I spent a lot of time at the cow barns and horse auctions, and I bought livestock as a child, bought and sold used saddles as a child, and out of all of that, I think I received a very fine business education.

Q. When did you become interested in the computer business?

PEROT: Just at the time that I was getting out of the Navy in 1957. While on an aircraft carrier, I stumbled into one of the IBM executives who was a guest of the Secretary of the Navy on a two-week cruise. The captain mentioned to him that I was being discharged from the Navy, and he asked me if I would like an interview with IBM. I thought that

IBM just made typewriters. I was that isolated from the business world. When I went to the interview, they were interviewing only for jobs in the computer division.

Q. That's the first you learned about computers?

PEROT: We had fire control computers aboard ship. And I knew all about those computers, but they were single purpose computers. IBM computers are general purpose computers, a different type of machine.

I began work for IBM and continued for five years as a salesman until 1962, when I left IBM to start EDS. The reason I left IBM is that I was under-challenged. Because I was making so much money, a local manager restructured a special commission rate so that I was paid 1/5 as much for a sale as the typical salesman. But still, my income got to the level where they were concerned, so they basically retired me and put me in the office. I sat around for five months, couldn't take it any longer, and left.

One reason, I think, for my business success was my experience with IBM. I saw how a big company was run, something I never saw as a boy. Fortunately, the one I worked for was beautifully run, and I learned a lot there. I wouldn't be where I am today if I hadn't been with IBM, no question.

Q. To what would you specifically attribute your success?

PEROT: I was at the right place, at the right time, with the right idea, and — most important — I was fortunate to bring in the right men, in the early days of the company. I've been uniquely fortunate in being able to associate myself with some very, very talented people. And I'm not being modest when I say that.

Andrew Carnegie said: "You take away my steel mills, take away my steamships," and he listed all his holdings, "but leave my men and in three years I shall have them all back again." And he's right.

Many people in business are not sensitive to the need for quality in their people.

If you've got enough talent in the company, under hard times or adverse conditions, just the sheer quality of the people will see you through in many cases.

Q. How do you deal with your employees?

PEROT: First is the selection, and second is the training, and third is the opportunities that you create. You can only keep talented people if their own goals and dreams can materialize here. They're not interested in working their hearts out to have *my* goals and dreams materialize. They all have goals and dreams of their own. So you basically need to keep an environment that allows them to use their creative ability, their wit, their initiative, and to grow as big as they are capable of being — an environment where they don't feel that they will be harshly penalized for making an honest mistake. We feel that honest mistakes in business are like skinned knees on children — they are painful, but they're superficial and heal quickly. It's not the honest mistakes that hurt you. It's the dishonest mistakes.

Q. How do you deal with the dishonest mistakes?

PEROT: We have very high standards for our people. These standards attract the kind of person we want. We place a very high store on integrity, a man doing what he says he will do, when he says he will do it, the way he says he will do it.

We take a dim view of divorce, but you've got to take that one case at a time. I think a man and a wife who have children have a very serious obligation to those children. People who are thoughtless about keeping a marriage together and making it work place a tremendous burden on the child. So, in situations like that, we take a careful squint.

If we have a married employee who has a girl friend, we terminate him. He's got a lifetime contract with his wife, and if she can't trust him, how can I? It's that simple. And if he's got children and still has this problem, then I really have seri-

ous doubts about whether he's thinking about anybody except himself. He couldn't successfully manage people at that mentality. If he's going to be a successful manager, he's got to think about his people first, and himself second. And if a person is this narrow in his perspective, we can do without him. You show me a fellow with a wife and a girl friend, and I'll show you a fellow with his best creative thoughts directed toward keeping those two situations separate. So we think a man with a strong family unit, with a happy marriage, is a better employee. But the heart of this philosophy is, we expect our people to reflect credit on the company, around the clock.

We fire employees for drunkenness. I've told some of these fellows, "Look, if you want to kill yourself, that's one thing, but for you to run the risk of killing a completely sober family while driving home is another. If that's your set of personal standards, I don't want to be associated with you. It shows me that you're absolutely irresponsible, part of the time. That irresponsibility could occur while you're on the job, and that would be damaging to the customer and to the company." So our posture is that if a man drinks, that's his business. But if he gets drunk, that's our business, and we fire him.

Q. Do you believe that the family is the cornerstone of the American way of life?

PEROT: Absolutely. I consider it the most efficient unit of government the world has ever known. The family is the key to our society, the key to the future of our country, and I feel very strongly that the most significant thing that I have to do in this world is to raise good children. And no matter what happens to me in business, if my children didn't turn out to be good, productive, useful citizens, then I would be a broken-hearted old man at the end of my business career. So I try to keep my priorities straight.

In today's society, parents tend to

lose control of their children when they are teen-agers. They tend to stop being able to guide and direct them.

It's an abandonment of responsibility on the part of the typical parent. And it's very damaging to the strength of our society. A teen-ager in today's society needs his parents more than at any other time, in my judgment.

As a child, I was loved and sheltered, and my parents made great sacrifices to see that my sister and I had opportunities. They taught us always not to resent people that were very wealthy, and, in fact, I didn't. It turned out that I wound up in that spot.

Q. How do you maintain your vigorous pace in business?

PEROT: As much business activity as I have and as complex as my life is, one of the biggest assets I have is good health. If I keep myself in good health, I'm a more productive person. Thousands of people depend on me for their jobs, and that's a happy responsibility, but one I want to be geared up to do well. And we've created thousands of jobs that didn't exist. I guess of all the things that I've been involved with, I'm probably the most proud of providing jobs, creating new jobs.

Q. You're very successful in creating jobs for thousands of people. Presumably your primary aim has not been to make money?

PEROT: I never had as an objective to make a lot of money. One day I realized, on paper at least, that I was worth a lot of money. It was not a factor that drove me or motivated me, but suddenly, there it was. So the question was, what to do with it?

My wife and I decided that the most intelligent use of this money would be to put it back into the country that gave us the opportunity.

Q. What do you want to accomplish now?

PEROT: My contribution as a citizen will be to create and protect jobs. I think that's my niche in life, and I try to use the by-products of success in a useful way. □



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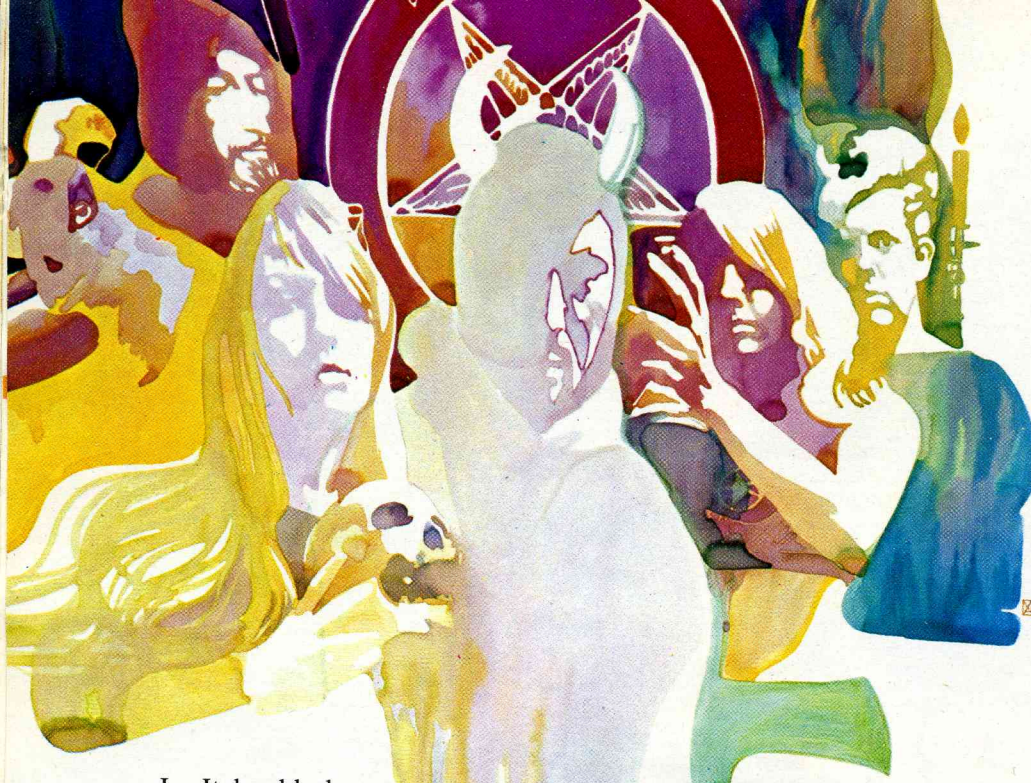
in the form of devil worship cults, reports the mass media. But if there is a devil, and if he has returned, where has he been all these years?

by William R. Whitehart

IN RECENT years, the topic of Satan and evil spirits has increasingly become the theme of books, movies, and TV programs around the world. Popular books such as *Satan Is Alive and Well on Planet Earth* and *The Exorcist* have sparked the interest of millions of readers everywhere.

Chilling movies such as "The Other" and "Rosemary's Baby" (in which a woman has a baby by a demon) have been box office attractions, topped now by "The Exorcist."

One major international airline is even offering a fourteen-day psychic package tour of England, complete with a banquet dinner sponsored by the Spiritualist Association of Great Britain.



In Italy, black magic is thriving, as thousands of soothsayers, clairvoyants, and astrologers continue to do a booming business. According to the French publication *Lectures Pour Tous* (May 1971), "a distinct renewal of sorcery and Satanism" is occurring among Frenchmen. And in West Germany, traditional land of witches, spells, and hexes, upwards of some 10,000 people are actively engaged in this neocultism.

Some devil worship groups have even incorporated themselves into regular, full-fledged churches boasting memberships ranging into the thousands.

Of course, most people become acquainted with devil worship through sensational newspaper accounts detailing grisly cult-related slayings — some involving such macabre atrocities as cannibalism and human sacrifice.

Isn't it time we found out why this phenomenon continues to exist in our modern world? Is it because a literal devil has returned under the

guise of the cults which bear his name?

Basic Beliefs

First, understand what Satanism is — and what the general beliefs of its followers are.

The PLAIN TRUTH recently sent several staff correspondents to interview Anton Szandor La Vey, founder of the San Francisco-based First Satanic Church. La Vey's organization is perhaps the best-known devil worship group, claiming a worldwide membership of well over 20,000. Its teachings reflect the beliefs of many other Satanists.

Here are its most significant teachings:

No literal devil. Contrary to what one might expect, most devil worshippers don't believe in a literal devil — that is, in a devil as opposed to a Creator God. Instead, they feel that the conventional Satan and the God of organized Christianity are actually one and the same being. They feel obligated, therefore, to worship this being, since he, as they see it, is both creator and ruler of society. "He is the lord of this

world," says Anton La Vey, "so we might as well recognize him and give him his due."

No afterlife. Most Satanists tend to discount the idea of any afterlife. They show particular contempt for such theological teachings as heaven, hell, and other concepts pertaining to reward or punishment for conduct in this life. As Anton La Vey explained, "We emphasize the 'here and now' — not the unreal, intangible hereafter."

Spurn Organized Religion

"Christianity," says Anton La Vey, "is nothing more than a diabolical plot which was designed to keep mankind entrapped for several thousand years until a better mousetrap could be invented." His words mirror the way most devil worshippers view the religious establishment.

Most Satanist cult traditions and rites mock the dogmas of conventional theology. Members of the First Satanic Church, for example, are admonished to learn and indulge in the "seven deadly sins of Christianity" — namely lust, greed, gluttony, envy, jealousy, pride, and slothfulness. They are also urged to read and study La Vey's self-created *Satanic Bible*, which is a sort of upside-down satire of the Gospels, containing such passages as "if someone hits you on one cheek — smash him on the other."

Satanic Church leaders also poke fun at the conventional "Satan image" during cult rituals when they dress up in red and black garb, complete with horns, tail, and pitchfork.

"Do your own thing." The philosophy of gratifying the physical senses through whatever means is a major part of most Satanist groups. Cult members regularly indulge in illicit sex, drug usage, and other forms of permissive behavior as a normal part of cult-related activity.

Of course, there are a few twisted individuals who "do their own thing" by committing heinous criminal atrocities under the guise of

devil worship. It is these few who usually receive sensational coverage in the mass media when their acts of horror are finally uncovered. But the majority of Satanists appear as normal people who want nothing to do with these few psychotic murderers.

But again we ask, why does such a bizarre phenomenon as devil worship continue to thrive in our 20th century world?

"The Devil's Appeal"

Actually, devil worship exists today because of its appeal to a certain fringe segment of the population. It satisfies two basic desires for this minority.

The first is *the opportunity for thrills and excitement*. The permissiveness of devil worship offers its members the chance to have a good time. For some, the lure is sex. For others, it is drugs. Then there are those who are just looking for the chance to indulge in something unique and bizarre.

The opportunity to poke fun at established religion has a special appeal also. Many have grown up in the churches of organized Christianity and are personally acquainted with how disillusioning and unrelated traditional religion has become. Many take great pleasure, therefore, in ridiculing the hypocrisy and stiffness of conventional theology.

The second desire is *the need for some form of religion*. Man's need for religion is as basic to his nature as his desire for food and water. People need to believe in something — and to join with others who believe in essentially the same thing.

Satanism offers its members the opportunity to "do their own thing" under the guise of religion. "Devil worship is a religion," contends Anton La Vey. "It's just that our name is unconventional." Of course, since most devil worshippers don't believe in an afterlife, they generally don't take their cult's confused "theological" concepts too seriously.



Illustrations by Alain Moreau

The Way Most Christians View It

Most church people shudder at the thought of a group of people voluntarily serving the devil — that is, the devil they picture in their minds. In the minds of most religiously oriented people, the devil is symbolic of all that is evil.

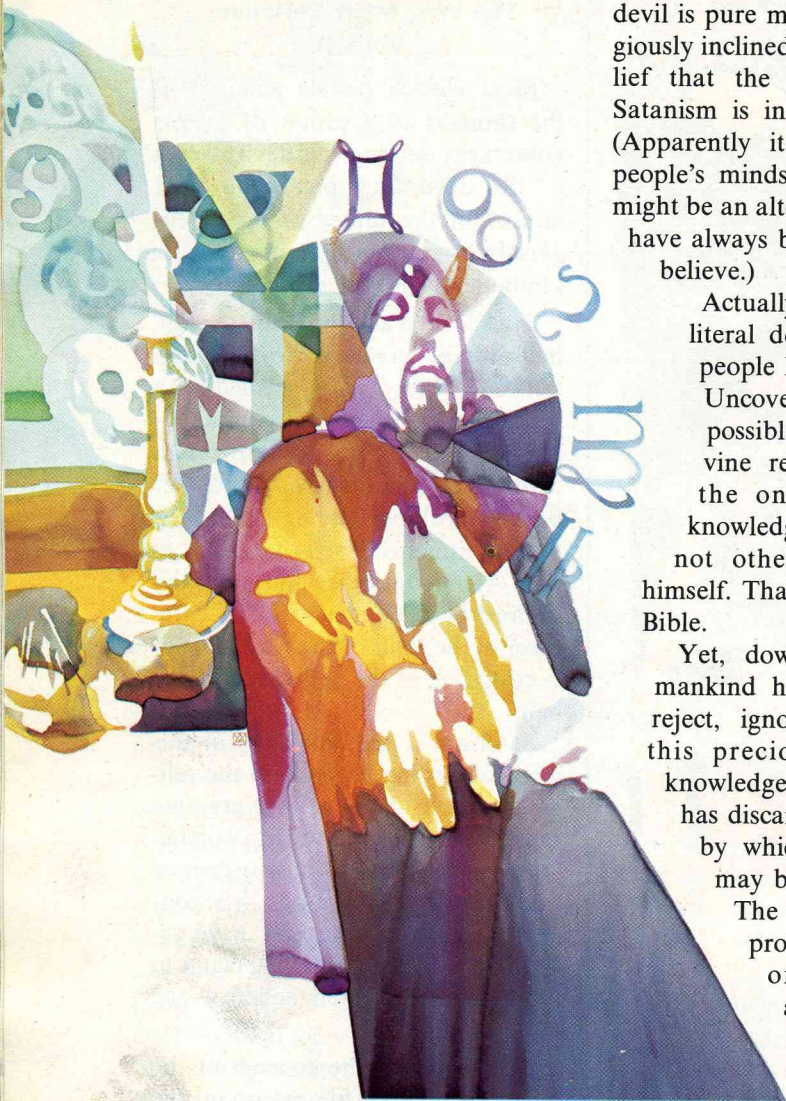
This devil is a sort of half-human, half-animal creature with horns, tail, and cloven hoof. Armed with his trusty pitchfork and commanding countless legions of subservient evil spirits, this devil is supposedly busy at work persuading millions of hapless humans to sell their souls to him. Among his other alleged duties is "lord of the underworld" — caretaker of the souls of the wicked dead — custodian of the nether reaches of hell.

Satanism is the chief tool of this devil, according to many in the religious establishment. And every time reports of growing devil worship crop up, the concept of *this* devil is reinforced in their minds — a concept which somehow they have associated with the book they claim to be the source of their beliefs — the Holy Bible.

Now consider the concept of the devil as viewed by many in the more secular stratum of society, particularly educators, scientists, and philosophers. Satanism, as well as traditional dogma, is viewed as a modern-day exercise in medieval futility. The idea of a supernatural God or devil is, to them, a storybookish concept direct from the pages of science fiction. So each time reports of devil worship come to the surface, the "devil is a myth" concept becomes ever more deeply etched in their minds.

A Clever Smokescreen

This brings us to the crux of the whole matter. The importance of Satanism lies not in its impact on the relatively few involved in devil worship, but on the majority in the mainstream of society itself. That is, Satanism directly reinforces a num-



devil is pure myth. Among the religiously inclined, it reinforces the belief that the devil portrayed by Satanism is indeed the real devil. (Apparently it never enters most people's minds that the real devil might be an alternative to what they have always been taught or led to believe.)

Actually, there does exist a literal devil — a devil most people know nothing about. Uncovering his identity is possible only through divine revelation — and by the only source of that knowledge which man cannot otherwise discover for himself. That source is the Holy Bible.

Yet, down through history, mankind has tended to either reject, ignore, or misinterpret this precious storehouse of knowledge. And in so doing, he has discarded the only source by which the supernatural may be accurately judged. The result has been the proliferation of all sorts of confusing ideas about the devil — especially about his appearance.

In reality, the devil of

devil worship is a counterfeit devised by the real devil himself. And Satanism is nothing more than a *smokescreen* to cover up what this real devil has been up to all these years! That is the truth of your Bible!

ber of fallacious assumptions in the minds of all individuals.

It reinforces, among the more secular members of the population, the assumption that the supernatural is fiction, and hence, the

Will the Real Devil Please Stand Up?

Nowhere does Scripture depict the devil as having horns, pitchfork, and goatee. Neither does it describe him as a being who periodically flees the scene only to come back in the form of the cults which bear his name. Rather, the written word of God reveals a being of far greater subtlety who has deceived all of society — the whole world.

He is referred to in II Corinthians 4:4 as "the god of this world." Other passages picture him as "... the ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, the one deceiving the whole world..." (Revelation 12:9, *The Living Bible*).

The devil described in the Bible is a being of superior, yet distorted, mind power capable of injecting twisted thoughts and impulses into unsuspecting human minds. Ephesians 2:2 labels him "the prince of the power of the air."

It is this devil who has influenced man to build a totally false society from bottom to top — including its religions, education, philosophies, and speculative sciences. Satanist cults are but another distorted creation of this real devil, a creation he has devised to cover up the fact that *his* entire society is false.

But mankind, blinded to the truth of God's word, has been essentially unaware of just how far-reaching Satan's influence in the guidance of human affairs has been. Had man — individually and collectively — not rejected what God told him, he would have understood the devil's role in the development of human governments, religions, and philosophies — in the proliferation of wars, armed conflicts, and countless other human catastrophes.

Man would have known that Satan has been here all the time, deceiving humans into believing that he doesn't exist — or into accepting false characterizations about him. Man would have known that Satan has weaved his subtle web of deception much more effectively

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through the mainstreams of established society than through the smokescreen of so-called Satanism.

The truth is: Satan has deceived "the whole world" (Revelation 12:9), not just Satanists and devil worshippers. That includes this world's philosophers, educators, scientists — yes, even its theologians. They too, under Satan's influence, have either rejected or misunderstood the real truth of God.

The result has been a deceived humanity — a deception God has allowed (not caused). Why? Because Almighty God will not force mankind to accept his truth. God has allowed humans the freedom of choice. But man has chosen to reject the revealed word of God.

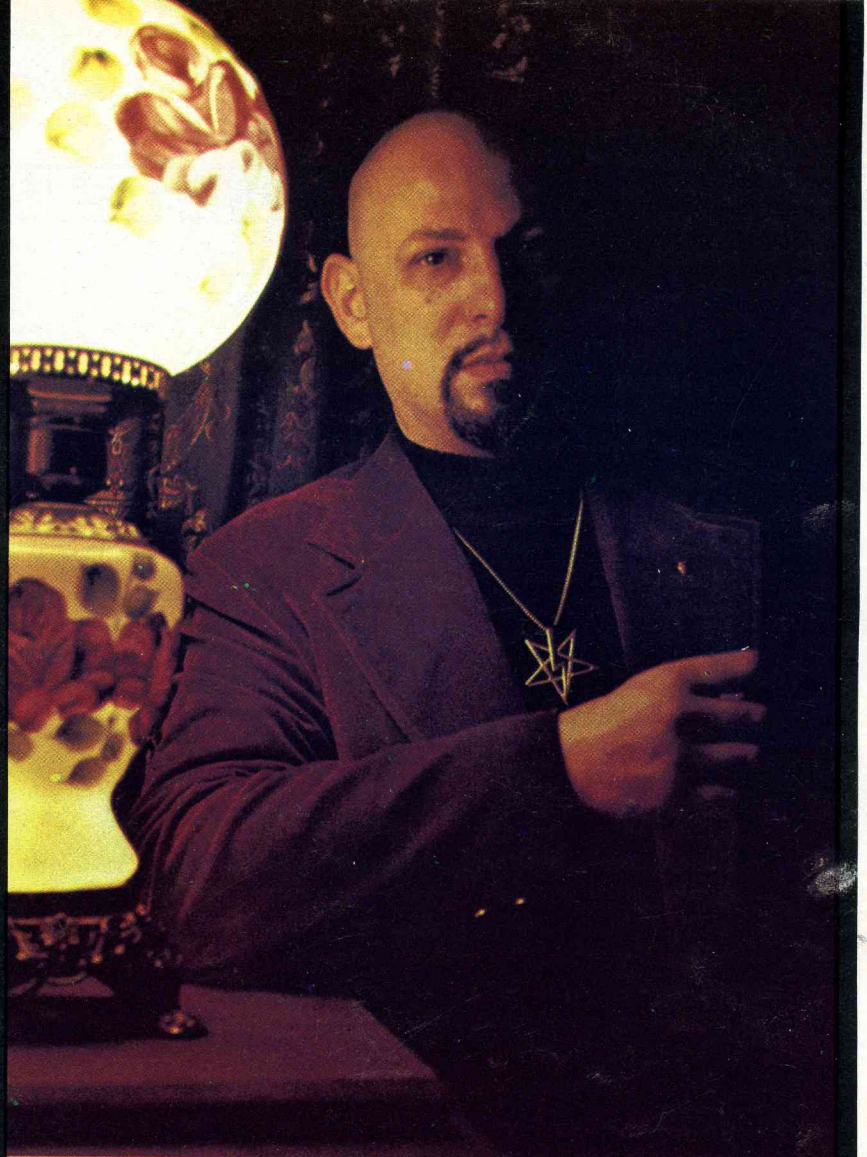
One Last Great Deception

Because modern man continues to spurn God's truth, he is unaware that the stage is currently being set on the world scene for an unprecedented performance of literal Satanic miracles — in the name of Christianity! These miracles, specifically foretold in the pages of your Bible, will be astounding. In fact, one great false religious leader yet to appear on the scene will utilize the very power of the devil himself (II Thessalonians 2:9).

His remarkable front-page spectacles will have a profound impact on people from all walks of life. Since the world of science will be unable to explain them, scientists will be dumbfounded. Religious leaders and laymen alike will think these clever miracles are of God because they have never really understood the scriptures that warn of Satan's power and ability to perform them. In fact, so astounding will these miracles be, that even world political figures will be misled.

As shocking as it might sound, biblical prophecy indicates that this great false religious leader — described in the scriptures as the "false prophet" (Revelation 16:13) — will set himself up as the world's divine "emissary of peace." He will seek to locate his headquarters in Jerusalem

Mike Hendrickson — Plain Truth



"Christianity is nothing more than a diabolical plot which was designed to keep mankind entrapped for several thousand years until a better mousetrap could be invented."

— Anton La Vey

— the religious hub of the world — where he will view himself not only as the implementer of Middle East peace, but also of world peace. Miracles will play a major role in convincing both the Christian and non-Christian worlds of his claims. Such startling occurrences will enable this false prophet to, among other things: amalgamate the religious commitment of vast segments of humanity, integrate the world's system of trade and commerce with religion, and above all else, suppress the real truth of the source of his power — and

the identity of the evil spirit inspiring him — Satan himself!

The point is: Satan hasn't come back. He never left. He's been here all the time. But now he is preparing the world for his greatest masterpiece of deception.

This coming deception is one you can personally avoid. The truth is available. But you must act on it. We invite you to write for our free booklet *The Occult Explosion: What Does It Mean?* See back cover for the address of our office nearest you. □



It is emperor against pope as the Hohenstaufen rulers seek to make the Holy Roman Empire a messianic kingdom of God on earth. The emperors fail; their empire is shattered by the papacy. With the destruction of the Holy Roman Empire, chaos settles over Europe.

"ON EARTH God has placed no more than two powers," claimed Frederick Barbarossa, emperor of the Holy Roman Empire, "one Pope and one Emperor."

Pope vs. Emperor

Of course, in Frederick's eyes, the office of emperor was at least one notch above that of the pope. On the other hand, the pope felt his office to be the more important one. "What were the Franks till Pope

Zacharias welcomed Pepin?" Pope Hadrian thundered at Barbarossa. "The chair of Peter has given and can withdraw its gifts."

Frederick's equally tough-minded reply was that he held his empire from God alone. "By the ordination of God I both am called, *and am*, Emperor of the Romans," Frederick informed the pope.

The conflict between the papacy and the Hohenstaufens was inevitable. Each saw the other as a threat to his power. Eventually, the conflict ripped apart both powers. But ultimate fracturing of the empire would not occur in Frederick Barbarossa's day.

Frederick I's reign "is the most brilliant in the annals of the empire," James Bryce, the historian of the Holy Roman Empire, observed.

The territory of the empire was larger under Charlemagne; its strength was greater under Henry

III. But under Frederick I, the empire reached a splendor, a charismatic, half-mythic stature it had never previously enjoyed.

Frederick himself added the epithet "Holy" to his empire. The empire undertook its own mystical religious burden. "To the emperor belongs the protection of the whole world," Bishop Otto of Freising claimed. To Otto, "the emperor is a living law upon earth."

Frederick I was not embarrassed to accept this celestial calling. And he could generally back it up with power. Germany was proud of her hero, and was calm; no rebellious prince or noble dared to disturb the public peace. Even the German bishops were faithful to Frederick, in opposition to Rome.

Frederick I, in the words of James Bryce, "crowned a glorious life with a happy death." Frederick, perhaps the greatest of the crusaders, was, at

Left, Culver Pictures; Right, Ullstein

Part 4

EMPEROR VS. POPE

by Paul William Kroll



KAISER FREDERICK II in Jerusalem, in 1229, claims the right to be heir to the former king and crowns himself with the crown of Jerusalem.

the time of his death in 1190, performing his self-appointed function of leading Christians in a crusade against Moslem "infidels." He drowned in the Kalykadnus River in Asia Minor, apparently while swimming in it or crossing it.

His empire had already passed the zenith of its power. With his death, the inexorable European process of disintegration occurred. In just over two generations after his death, the papacy crushed the Hohenstaufens, and a time of chaos ravaged the Holy Roman Empire.

The one hundred year historical cycle of supreme power ended in shambles.

Years 1152-1190: Frederick Barbarossa and His Holy Roman Empire. In 1152, Frederick I of Hohenstaufen is elected emperor by the German nobles. Frederick desires to enhance the ancient glory and power of the Roman Empire, but on a completely German footing. He is to succeed to a remarkable degree. His first objective is to impose order and stability in Germany. Private wars and feuds are forbidden. Imperial supremacy is then re-established over Poland, Bohemia, Hungary and Burgundy.

A chronicler will later note, "During all his reign nothing was dearer to his heart than the re-establishment of the Empire of Rome on its ancient basis." Frederick evokes the names of Charlemagne and Otto the Great during his reign. He sees himself as a military man who wins his own kingdoms.

In 1157, Frederick I adds the epithet *sacrum* to the title of the empire. It is now the *Holy* Roman Empire, having its own spiritual mission. In Frederick's philosophy, it is God who gives the empire. When asked from whom his office is received, if not from the pope, Barbarossa laconically answers, "From God alone!" A few years later, the canonist Huguccio will state this concept in legal terms: "He who is chosen by the election of the princes alone is the true emperor, even be-

fore he has been confirmed by the pope."

Frederick and the succeeding Hohenstaufens will surround their *Sacrum Romanum Imperium* with Roman majesty. Frederick I ascribes the greatest importance to celebrating the liturgy of the church as the liturgy of the Holy Roman Empire.

Also in 1157, Barbarossa has his well-known encounter with the papal legates at Besançon. Here, Frederick I claims, "We hold our kingdom and our empire not as a fief of the pope but by election of the princes from God alone." As a symbol of his temporal independence, Barbarossa has Charlemagne canonized in 1165. The move is unprecedented. Clearly, in all his actions, Barbarossa is coming into conflict with papal aspirations.

But Barbarossa is a political realist. He understands that agreement with the pope is necessary if his rule is to be recognized as being legitimate. A public ceremony signifying this end is called for. The peace celebrations between Frederick I and Pope Alexander III are carefully stage managed. They take place at Venice on July 24-25, 1177.

Frederick divests himself of his mantle. The emperor then prostrates himself as a sinner before the Pope and kisses his foot. The ritualistic abasement is followed by an elevation. With tears in his eyes, the Pope raises the emperor to his feet. The assembled Germans shout with joy: the *regnum* and *sacerdotium* are again united.

But unity and peace are to be short-lived. Though his son Henry VI (1190-1197) brings the empire to a pinnacle of power — he acquires Sicily through marriage — signs of decay are becoming visible. Henry plans to conquer the Byzantine empire. But he settles for a close alliance through marriage. His brother Philip is betrothed to Irene, daughter of eastern emperor Isaac Angelus II. The kings of Armenia and Cyprus become Henry's vassals. Henry then begins to make Ger-

many, imperial Italy and Sicily the broad base of a hereditary Hohenstaufen empire.

The papacy looks at the grandiose Hohenstaufen plans with horror. With Germany and imperial Italy in the north and the Sicilian empire in the south, the pope will be surrounded. A political pincer movement can make him a mere vassal of the Hohenstaufen clan. This must not happen. The pope must not be isolated in central Italy, the papacy reasons. Out of these conflicting aims and the basic philosophical differences between German emperors and the papacy, the fabric of the final struggle will be woven.

Years 1197-1254: The Destruction of the Hohenstaufen Dynasty. Civil war ravages Germany for a decade after Henry's death. On October 4, 1209, an emperor is finally crowned at Rome by Pope Innocent. His name is Otto IV. By the end of November 1210, Otto IV is excommunicated. Frederick II is elected antiking and is finally made emperor in 1215.

In the previous year, Philip Augustus of France, Frederick II's ally, had defeated the forces of Emperor Otto IV at Bouvines. Philip captured the gilded imperial eagle and dispatched it to his Hohenstaufen ally. The Pope was merely conferring, in 1215, a *de jure* approval on a *de facto* situation.

But Frederick II is not interested in Germany; he visits it only rarely to make sweeping concessions to the German princes. He is a megalomaniac who envisions himself as the reincarnation of the Roman emperors and as one possessing messianic qualities. At least, this is the propaganda being issued by him and his advisors. Both Frederick II and his court draw parallels between his life and that of Christ.

Frederick uses Aristotelian metaphysics to rationalize his political philosophy. The ancient Roman idea of the universal rule of peace and justice within the framework of a *totalitarian* state is accepted. It is no wonder that Frederick will be

idolized by the Nazis of the 1920's and 1930's.

But Frederick is also the first modern humanist. He is a politician, a legislator of the first order, an able soldier, a scientific investigator, a humanist and a religious skeptic. He establishes centers of learning and culture in southern Italy. At the same time, he affects the courtly manners, dress and ideals of the Byzantine emperor. Frederick is both courteous and arrogant and "an astrologer with the mind of a Renaissance rationalist," as one historian is to call him.

Pope Gregory IX (1227-1241) excommunicates Frederick II and pronounces him a heretic. He even calls for a crusade against Frederick. Frederick is labeled as the personification of Antichrist by Gregory. "Out of the depths of the sea rises the beast," shouts Gregory, "filled with the names of blasphemy.... behold the head, the middle and the end of this beast, Frederick, the so-called emperor."

Frederick lashes back. He calls Gregory the Antichrist.

All this is the culmination of a great struggle between Frederick and the papacy. It is a conflict that began years before, during the reign of Innocent III (1198-1216) who crowned Frederick emperor.

Innocent had begun to carry out a papal program to reduce the empire to a plaything of the pope. During the disputed election after Henry VI's death, Innocent reveals his thinking: "The settlement of this matter is the proper province of the Holy See, since it was the Holy See which translated the Empire from the East to the West, and ultimately, because that same See confers the imperial crown."

But the Germans are not the only ones who must become vassals of the Church. Almost every European nation is threatened or cajoled by Innocent III. "No king can reign happily," he claims, "unless he devoutly serves Christ's vicar.... Princes reign over the body, but priests also over the soul." Even the

king of England must "yield up to our Lord, the Pope Innocent, and his successors, all our kingdom of England and all our kingdom of Ireland, to be held as a fief of the Holy Roman Church." Fealty to the Pope comes from Spain's King Peter II of Aragon, from Poland, Hungary, Galicia, Lodomeria, Serbia, Croatia and Bulgaria.

Innocent sees himself as the new priest-king Melchizedek. He is leader of both Christendom and empire. The kings of the earth are merely his vassals. The Pope claims to be the God of the emperor — *Papa est Deus imperatoris*. Frederick has his answer to the pope's claim of omnipotency: *imperial messianism*. The empire is a divine institution; the emperor is appointed directly by God. Everything that has to do with the emperor is sacred.

Frederick versus Innocent is unresolvable. Papacy and empire are locked in mortal struggle. Despite the theology and philosophy invoked, the problems are political and mundane. The kings of the earth may be the Pope's vassals, but the bishop of Rome cannot even be sure of the loyalty of his own city. He looks with fear upon the distinct possibility of being an imperial bishop at Rome, a subordinate of an emperor whose capital may be at Aachen, or worse yet, at Rome itself.

The Hohenstaufen empire, with bases in Sicily and Tuscany as well as in northern Italy, horrifies the curial politicians. Mix in Frederick's own grandiose plans, and the papacy is stirred into a panic. Successive popes conclude the Hohenstaufens must be annihilated.

Frederick finally dies in 1250, exhausted from war, harassment and treachery. His son Henry had already died as a prisoner of his father in 1242 as a result of his part in the revolt of the Lombards in 1234. But Frederick's death alone will not satisfy; the entire Hohenstaufen clan must be exterminated.

Conrad IV puts up a stiff resistance to the papacy, but dies prematurely in 1254. His infant son,

Conradin, is left as heir to the now vacant throne.

The French pope, Urban IV (1261-1264), brings in Charles of Anjou, brother of Louis IX of France, to campaign in Sicily against Frederick's illegitimate son Manfred. On February 26, 1266, Charles defeats Manfred at the battle of Grandella. Manfred dies in the fighting.

Now only the 15-year-old Conradin, Frederick's grandson, is left. He marches from Swabia on Rome. After the fateful battle of Tagliacozzo in 1268, he falls captive to Anjou. His execution is ordered with at least the tacit approval of Pope Clement IV, and Conradin dies at Naples. Europe is shocked. The whole German Hohenstaufen dynasty has been extinguished by the papacy and the French.

Years 1254-1273: The Great Interregnum. For some time the empire has had no central power. Rival factions arise, throwing the empire into confusion. Vassal states assert their independence. It is the "*kaiserlose, schreckliche Zeit*" — the terrible period without an emperor.

A deep pessimism fills thirteenth-century German theologians and intellectuals. Once again, the Holy Roman Empire appears doomed. The arrival of Antichrist is awaited with fear and trepidation.

After one of its darkest hours, the Holy Roman Empire will revive once more. However, its configuration will take on new, distinct features. And before its impact is felt in world affairs, there are yet many decades of religious confusion, strife and war.

Years 1273-1438: The Changing Face of Europe. In 1273, the Austrian Rudolf of Habsburg is elected king. On October 24, he is crowned at Aachen. The "terrible time without an emperor" has ended. However, Rudolf is not crowned as emperor in Rome. Although he sets about to restore the imperial influence, the empire will not play the great role it once did until the late fifteenth century.



Conradin, the last of the Hohenstaufens, hears his death warrant read to him in Naples in 1268. Twelve years earlier his family had lost the imperial throne. The character of the empire had already changed radically. Germany was

becoming a loose confederation of separate states. The empire Charlemagne designed and Otto the Great reestablished lay in ruins. The people called the years that followed "the evil time when there was no emperor."

France and England are developing into powerful, centralized nations. Meanwhile, the German empire is becoming progressively weaker in its political organization.

In the 1270's, the population growth and inflationary boom wanes. North of the Alps, Europe falls into a long depression which lasts until the middle of the fifteenth century. Historian Norman F. Cantor, writing 700 years later, will note: "These events distinguish the 1270's as the last great dividing line in medieval history. They inaugurated a catastrophic period of breakdown and violence which endured for half a century and did not fully run its course until the later fifteenth century."

By 1325, the intellectual, moral and religious order of medieval civ-

ilization will disintegrate. The greatest work of thirteenth-century French literature, the second part of *The Romance of the Rose*, demonstrates the disenchantment with what has gone before and what is then occurring. "So degenerate is all the world," says its author, Jean de Meung, "that it has put up love for sale . . ." Across Europe, he notes "bad divines . . . overrun the earth, preaching to gain favor, honor, wealth . . ."

Under Boniface VIII (1294-1303), papal power is disemboweled by the French monarchy. That the claims to the Pope's supremacy are not being accepted is evident in the extravagant pretensions Boniface is forced to make. Before milling pilgrims in 1300, he sits on the throne of Constantine, arrayed with sword,

crown and scepter. Boniface shouts, "I am Caesar; I am emperor."

But the nations of Europe are no longer listening. The purely secular and nationalistic states such as France and England are, for the time being, replacing the old religious unity of Europe. Politically, Germany is a demoralized pygmy and does not really represent Europe as a whole.

Meanwhile, the Black Death ravages Europe (1348-1349). It is Europe's most devastating epidemic. Some historians attribute epochal significance to the plague. It is estimated that twenty-five million Europeans died.

In Bohemia, the trial and the burning of religious zealot John Huss (1369-1415) result in the Bohemian revolt and the Hussite Wars



The most outspoken pope during the Middle Ages was the ambitious and inflexible Pope Innocent III, known for his theory of papal supremacy. That theory called for the church to have dominion and power over lay rulers and to be in

fact the supreme power in the world. He also believed that all heresy should be treated as a crime and suppressed by force.

(1415-1436). Printing is invented (1454), large cities arise, the age of exploration is in full swing and a new humanism is becoming evident. The Renaissance is about to reach its most intense period.

The papacy, which could destroy emperors in 1250, is fighting for its existence as early as 1300. The first dagger to strike the papacy comes from the French king, Philip IV, in 1303. Philip IV is one who is not happy with papal claims to universal supremacy. In particular, he wants to tax the clergy and ecclesiastical property to finance a war with England. When Philip refuses to annul the tax laws, Pope Boniface issues his famous *Unam Sanctam* of 1302. In the bull, he tells Philip that "the temporal authority must be subjected to the spiritual."

Philip, secure in his knowledge that France and the nobility are behind him, charges Boniface with every crime imaginable. He then calls for a General Council to judge and depose Boniface. Livid with rage, Boniface prepares a bull excommunicating King Philip and laying all France under papal interdict.

But Philip is not Frederick II; France is not Germany; and 1303 is not 1250. Philip hatches a plot to kidnap the Pope before he can issue his excommunication order. From this time, the papacy is at the mercy of the French monarchy.

Two years later, Philip engineers the election of a Frenchman to the papal throne, Clement V (1305-1314), who takes up residence at Avignon, in southern France. This

so-called "Babylonian Captivity" of the Catholic Church lasts until 1376.

The chaos in the Catholic Church continues with the Great Schism (1378-1418). French cardinals elect anti-popes who reside at Avignon, while others reside at Rome. The schism is not healed until the Council of Constance deposes pope and anti-pope and finally elects a pope everyone accepts, Martin V (1417-1431).

Some measure of dignity has been restored to the Papal See. Meanwhile, the German empire is on the threshold of a new revival under the Austrian House of Habsburg. The Holy Roman Empire will once again ascend to the pinnacle of power in Europe, but in a startlingly different form. □

what you can do...

timely tips and helpful suggestions for you and your family

• Eggs, Rabbits, Easter, and Parental Credibility

What do eggs have to do with rabbits? What do rabbits have to do with Easter? And what do eggs, rabbits and Easter have to do with parental credibility?

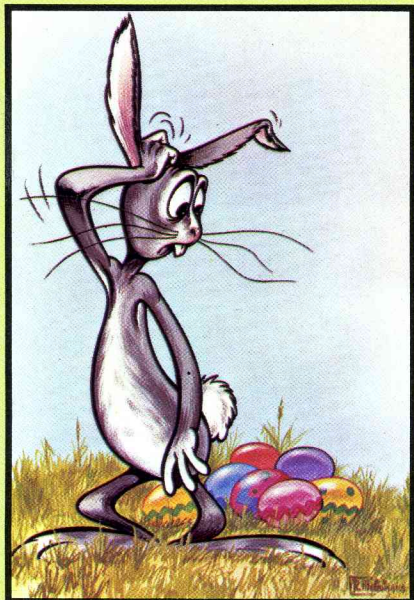


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Those are good questions. In our day and age the credibility of practically everything seems in question, and what many parents fail to realize is that their children can question their credibility. This is particularly true when parents teach children something as if it were true when in fact it isn't.

The eggs and Easter bunny myth is just one example. Other common myths which we often consider harmless, cute, or fun "for the children" — Santa Claus, the stork, the good tooth fairy, even the bad boogie man — can help create a credibility gap between parents and children. How did you feel when to your utter shock as a little child you discovered that Santa Claus didn't exist?

Keep in mind that when you tell a very small child that the moon is made out of green cheese he is likely to believe it, at least until he later discovers the truth.

What's the moral? Don't teach children myths. Teach them the truth in the first place. This includes teaching children the truth when asked where babies come from, a question parents often consider embarrassingly difficult to answer. Of course such instructions must be in terms and in a way that children can understand, depending on their age. Doing this eliminates their having to do a lot of unlearning later. It is so much easier to learn something right in the first place than to have to unlearn a wrong and learn what is right later.

In case you are still wondering yourself what eggs and rabbits have to do with Easter, write for our free booklet *The Plain Truth About Easter* and find out. You may be surprised.

• Energy Wise But Hazard Foolish

Some householders try to take the chill out of their home and save on heating fuel by resorting to unfamiliar heating supplements or substitutes. In some cases the results have been tragic.

A family in Vermont recently brought a cast iron stove into their home for supplementary heating and placed it directly on a wood floor. Over-heating ignited the flooring and extensively damaged their house. Luckily, they escaped alive.

Another family in Quebec was not so fortunate. For heat, the Quebec family burned charcoal in a large, outdoor barbecue they had set up in their living room. The result — the entire family of six, including four children, was asphyxiated by deadly carbon monoxide emissions from the burning charcoal.

In yet another case, this time in reaction to the short supply of gasoline, a family stored a 55-gallon steel drum of gasoline in their garage to have an extra supply of gasoline on hand as a hedge against rationing and running out. Escaping gasoline fumes were accidentally ignited by a cigarette. The resulting explosion and fire destroyed their garage as well as their car and caused major damage to their attached home.

Follow this advice given by fire protection experts:

Take care when using portable heaters. Be sure to follow local regulations pertaining to them. If the original manufacturer's instructions are missing, get professional guidance from your local fire department or building inspector's office concerning their use. Keep portable heaters well away from materials which burn, such as draperies, upholstered furniture, towels, clothing and bedding.

Most important, use common sense and don't violate official regulations while trying to ward off winter's chills. If necessary, wear sweaters and coats rather than taking the hazardous course of using heating devices or breaking safety regulations.

— Patrick A. Parnell

Personal from



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cities. Most of these congressmen were friends of ours of some years' standing. We invited them, and they preferred to fly with us rather than by commercial airlines.

In some cities where we stopped, such as New Delhi, Teheran, and Addis Ababa, where we already had acquaintances at the top, we were able to help them; and at other places, such as Kuwait, Dubai, and Cairo, they gave us prestige and new contacts at the top in these countries.

While Dr. Kissinger followed us, arriving after we did at Aswan, we expect to follow him into Jerusalem early day after tomorrow. As it is, although we did not see each other, both Dr. Kissinger and I were at Aswan when the separation of forces between Egypt and Israel was finally signed at 12 noon today. We were having lunch, very near the world-famous Aswan High Dam. Dr. Kissinger, supposedly, was having a final meeting with President Sadat of Egypt at his "winter palace" near the dam. Much of the final working out of terms for the separation of Israeli-Egyptian military forces was worked out there, these past two or three days. Dr. Kissinger has been flying back and forth between there and Jerusalem.

Now I have been in both Aswan and Jerusalem within the last two days. Dr. Kissinger has been working out a temporary "permanent" peace between Israel and Egypt. I am working toward a real PERMANENT WORLD PEACE that shall last *forever* — through the imminent restoration to this earth of the Kingdom of God!

Man-made "permanent" peace has never lasted long. The peace I am announcing — that of the *true* gospel that has not been proclaimed worldwide for almost 1900 years —

will be **REALLY** permanent! It will be real *peace* — and *happiness*!

Day before yesterday, I announced that forthcoming peace to Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia. It was my second private and personal meeting with him. He agreed that, although we should do all we can to bring about peace and improve human conditions, in the meantime, that *if* humanity will not change and live the way that will CAUSE peace, the Creator God *will* soon intervene, and ENFORCE world peace by supernatural power.

We are now on our descent into Cairo. I will continue this later.

Cairo, Egypt

The above was written on our aircraft, first taxiing for takeoff at Luxor airport in Egypt, then en route to Cairo.

him sobered and tremendously concerned. Each of us asked him to accept personal contributions out of our own pockets, in amounts running into four figures from each. Tears came into the emperor's eyes.

"I accept it on behalf of these poor starving people," he said, "because I know it comes from the heart."

Yes, *he* is concerned with this terrible world condition! *You should be!*

We talked about the Kingdom of God. Most people do not know what those words mean. I said, "World conditions are rapidly accelerating into the final CLIMAX of trouble and evils mankind has brought on itself. Soon now, the Almighty, Supreme God is going to intervene, and by supernatural, di-

"Forty-seven years ago, I received the shock of my life. . . . I was literally dumbfounded to find that what is supposed to be Christianity did not receive its religion and teaching from the Bible."

But *why* is it important to open these new doors?

I travel around the world a good deal. I see what this world is like. I see what most of our readers do not see. I see things *you* should be concerned about.

I see poverty-stricken, emaciated, diseased, starving people, living in filth and squalor, many without housing. And there are multiplied millions of these — illiterate, helpless. The poverty-stricken uneducated are *more than half* of all the people on earth. Does that touch your heart? It should! It does mine.

Have you read about the terrible disaster of drought and famine, with thousands actually *starving to death* in Ethiopia? Does that touch your heart? It did mine. And when Mr. Rader, Professor Gotoh, and I were having another private meeting with Emperor Haile Selassie, we found

vine POWER, take over the governments of ALL NATIONS and *enforce* world peace."

"We must do everything ourselves, in our power, to change and improve conditions," His Majesty replied, "but if mankind will not change, then God will intervene and enforce peace upon us."

Forty-seven years ago, I received the shock of my life. I discovered, in the Bible, something science has not been able to explain or understand. Something *no religion has revealed*. Something higher education has not taught, because it neither knows nor understands. Something no government on earth knows — the WAY TO WORLD PEACE — the way to peace between individuals, families, groups, and nations.

I was literally dumbfounded to find that what is supposed to be Christianity did NOT receive its reli-

gion and teaching from the Bible. It seemed utterly incredible — UNBELIEVABLE. But there, in the Bible, I saw with my own eyes, when I blew the dust off its pages and really *looked* at it, facts, teachings, of which traditional Christianity teaches the very OPPOSITE in most important areas.

I had made surveys of human conditions. I had seen the EVILS confronting humanity. I had asked, *why?* With intellects capable of flying in outer space to the moon and back, *why* could not humans solve their own problems here on earth?

Science has never explained.

Education has never taught *WHY!*

No religion has ever revealed the answer nor corrected the evils.

No government has ever found the WAY to WORLD PEACE!

tion of truth God taught the first two humans. And again, all humanity rejected it!

After the first century, that message — that gospel — was no longer proclaimed to the world. That message explained *why* we have such frightful conditions and evils in the world today!

Why have men rejected that message — that gospel — that good news of the Kingdom of God — the way of God? *Why* have men *rebelled* against their Creator God — against the WAY that will cause peace, happiness, joy, abundance and eternal life?

I'll tell you *why*. The Bible told me *why*. It will tell *you why*, unless you are rebellious against your Creator!

Man is SELF-centered. *That's why.*

"The heads of government are responsible for the minds and thinking of their own people. When I get God's message over to the top echelon in those nations, I am getting the message to those responsible for the whole nation."

Why?

In the Bible, I found the answer.

It's been there all along — for thousands of years.

Why has it been overlooked? Or *was* it overlooked? Was it deliberately REJECTED by a rebellious humanity?

The Creator revealed the way of life that would bring peace, happiness, prosperity, *eternal life*, to our first parents whom he created. They REJECTED the truth he revealed. They rebelled against his way. And we, their children, have rejected it ever since. Two thousand years ago, God sent Jesus Christ to this world, born of a virgin human mother, begotten by Almighty God — both human and divine. God sent him into this world as a messenger with a *message from God to mankind!* That message was the same revela-

Man resents authority over him. That's *why!* Man wants to MAKE PEACE by taking it away from others! *That's why!* Man is *not concerned* about the good or welfare of others — *that's why!*

How about *you?*

Are you concerned about the welfare of others — about the starving in Ethiopia, about the hungry, starving, shelterless millions in India, Asia, Africa, and South and Central America?

Well, God opened my eyes to truth that makes sense. *God* is CONCERNED. He wants *you* to be concerned! He made me surrender to him, and to become concerned! He called and chose me to get this message to the world, as a witness!

He is now opening wide the doors to heads and leaders of GOVERNMENTS over the people, around the

world. He is sending me to those who control the minds and thinking of their peoples — with his message of love!

Message of *Love*?

What is "love"? Love is an outgoing concern for the good and welfare of OTHERS! Love is gratitude to our Maker for the good he bestows upon us — if we will receive it! Love is surrender and obedience to our Maker, for his goodness and mercies to mankind. Love is *concern* about these frightful conditions a rebellious mankind has brought on itself.

God has revealed to me that which is not taught by, and therefore not part nor parcel of any religion, government, university, nor of modern science. It is just *plain truth!*

That's *why* the eternal, living God is now opening these many doors before me. That's *why* God is giving me such providential favor in the eyes of heads of governments — those at the TOP over the peoples of this earth! That's *why* God is giving me status in their eyes, so that when I deliver HIS MESSAGE TO THEM, there is *credibility and respect!*

For years I tried to reach the world with this message by radio. In the United States, Canada, and Australia, the power of this message by radio increased and multiplied. But we had to learn that means of mass communication are closed tightly in other countries — used only by the respective governments themselves. I tried purchasing radio time on stations in little countries just across the border from such nations as the People's Republic of China, India, Russia. But they DID NOT REACH those nations.

The heads of government are responsible for the minds and thinking of their own people.

When I get God's message over to the top echelon in those nations, I am getting the message to those RESPONSIBLE for the whole nation.

The doors are being opened. It's the most important job on earth today. And the job is getting done! □

Can Russia and the U. S. Get Along?

I just read the article on Russia in the October *Plain Truth*. . . . The Communists have not changed their ideology or their aim to enslave the world. Lenin laid down this strategy for world conquest. "First we will take Eastern Europe, then the masses of Asia, then we will encircle the last bastion of freedom, the United States of America." Over the last 50 years we have witnessed the communist drive to control Eastern Europe and much of Asia. Is the U. S. next? Communism, in its unmistakable present reality, is wholly a conspiracy, a gigantic conspiracy, to control mankind. . . .

Abe U.,
San Jose, California

Mr. McNair says that a friendly Russian government sold us Alaska. If Alaska had not been separated from Russia by the Bering Sea and if the government had been like the ones since the Revolution, we would have never gotten Alaska. Newspaper accounts have told of Eskimo fishermen who have strayed too far over the Bering Sea boundary and have been captured by Russian patrol boats and sent to prison.

George H. B.,
Soquel, California

I read the article "Can Russia and the U. S. Really Get Along?" and it was one of the most interesting articles I've ever read! (I'm very interested in history and governments.) I was so interested that I've checked out some books on communism. Although I know enough about it to know I hate it, I still want to learn more.

Janet S.,
LaGrange, Georgia

Yes, Russia and the U. S. can really get along as long as Russia wants it, that is: Yes, there will be a hot war between Russia and the U. S. It will begin the minute Russia is convinced that she is ready to *beat* the United States of America.

Refugee from an
Iron Curtain country

Refugee from Uganda

Very many thanks for sending me your excellent magazine, which I am enjoying thoroughly — every article. It is now more than 15 months since the Uganda crisis. I was in East Africa nearly 50 years and about 40 of those years in Uganda. We left everything there. The Asians were settled there for about 150 years. Their settlement is now finished. In fact it was our home. However, thanks to the British government and people, we are safe here. Others settled in India, Pakistan, Canada and elsewhere. But the majority now have to start a fresh life in their newly adopted country and have to adjust to face daily problems. I wish you would publish an article on the crisis in Uganda.

G. V. R.,
Norfolk, England

Personal from the Editor

I strongly agree with your article ("Hope for the Future") in the October issue of *The Plain Truth*. It is very true. We seldom hear any good news anymore. I am 17 and I am

what our readers say

not very interested in world affairs, but when I read an article like this it makes me wonder what is going to happen next.

Cyndy W.,
El Cajon, California

What type of crystal ball does Mr. Armstrong use? Or is it imagination run rampant?

Oscar H.,
Los Angeles, California

• *Ever looked into the Bible, Oscar, to see what it really says?*

But Who Speaks for Europe?

Thank you very much for your most recent issue of *The Plain Truth*, "The Year of Europe." The article . . . "But Who Speaks for Europe?" is very interesting. If possible, I would like to purchase his [J. Robert Schaetzel's] new book, if it has been published. Would you please give me the title so that I may contact my bookstore and purchase a copy? I have been following your various articles on the Common Market — all are most interesting and look forward to more of them.

Mike N.,
Vina, California

• *It's not yet published.*

While reading the October issue of *The Plain Truth* magazine, I noticed on page 14 the picture of the Community of Europe headquarters building at Brussels, Belgium, and the display of the nine member nations' flags.

I counted nine flags, but was surprised to count 10 flag poles. The pole on the left seems ready and waiting for the tenth nation.

Rolland W.,
Amboy, Illinois

• *Norway opted out.*

Europe: Catastrophe and Revival

The latest *Plain Truth* was really great. Keep up the stories on the Roman Empire.

Alfred L. M.,
Tacoma, Washington

On page 32 of the October 1973 *Plain Truth* magazine appears this sentence "Constantine is converted to Christianity and thus becomes the first Christian emperor." Is this not a misleading statement inconsistent with the facts of recorded history? Just wondering.

W. E. W.,
Champaign, Illinois

• *The "Christianity" that attracted Constantine was a far cry from the Christianity of the Bible.*

Part II of "Europe: Catastrophe and Revival — Charlemagne, the First European" by Paul William Kroll has much to be said. The author has an unusual gift of

gleaning pertinent truths from literally thousands of historical scholarly works and placing them in concise, readable form. The author covered approximately 500 of the most fragmented years in Western civilization and molded them smoothly together with unbelievable transition.

I would only like to add to Mr. Kroll's text by stating that while the Western world was amid chaos and ruin, Byzantium — the Eastern Roman Empire — nurtured and held together the culture of Western civilization. Not even Rome, with all its history and splendor, during these traumatic years could compare to Constantinople in art, literature, and religion. We should never attempt to divorce Byzantium's great importance to the molding and harboring of our civilization.

Glenn J.,
Shreveport, Louisiana

The article on Charlemagne (November issue) had a careless error. The captions for the first and last maps were reversed.

Z. H.,
Chicago, Illinois

When Europe's Lights Go Out

I read with most interest "When Europe's Lights Go Out." We have been heavily dependent on oil for the last ten years. I see we shall have a busy summer cutting peat for next winter to use in our old boilers. Here Central Heating is needed all the year round.

Carl B.,
Gritvyken,
South Georgia Island, South Atlantic

I find your magazines and booklets to be of great interest. It is greatly helping to give me new insights. I must mention here that I am an undergraduate assistant teacher at the St. Vincent Grammar School. The subject I teach is geography from ten-year-olds to seventeen-year-olds. Your articles help greatly in presenting my lectures, and some current world issues have also awakened the students' interest. For example, you have been mentioning the oil crisis long before it actually affected the world. When my senior students realised this, they tried to give me credit. I just had to refer to your very interesting and enlightening magazine.

Many people feel that your magazine is only for Christians, but I point out to them that just about anybody can read them. In simple language *The Plain Truth* covers current world issues, helpful hints and Bible study. I would certainly like to continue to receive your valuable magazine.

T. C.,
St. Vincent, West Indies

One Reader Speaks to Another

It is indeed sad and disheartening for any patriotic American who has studied the Panama Canal matter and has worked and lived in Latin America for some 30 years, such as I have, to read letters from your readers such as that from St. Louis, Missouri, appearing in your October issue. . . .

That reader voices an opinion which is completely at odds with the truth, which is the most charitable criticism we can make of one who writes without any basis in fact.

Every true American should educate himself as to the true American position which should be taken in this delicate and controversial matter since this is a problem which will explode in the very near future because of our flimsy, indefinite, wishy-washy stand and the weak caliber of our authorities and representatives dealing with this important matter.

Arthur Leighton D.,
Coral Gables, Florida

You Can Quit Smoking

In the October 1973 issue of your religious magazine *The Plain Truth*, I read a letter to you from one J. Todd, Bristol, that he/she quit smoking by reading a booklet entitled: *You Can Quit Smoking*. In fact I have been an addict since I was 15. There is no herbalist in my community who has not tried his very best to cure me of this smoking habit. All in vain. I shall be the happiest person if Mr. or Mrs. Todd's story could be proved for me also. Please kindly send me this wonderful booklet.

Stephen K. M.,
Accra, Ghana

Cover Picture

I happened to read the November issue of *The Plain Truth* at the Manila office of Ambassador College. Being a printer and a long time subscriber of the magazine, I was very much impressed by its new format, the accented cover layout and its top quality.

The articles were superb, timely and thought provoking. In fact, I wished this particular edition had been sent out to the Philippine readership. Being 80% a Catholic nation, the Filipino people would readily grab anything written about the Pope. This write-up would have left many educated Catholics thinking....

Anyway in your future edition of *The Plain Truth*, please feature President Marcos on the cover.... Obviously the President himself or those close to him are avid readers of the magazine as shown in his speeches, decrees and many other reforms which are working well under the New Society.

We are a bit jealous that you have featured on [your] cover nearly all the leaders of Southeast Asia — except our President who has done his job as good if not better than any one of them. Thank you. And more power to *The Plain Truth* — its staff and worldwide operations.

Napoleon P. A.,
Makati, Philippines

• *Patience has its reward* — Herbert W. Armstrong will be speaking in Manila in March and another up-to-date story on the Philippines will be forthcoming.

Starving Twins to Death

Formerly my parents were pagans but now they are Christians. This gives me maximum happiness. The reason why I am happy is this. During the time they were pagan, my mother gave birth to twins on two occasions. The first set were both baby girls. These girls were starved to death to

respect local tradition and customs. On the second occasion a baby girl and a baby boy were born. By this time they were "Christians." Because of the intervention of the church, my parents cast a lot on which child should die and which should live. The lot fell on the baby boy to live, and the person writing this is the baby boy, now a man. Thanks to God for this. The baby girl was starved to death as usual. This matter was concealed from me until my first year in the Secondary School in 1960. When I heard my life history, I asked my mother whether what I heard was a fact. She owned up after crying. But later said, "My son Jonathan, God saved you for something which I don't know."

Jonathan C. O.,
Nigeria

A Helping Hand in Life

I have been receiving your magazine since I arrived in this country, almost a year ago. When sending the coupon for it, I did not realise that I was writing for a helping hand in life — which is precisely what I find your wonderful magazine to be. At the age of 16, the turning point of life, life seems a maze and one does not know what way to turn. I find *The Plain Truth* to be an excellent guide. I am a Hindu, but I find more help and more truth in this magazine than I would have found in any scripture or religious books. My gratitude cannot be expressed in words.

B. M.,
London, England

I am a teacher in an international school which is private, and where the children are mostly from "privileged" homes. The attitude of most of these children is quite appalling, and this is due to poor child rearing. I cannot further express my views on this now but wish to seize the opportunity to ask for your booklets on marriage and dating. Once again accept my thanks for your worthy services to mankind. I pray that your work be blessed and that it achieves its aim.

Augustina A.,
Accra, Ghana

What You Can Do

I very much enjoy reading your publication. I read with great interest your suggestions on teeth published in the November 1973 issue.

As a practicing dentist, I would like to suggest some corrections in the article by Patrick Parnell. Pyorrhea may be commonly caused by a number of reasons, as you have stated. It is most commonly caused by bacterial plaque, and not calculus or tartar as your article suggests. The calculus or tartar forms by the soft bacterial plaque, becoming calcified, or hardened. It is the bacteria that cause the reaction of bleeding and inflammation and not the hardened deposits. The last line of your article states that "if gums bleed slightly when brushed, this may be a sign of excessive buildup of calculus or tartar." Bleeding of the gums is a sign of inflammation which is caused by the soft bacterial plaque buildup and not by the hardened deposits.

I feel that it would be of great service to your readers to make this distinction clear, and emphasizing that the most important dental care is done by the patient at home

with the use of the floss and the toothbrush in removing the soft bacterial plaque accumulations, even more so than anything done in the dentist's office to mechanically remove the hardened deposits.

Morton Silverberg, D.D.S.,
Toronto, Ontario

I read with a great deal of interest the page entitled "What You Can Do" in *The Plain Truth*. Regarding caulking the cracks in the home, I would like to suggest avoiding the use of inexpensive caulking compound (25¢-75¢ a tube) and using the best available. Since ordinary caulking hardens and falls off within a few years, the work must be done over again. Even before it falls off, cracks form in it, defeating the purpose....

Also, I would like to comment on the article by Mr. Parnell on pyorrhea. He has listed the classic cause, calculus or tartar, as being the cause of gum damage. The information coming most recently, from Cornell University, suggests that bone degeneration around the tooth is also very important. This bone degeneration is likely due to (according to Cornell resources) an imbalance in the minerals of the American diet — too much phosphorus (in a high meat diet) and too little calcium (insufficient milk and milk products in the average diet).

A. J. J.,
Dodge, Nebraska

Crisis in Religion

Author Knedel, while being a prophet of gloom, is not necessarily one of doom as he observes: "The Catholic Church is down but not out." I concur with this statement although I do not necessarily agree with his conclusion. As has occurred many times in the history of the Catholic Church, why shouldn't she once again arise like a phoenix out of the ashes?

Claude K.,
Plaquemine, Louisiana

The Catholic Church would never deny the disagreements, dissent, and factions that exist within it. However, although such things as the so-called Protestant Reformation have appeared as huge crises, "fragmenting" (as you put it) the church membership, this has failed totally to destroy or to change, in essence, the Catholic Church....

The mention you make of Pope Paul's statement that the devil caused trouble may be embarrassing to "progressive" Catholics; but to those who remain true to the Church, the statement is serious and true.

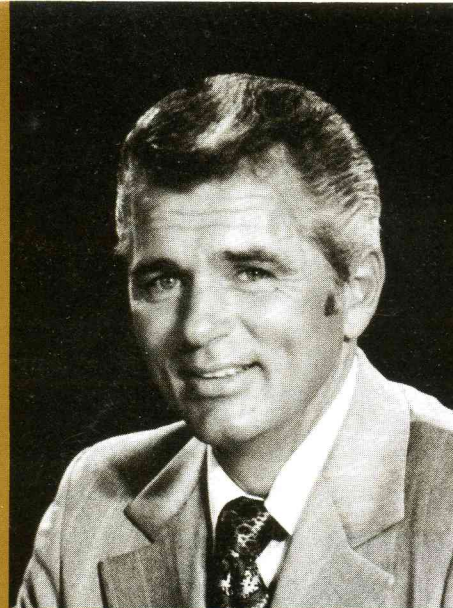
Brenda N.,
Vancouver, British Columbia

I enjoy this magazine very much. I am a conservative Catholic, and the article, "The Continuing Crisis in the Catholic Church" to my thinking is good and the way I always figured it out — eh! This new deal is nothing more than jazzing up Calvary. It's embarrassing and insulting. I hope Pope John can look down on earth and see the terrible mess he started. I want to send this issue to a few of my friends as I won't part with mine.

Mrs. Robert H.,
Williston, North Dakota

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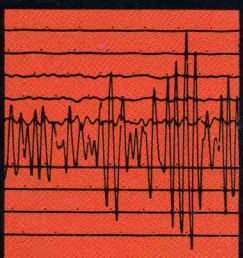


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