

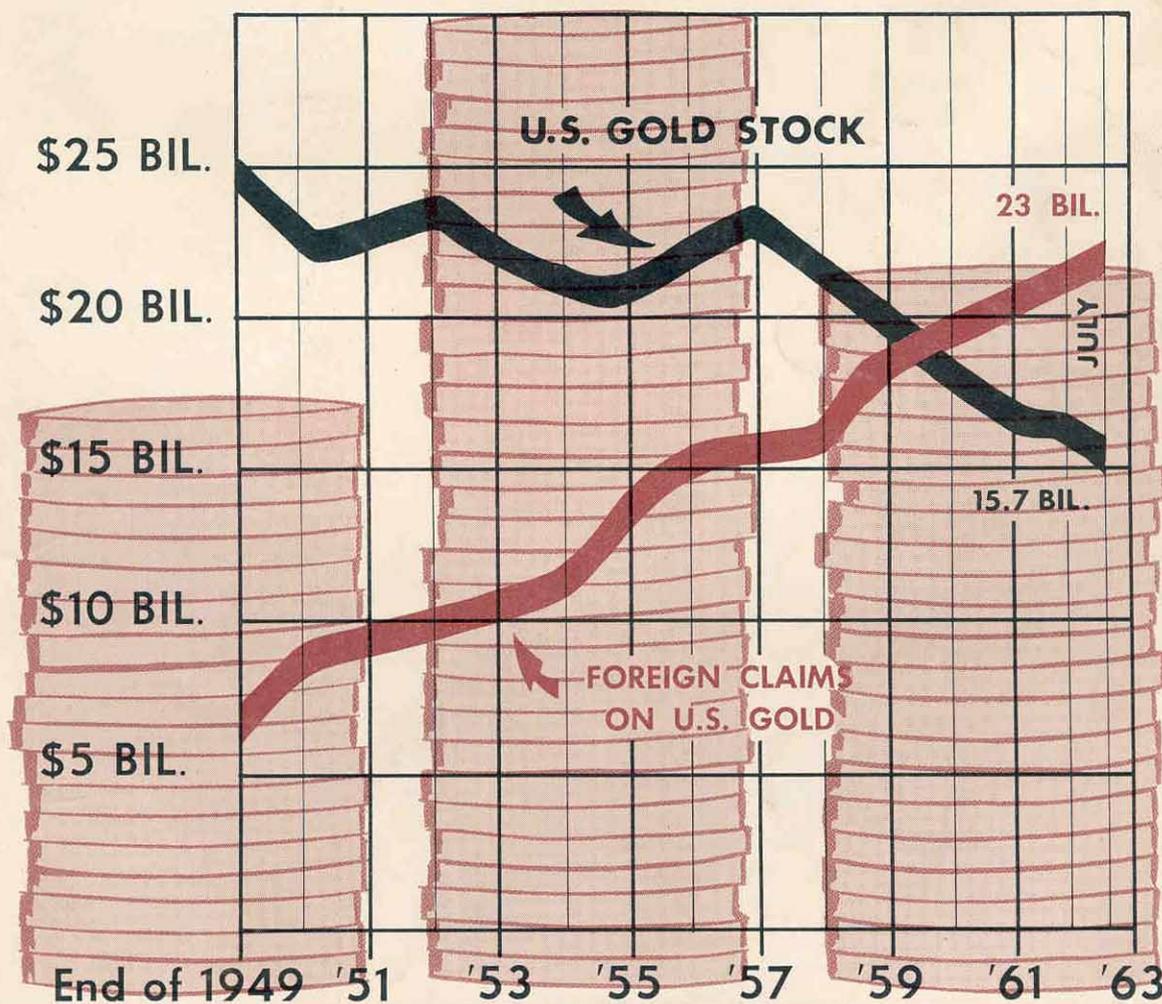
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THE GOLD CRISIS



In 14 years the once-massive U.S. Gold Reserve has shrunk 40%, while Foreign claims against it have more than quadrupled. As graph shows, claims now far surpass the gold stock.

What our READERS SAY

Applied the Test

"Here is a clipping calling Herbert W. Armstrong a false prophet. To see if he is, I went to the source of all truth—the Holy Bible. It seems that all religious leaders are calling each other false prophets. This is very confusing until you go to the Word of God to analyze the various teachings of the 400 Protestant denominations. I have, and I found that there is nothing false about the plain truth that Herbert W. Armstrong preaches."

Serviceman, California

• *A rare case, indeed! Going to the source of all knowledge is the right way to really PROVE all things.*

Change of Heart

"I could not help but think back to the first installments I read of your Autobiography in 1959 with a feeling of 'just who does this guy Herbert Armstrong think he is?' Anyway, as I read each one from then on I saw how God was using you for His great Work. Today as I read your 56th installment in the June PLAIN TRUTH and looked up the Bible scripture you mentioned, my feelings were very different. Oh, that the whole world could and would read installment 56."

Mrs. Lillie C., Minnesota

To Mend Broken Home

"I was just reading your article 'What Our Readers Say.' A person asked for a copy of 'Your Marriage Can Be Happy.' I would like to have a copy of it also, as we are caring for four children from a broken home. Maybe we can help some of these by reading your information."

Dale R., California

• *Be sure to write for the new FREE booklet on Child Rearing.*

Audio-Tory Pain

"I have an old unabridged Webster Dictionary which gives only one pronunciation of the name of the Sea in which Cuba is located. That is Care-a-be-an. There is no 'rib' in Caribbean

but there is a 'be.' I have noted the incorrect pronunciation in *The WORLD TOMORROW* programs. I have also noted the use of 'split infinitives' in both oral and written messages. They hurt my ears."

Fannie C., Kansas

• *Maybe your dictionary is too old. The new Webster's Collegiate Dictionary lists "Ca-rib'-e-an" as a correct secondary pronunciation. We admit we're human—and hope you will overlook a mispronunciation—so long as the message is true!*

Hospitality Plugged

"Thanks for giving Southern hospitality a plug. In these times when the mode seems to be to criticize the South severely for its way of life, a benevolent attitude or note of congratulations toward us is appreciated."

Larry H., Mississippi

Understandable Language

"You talk in terms of today's world and in language we can understand. You don't discuss the Bible as if it were ancient history, with no relation to the way we should live today. You have helped change my outlook."

Mrs. Patricia G., New Jersey

At Actual Value?

"I realize there is never something for nothing, but I would like to get your magazine regularly. Please tell me what it is worth to get it and I shall be glad to remit by return mail."

Paul M., Texas

• *You now have it in your hand. And, just as we said—it's FREE of charge.*

Too Smart to Fear

"I have just finished reading *The PLAIN TRUTH* for June. It appears that your magazine is trying to use scare tactics to promote a Christian revival. Most Christian revivalists use this same method, but I can't see that it has done any good. The morals and mental health of our nation's people continue to de-

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Personal from the Editor

WHO AM I? A false prophet, or a man sent from God with a Message? Do you know they asked Jesus Christ that question?

They asked John the Baptist. Was he the Christ? Was he Elijah? No, he answered—he was merely a voice in the wilderness of religious confusion. But the *man* is not important—it is his Message.

WHY do people seem always to want to follow a MAN? Why do they look to the man, himself—and either become a follower of him, or an accuser and persecutor? Why must they look to the MAN instead of the TRUTH?

The enemies of the truth know this trait of human nature. And they utilize it to turn people away from the truth by discrediting the *person* who proclaims it. Or else they seek to attract people to their false way by exalting the *person* of their leader, and inducing people to follow that person.

For thirty years, on the air and in *The PLAIN TRUTH*, I have been saying: "Don't believe *me*—BELIEVE YOUR BIBLE—BELIEVE GOD!" Always I say—and so does Garner Ted Armstrong—"Check up! Listen without prejudice, with open mind, then *check up*—go to your BIBLE, and BELIEVE what you read *there*."

But can you really *believe* the Bible? Can you believe GOD? Does God exist? Is He REAL? We continually offer positive PROOF of the existence of God—and that proof is sent FREE. We offer, *free*, the booklet *Proof of the Bible*. That is your starting point—to PROVE the reality of GOD, and that the Bible is His inspired Word—His Message to mankind—His instruction book telling us HOW TO LIVE. Once you have PROVED the absolute AUTHORITY of the Bible, you have the solid foundation for belief.

It does not depend on a man. Whether I am a false prophet or a man sent from God is not the important thing. What GOD SAYS is the important thing to

you! Yes, let GOD be true, though every man be a liar!

Religion was organized, in various sects or denominations, among the Jews of Jesus' day. And the leaders of these religious sects—the chief priests and the scribes or lawyers—the Sadducees and the Pharisees—looked on Jesus as a competitor. In their personal self-interest they did all they could to discredit Jesus by foul means.

If the leaders of the religious organizations did not endorse Jesus, then, they argued, the people should not believe Him. The Pharisees learned that a few people were beginning to be impressed with Christ's Message. This worried them. They looked on Him as a competitor. The Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to arrest Jesus and bring Him before them.

It was on the last day of the great autumn Festival. The officers heard Jesus speaking to the people in the Temple. Many of the people were impressed. Some believed. Others wondered: "WHO IS this man?" Some thought He was "the Prophet"—probably meaning Elijah. "Others said, 'This is the Christ.' But some said, 'Shall Christ come out of Galilee? . . . So there was a division among the people because of him'" (John 7:41, 43).

Then the officers returned, empty-handed, to the chief priests and Pharisees. "And they said unto them, 'Why have ye not brought Him?' The officers answered, 'Never man spake like this man'" (Verses 45-46).

These officers, you see, had been impressed. They were inclined to begin to believe. They had feared to take Jesus. Now how did these religious leaders attempt to do away with the TRUTH these officers had heard from Jesus? THEY ATTEMPTED TO DISCREDIT HIM AS A PERSON!

"Then answered them the Pharisees, 'Are ye also deceived? Have any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed on him?'" (Verses 47-48.) In other words,

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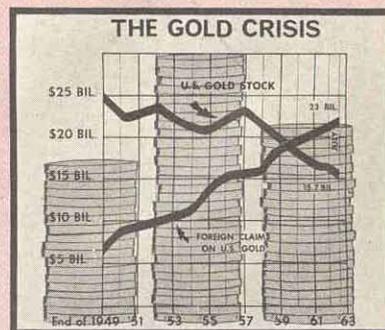
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FRONT COVER

Foreign claims now exceed America's gold stock by approximately \$7.3 billion. But this is not the whole story. U.S. law requires the retention of \$12.3 billion in gold to back currency and deposits. Therefore, only \$3.4 billion is readily available to match the \$23 billion in claims.

they inferred that Christ was a false prophet—a deceiver. And *He did not have the endorsement of the organized religious LEADERS!* The implication was: if He was not accredited by them, He was DISCREDITED!

Today through *The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast, and *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine, that *same* living Christ, through us, proclaims to the whole world—over all continents—the SAME Gospel Message Jesus then proclaimed. We, as men, are not important. We are only human instruments. It is GOD'S work. And today the SAME IDENTICAL METHODS ARE USED to discredit THAT SAME MESSAGE!

If YOU had lived in Jerusalem in the year 30 or 31 A.D., and had heard an ordinary-looking man saying the same things Jesus said in the Temple, HOW WOULD YOU HAVE CHECKED UP? How would you have known whether to believe Him? Would you have gone to the leaders of the big religious organizations, sects, or denominations, and asked them, "Who IS this man? And shall I believe what He says?"

If you had, they would have told you: "He's a false prophet! He has a false hybrid religion. None of the leading denominations endorse him!"

But what was the test Jesus gave, of how to know whether a man is a false prophet, or a man sent from GOD?

He said: "If I do not the WORKS of my Father, believe me not. But if I do . . . BELIEVE THE WORKS, that ye may know!" (John 10:37-38). Jesus was sent to START GOD'S WORK for this New Testament period. Jesus said, "My food is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish HIS WORK" (John 4:34). One who has and proclaims the TRUTH is one who is DOING GOD'S WORK!

That is one of the FRUITS—and Jesus said we are to know whether people are true or false by their fruits.

And so we say, today, KNOW whether the Message we preach is the truth by the fruits! Are we carrying on the WORK OF GOD? You'll find what that is, IN YOUR BIBLE!

I know a talented young minister who might be serving God in a very powerful way, had he not gotten off on a wrong track at the start. And now he

doesn't know how to get off that track—a track carrying him to a wrong destination. He has the backing of quite a number of powerful organized denominations. He knows more truth than he dares proclaim. He is muzzled. I'm sure he would like to be free to proclaim the FULL TRUTH OF GOD, unshackled and FREE! But, you see, all these denominations do not believe or endorse the same things. They disagree on many doctrinal points—and this man, potentially powerful for God, is forced to confine his preaching to those few points on which ALL of these differing denominations can agree. Otherwise their endorsement not only would be canceled, he would find himself discredited, and much if not most of his financial backing would cease.

Thirty years ago I had been accepting a very small salary from a church which I had believed to be God's True Church. But a few men who controlled the church treasury demanded that I baptize people contrary to the Word of God. I learned then that he who accepts his pay from men must serve men, and not God. I read God's PROMISE to "supply ALL your NEED, according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." I knew that if I looked to GOD as my employer, with all salary and income to be supplied BY HIM, that I would have to serve Him HIS WAY! And I gave myself to Him so to do! He didn't increase the salary and income at the time—but in answer to prayer, and through FAITH, the same amount did continue to come! Then, some five months later, He opened the DOOR of radio and the printing press. GOD'S WORK was started! But not until it was no longer MAN'S work! It was not started BIG, but the smallest of any.

Gradually—ever so slowly at first—the WORK grew. It grew 30% bigger each year than the preceding year. It is still growing at the rate of 30% a year. Today it is a WORLD-WIDE POWER! And I am FREE! I am unshackled! I am free to proclaim Christ's own TRUE GOSPEL!

Do you want to know who I am? Well, who I am is not important. But if you want to know the TRUTH about it, do not ask those who are imbued with this world's competitive spirit.

They can't tell you the truth about who I am, or whether what we proclaim is true, BECAUSE THEY DON'T KNOW! If you want to know about me personally—it's not important—but if you still want to know, ASK ME, not uninformed enemies.

If you want to know whether our Message is really the TRUTH, then LOOK TO YOUR OWN BIBLE, for, as Isaiah says, "If they speak not according to this Word, it is because there is no light in them."

Check up, as the Bereans did on the Apostle Paul—they listened with open minds, unprejudiced, then searched the SCRIPTURES, whether these things were so (Acts 17:11).

If we proclaim the TRUTH—if we make it plain and understandable, and lead you to the truth which you PROVE to be the truth, then BELIEVE THAT TRUTH.

Look to the FRUITS. By the thousands, people are being converted—their lives changed—brought to CHRIST and the Kingdom of God. Christ's own GOSPEL is being proclaimed, AS A WITNESS, to the whole world—on every inhabited continent. God's own flock is BEING FED. Those brought to Christ, and who through Him are now begotten children of GOD, are finding happiness and joy that literally RADIATES in their lives! The sick are being healed. Future leaders in GOD'S WORK are being trained in God's Colleges. Those are the FRUITS. This is the work where GOD is working.

Yes, even as Jesus, the living HEAD of this WORK OF GOD said: "Though you believe not me, BELIEVE THE WORK [OF GOD], that you may KNOW. . . ."

Be a follower of JESUS CHRIST—I am not seeking followers of my own. Don't be a follower of a MAN—but of CHRIST!

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The Real CAUSE of
The RACE CRISIS

and

Here's the PLAIN TRUTH
About Old Testament POLYGAMY!

Coming: Greatest Economic Crash Ever!

The intoxicating "dance of the billions" can't last much longer. Another "Black Thursday" in less than a decade is predicted by top economists. Here are the startling facts behind our sick economy!

by Gene H. Hogberg

THE ONCE-MIGHTY American dollar is in **SERIOUS TROUBLE!** Urgent measures are being taken, on the international level to protect the nation's vanishing gold reserves, now down to a 24-year low of less than \$15.7 billion.

For the very first time, the U.S. has appealed to the International Monetary Fund for help. "I never thought I'd see the day when the U.S. would be standing at the door," sighed one American official to the I.M.F. Internally, the country is floundering on a rising river of red ink. Total debt in the U.S.—public, corporate and private—is now over **ONE TRILLION, 58 BILLION DOLLARS!** That amounts to \$23,260 for each average family of four! Can you afford *that!*?

Such economic recklessness cannot go on forever!

Top economists who are not afraid to endanger their own businesses are seriously warning the public to wake up to the alarming facts. A short while ago Dr. Arthur Uppgren, professor of economics at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota, startled a meeting of insurance men, bankers and educators when he said, "**LOOK OUT FOR THE BIGGEST BUST YOU EVER SAW!**"

Dr. Uppgren explained that only built-in "snubbers and stabilizers" are keeping our economy afloat and that *by 1970 the U.S. will go flat broke.* By the end of that year, he said, liquid assets in banks will be reduced to 20 per cent of their liabilities—*about where it was in 1929.*

Can't Learn from History

"With two thousand years of Euro-

Can you fathom how much *100 billion dollars* really is?

This staggering amount is equivalent to a stack of \$1 bills 6,774 miles high, over *four-fifths* the diameter of the earth.

\$100 billion is the approximate amount of this year's Federal budget, $\frac{1}{3}$ of the Federal debt, and $\frac{1}{10}$ of the total U.S. public, corporate and private debt.

pean history before your eyes, *you (Americans) have repeated every one of Europe's mistakes,*" said the late Roman historian Theodore Mommsen. Two of the major reasons for the fall of

Rome were the spiraling rise of taxes combined with extravagant spending, and the building of gigantic armaments. *The very same mistakes are being made today!*

In addition, Americans have not only failed to learn from ancient history, they have forgotten their own *recent history!* "We can hope the country will do something in response to our warning," continued Prof. Uppgren, "*though the six deep financial collapses we had from 1873 to 1933 do not encourage us.*"

Americans have not learned their lesson! Financial collapse **NUMBER SEVEN**—God's number of finality—will soon be here! And only God Almighty can save you and your family from ruin

A familiar sight during the great depression of the 30's—selling apples on the street corner.

Wide World Photo



this time. How you can have supernatural protection we will see later.

Factors Obvious

Just one cursory glance at our glittering, credit-bloated economy should reveal that something is drastically wrong! And when we look at *all* aspects of it—mounting taxation, the mad spending for fantastically expensive and complex weapons, the crushing welfare and relief burden, the ballooning credit binge, the lurking danger of severe foreign competition, the constant hemorrhaging of our shrinking gold supply—we see the explosive ingredients of a crash that will make the Great Depression of the 30's seem like an unpaid vacation.

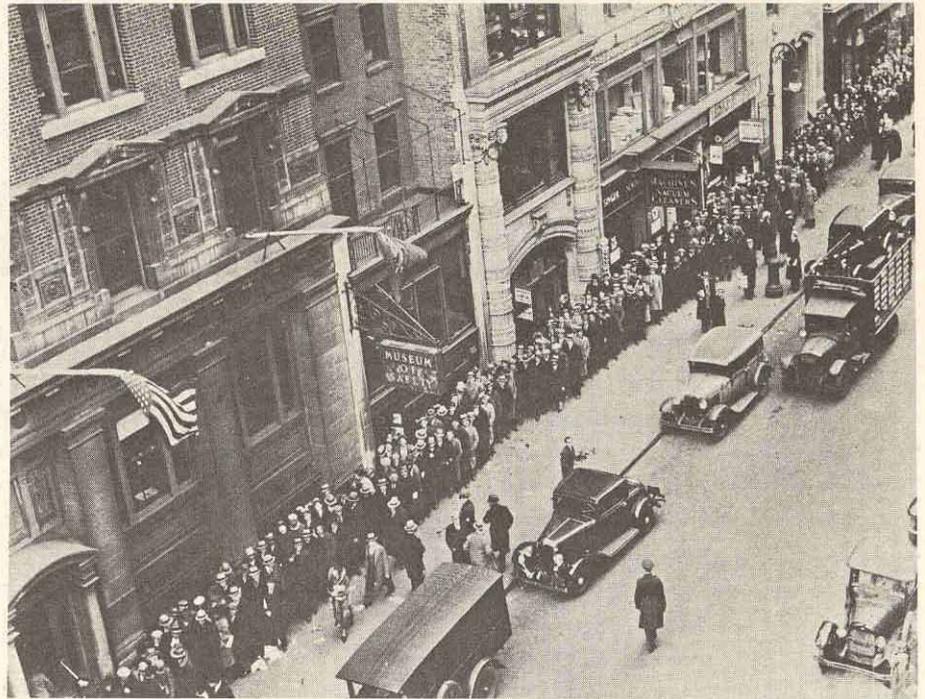
Let's analyze these factors briefly, one at a time. First, taxation. In the United States alone there are over 175,000 governmental bodies levying taxes—and they seemingly can't get money fast enough! Federal expenditures alone have multiplied 25 *TIMES* in the last 30 years. The Federal debt has now reached the fantastic level of 304 billion dollars—and another push upward looms. Each year \$10 billion—the largest single appropriation in the budget—is earmarked *just to pay interest on this amount*. In 1929, before the stock market crash, the Federal debt was *less than \$20 billion*. Do you see why the *next* crash is going to be far worse?

Not only Federal, but state and local spending has climbed alarmingly. It now runs at *four times* the 1946 rate. Upwards of \$50 billion a year is spent by these other governmental bodies—an amount nearly *15 times the Federal budget* for 1929.

Why So Much?

Where is all this money going? Why do you have to work *2½ hours a day* just to pay taxes? Why are there over *one thousand* direct and indirect taxes on a single quart of milk?

Let's look at the defense picture for one answer. Military spending in the U.S. has now reached a record "peacetime" rate of \$56 billion a year, absorbing well over half of all Federal funds. And, get this shocker: High government officials are forecasting that if the arms race continues (which it will) *the yearly defense outlay will reach 100*



Wide World Photo

Thousands line up for Federal relief jobs in New York City in 1933, the depth of the depression. In the coming depression there won't even be any jobs to offer.

BILLION a year within a decade! Imagine! More than the entire Federal budget as it now stands!

Few people realize the enormous amount of time, talent and energy, in addition to money, being devoted to the nation's military program. The Senate subcommittee on education recently heard administration witnesses testify that 75% of all scientists and skilled technicians working on research and development at the present time are doing it in the fields of space, missiles, atomic weapons and other military uses. Only 25% of America's research is devoted to peacetime activity. One scientist now working on new weapons said recently, "You ain't seen nothing yet" compared with what is planned in the way of new weapons (*U.S. News & World Report*, July 1, 1963).

Caught in a Vise

The United States is now in the extremely awkward position where it *can't afford to disarm*. Whole corporations and industries are almost solely dependent upon military contracts. To try to re-allocate the massive \$56 billion defense outlay now would shake the economy right down to the ground.

One reason Rome fell was that she

built up a huge military machine to protect her from without—while she suffocated from within on the stench of her own moral decay. The same is true of our society today. Weapons did not save Rome—and they cannot save the United States, Great Britain or any nation today (Ps. 33:16). And neither can our rearmed, purchased allies save us—nations upon whom we've lavished the appalling sum of \$100 billion since the end of World War II. In fact, Bible prophecy says that *despite* our vast military preparedness, it will all be to absolutely no avail. God will not fight with us in the next war as He has in the past. He says to our people, the descendants of ancient Israel: "An end, the end is come upon the four corners of the land. . . . They have blown the trumpet, *even to make all ready*; BUT NONE GOETH TO THE BATTLE: for MY WRATH is upon all the multitude thereof" (Ezek. 7:2, 14). Not one missile will be fired, not one plane will be sent aloft, not one nuclear sub will sneak out of port!

Crushing Welfare Load

Welfare programs designed to give everybody "security" have also burgeoned into a mountainous monetary headache. Cost of these programs—old-age sur-
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The Newest Specialist ... The GOOF-OFF!

A big disease gnawing at our vitals is sheer laziness! Apathy, lethargy, inefficiency; these are the common denominators of our times! Read God's challenge to indolence in this article.

by Garner Ted Armstrong

“WE’VE entered the age of the goof-off,” shouted the *Chicago American* recently. *And it's true!* This is the time of the tea break, dawdling at the water-cooler, going out for coffee; the time of the 5 o'clock stampede!

It's a time of sloppy work, half-finished jobs, careless bids, unkept promises, slipshod construction, poor materials, and just plain *laziness!*

WHAT'S GONE WRONG?

Is *work a disease?* Is it a SIN to render to your employer a good, hard, honest day's work? Is it WRONG to give an honest bid, to supply good materials, to produce, to WORK HARD?

In some circles—it *is!* For example, five members of an automobile workers' union in the United States were charged by fellow workers with “*working too hard,*” and were fined and suspended from their union for two years! The men, *accused of working at speeds above a normal standard,* were given heavy fines and a suspension from their labor organization! Further, about 90 per cent of the membership APPROVED of the penalties against the men!

It Was PROPHESED!

Think of it! Living in the times of the GREATEST DANGER in the recorded history of man—the threat of nuclear war, deep racial problems, untoward natural cataclysms, growing drought and hunger, a burgeoning population explosion—yes, the time of man's *greatest danger*—yet, APATHY is extant as never before.

God *said* it would be this way. “For this know also, that in the *last days* PERILOUS TIMES shall come . . .” (II Tim. 3:1). Yes, PERILOUS TIMES—the times in which you live! But what would be the *attitude* during these perilous times? “For men shall be *lovers of their*

own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, *unthankful,* unholy, without natural affection, *trucebreakers,* false accusers, *incontinent,* fierce, despisers of those that are good, *traitors,* heady, highminded, LOVERS OF PLEASURES MORE THAN LOVERS OF GOD; having a *form* of godliness, but *denying the power thereof*—from such turn away!” (II Tim. 3:2-5).

A striking paradox, isn't it? In the face of grave DANGER—during “perilous times,” men would, according to *your Bible,* become LOVERS OF PLEASURES—haughty, proud, indolent, thinking only of THEMSELVES—instead of busily *working* to avoid calamity!

God inspired Ezekiel to write of *our day* (remember, Ezekiel prophesied impending national calamity for the peoples of *Israel,* over 120 years AFTER *Israel* had already *gone* into a captivity from which they never returned!), of the *wrong message,* the “wicked counsel” of FALSE ministers, and leaders in political offices who say, “IT IS NOT NEAR,” or *nothing* is going to happen—we shall have PEACE!

Read this remarkable prophecy in the eleventh chapter of Ezekiel. Notice verse 3: “Let us build houses—this city is the *caldron,* and WE be the flesh!”

Yes—the proverbial “FLESHPOT.” What a paradox it is that in the face of immediate and *terrible danger* people turn to licentiousness, immorality, phlegmatism and apathy!

An elderly couple in one of the Plains states was warned hurriedly of a rapidly approaching tornado! Their minds simply refused to *grasp* this awesome truth. They sat in their living-room, INSISTING the horrifying roar approaching them was nothing but a passing locomotive!

However, there wasn't a train within *forty miles* of their home. The tornado

blew them and their home into oblivion!

Soldiers, pinned down under heavy enemy fire on the battlefield, have been known TO LOSE ALL GRASP of what was *happening around them!* Some have STOOD UP, making the statement they were “going home” or some similar senseless saying. Their minds simply *snapped* under the tremendous pressure—*refusing to admit* the terrifying DANGER they faced!

The 5 O'clock Stampede

This paradoxical characteristic of human nature to *refuse to admit* what it does not WISH to admit is evident in the *tremendous* debauchery of modern society! The closer our impending *national calamity*—the faster we toboggan-slide into complete and utter moral depravity! Instead of busily seeking the way *out* of our approaching calamity—we take time to *play!*

Secretary of Commerce, Luther

This unemployed man—father of 13—goes shopping after receiving food stamps. Many able-bodied men don't have jobs.

Wide World Photo



Hodges, said, "We are *SOFT* in this country!"

Mr. Hodges, having had the initiative and driving ambition to work his way up from a 50-cent-a-day millhand to a textile millionaire, and finally, after having won election as governor of North Carolina, to be appointed as President Kennedy's Secretary of Commerce, is a "come-early, work-late" type man!

He said there are MILLIONS unemployed—but there are also thousands of concerns and businesses looking for people! "They can't find the people who are willing to give a full day's work!" he said.

Later, Mr. Hodges sternly warned, "We're going to have trouble ahead in international competition unless we're as efficient as possible!"

In past articles in *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine, we have exposed, repeatedly, the tremendous TRADE WAR that is already furiously under way. We have shown time and again the increasing phlegmatism of the average American, British, Australian and Canadian worker—with the continual strikes, slow-downs, slipshod work, millions of man-hours eaten up in coffee and tea breaks, and the many horrible practices which threaten national disaster to our peoples.

In the meantime, a burgeoning union of nations is forging ahead, WORKING HARD to overtake us!

Lazy, indolent, FAT—bloating on our own prosperity, we seek only to sleepily and unconcernedly save what we have! But a VIGOROUS, hard-working enemy is soon going to TAKE from us what we have—unless we WAKE UP and get to WORK on the only goal there is!

Newsweek magazine conducted an opinion survey around the United States and found MANY in various professions who admitted the United States' workers are becoming "clock-watchers." A San Francisco attorney, Mr. James L. O'Dea, said, "Workers on the average just watch the clock all day so they can rush home and watch TV." "We're rotting at the core," said Mrs. Gwen Glove, Detroit secretary.

"The biggest threat to America is Americans." "The fellow who is really interested in his work," said an Atlanta merchant, "sticks out like a sore thumb."

A lawyer, in Dallas, Texas, com-

mented, "You'd better not be at our office at 5 o'clock—you will get run over!"

A San Francisco businessman said: "What is happening frightens me. I THINK WE ARE GOING TO DECLINE AND FALL JUST LIKE ROME DID!"

These alarming statements, made by average businessmen and businesswomen in average jobs state the case very clearly.

As PEOPLES, we are lazy, indolent, negligent, half-hearted in our efforts, and have forgotten, apparently, the true MEANING of hard work!

Little REAL Unemployment!

Unemployment—a growing problem among our peoples is NOT, believe it or not, the same kind of unemployment it used to be. Today, there is WILLFUL unemployment, there is *deceitful* unemployment, and there is *misplaced prideful* unemployment! There is LAZY unemployment—and, in some industries, there is *seasonal* unemployment, *strike* unemployment, and *cutback* unemployment.

But the day when hard-working, honest men who sincerely WANT to put in a GOOD DAY'S LABOR, working HARD to produce—and still can't find a job . . . those days—are simply not here as yet.

Actually, a glance at the classified ads in any newspaper will show clearly that there are PLENTY OF JOBS AVAILABLE! But that's just it. There are JOBS available—and altogether too many people are looking for "positions."

What about YOU? Are YOU willing to really WORK? Are you willing to find a job—and WORK at that job—even if it means distasteful sweat, long hours, and perhaps meager pay? Or would your immediate come-back be, "Why should I do it—when so many others have a soft berth?"

It's time we shook ourselves out of our lethargy—and began to WAKE UP to our national, and our PERSONAL danger!

It's time to come to KNOW the true peril we face—and know what you, personally, should be doing about it! God says, "For when they shall say, 'Peace and safety'; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon

a woman with child; and they shall not escape! But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the DAY, we are not of the night, nor of darkness—therefore LET US NOT SLEEP, as do others, but let us watch and be sober!" (1 Thes. 5:3-6).

It's time to WAKE UP—it's time to throw off the cloak of laziness and lethargy—it's time for HARD WORK!

A Message About WORK

The most well-balanced man who ever lived was Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God. Jesus said He was sent to this earth to "work the works" of the Father, who had sent Him! (John 9:4). His message was concerned with ZEALOUS WORK!

Jesus Christ came to this earth to set us an example that we should follow in His steps (1 Pet. 2:21). He lived an active, vigorous life—a life filled with ZEAL, with robust health, and live vitality!

It may come as a shock to you to realize you can DENY YOUR SAVIOR by laziness, alone.

God COMMANDS all human kind, "Six days shalt thou LABOR, and do all thy work" (Ex. 20:9). Remember, Jesus said, "If you love me, KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS" (John 14:15). Today, false ministers preach a lazy salvation—an easy message about an indolent eternity, floating around negligently, apathetically and phlegmatically on a cloud in heaven! They deny there are any WORKS to salvation!

But Almighty God neither intends that you live a physical life in idleness, nor that you spend an eternity in laxity and ease!

The MARK of a Christian

Rather, God says, "WORK out your own salvation with fear and trembling!" (Phil. 2:12). The Apostle Paul said he really had to WORK on himself—that he had to struggle, and labor in living a Christian life. ". . . forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I PRESS [that is, he worked, struggled, DROVE himself, forced himself forward]

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Archaeology *PROVES* The Bible Is *TRUE!*

Palestinian archaeology has become a fad for Jewish and Christian scholars alike. Yet the whole Jewish and Christian world is filled more than ever with doubt concerning the reliability of the Bible. Is there no evidence that the Bible is true? Or have men found and rejected the evidence? Here, written from on the scene, is the shocking truth about the conspiracy to hide the facts!

by Dr. Herman L. Hoeh
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Ashkelon, Israel

UNEXPECTEDLY, this summer, I had the privilege of becoming a participant in the archaeological excavations now going on at Ashdod, Israel. I want to tell you about it and the truth about archaeology—and why most scholars refuse to believe the Bible.

Never has there been such a vast array of historical and archaeological knowledge available to man to confirm the Bible. Why, then, with all this confirmation of the truth of the Bible available, is agnosticism, skepticism, and doubt so common today? Why are historians and archaeologists in the forefront of those who *deny* the authority and reliability of the Bible?

There Is a Reason

If the Bible is a revelation from God for man, then why do we not hear of more *proof* outside the Bible—confirmation from *history* and *archaeology*—that the events of the Bible really happened and its great characters actually lived?

All the world looks to archaeologists for evidence on *WHAT* to believe *about* the Bible. Even the ministers derive many of their *opinions* from archaeological reports. And I am finding anew in this Ashdod digging that archaeological reports do not disclose all that is found in archaeological *diggings*. Archaeologists dig up much more evi-

As a participant in the Hebrew Union College Summer Institute on Near Eastern Civilizations, Dr. Hoeh is spending 8 weeks in Israel. He is engaged in the excavation of the ancient Philistine city of Ashdod (mentioned in I Samuel 5). The excavation is jointly sponsored by the State of Israel, Carnegie Museum, and the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, and partly financed by U. S. Aid.

dence than you hear about.

Their *facts* are fine. But their theory of how facts are to be understood is in error. Neither archaeologists nor ministers want to *accept* anything that supports the Bible—because they are

unwilling to accept the Bible at face value.

Of course not!

None of us—of ourselves—want to accept the complete, unaltered message of God's Word!

If you accept the Bible as historically true, *HOW* can you escape this *obligation*

to obey its laws? You can't! And neither can the ministers or the archaeologists.

It is altogether impossible to separate Bible history from Bible commands! Either *ALL* the Bible is *TRUE* or all of

The village of Ashdod as it looked before the Arabs and Egyptians were expelled in 1948. Dr. Hoeh is assisting in the excavating of this ancient Biblical city.

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Air view of Ashdod, once a capital city and headquarters of the worshippers of Dagon, the Philistine fish-god.

it is FALSE.

That is the crux of the whole problem. Since most ministers and archaeologists do not want to obey God, they are determined to discredit the Bible as a historical record.

In this age of increasing knowledge—or is it *misknowledge*?—many of the greatest men plead ignorance to life's most important problems. "We have outgrown God," they contend. "He was suitable for a period of superstition and ignorance when religion predominated. But we do not live in a religious age. We have created a scientifically minded world."

What Ministers Say About the Bible

It would probably be SHOCKING to you if you knew what many leading ministers personally think and publicly say about the Bible! Here is what *Harry Emerson Fosdick*, a noted American minister of New York, wrote in his book *The Modern Use of the Bible*:

"We know now that every idea in the Bible started from primitive and child-like origins . . ." and that it is an "impossible attempt to harmonize the Bible with itself, to make it speak with unanimous voice, to resolve its conflicts and contradictions. . . ."

Why did Dr. Fosdick write this? Was he convinced that there was no proof of

the inspiration of the Bible? OR WAS HE OVERLOOKING THE PROOF—AND NEGLECTING THE TRUTH?

Dr. James Moffatt, who produced a famous English rendering of the Bible, says in his introduction to the Bible that many of its books are "notes by disciples, worked up into literary papers which have been repeatedly edited, sometimes by pious collectors."

To this learned man it seemed the earlier portions of the Bible stemmed from "the natural desire to gather up the primitive traditions of the people."

Notice! Here is one of the foremost Biblical scholars declaring that the Bible has a natural origin in human *traditions!*—implying that it is *not* backed by *fact!* What made him believe such an idea? Was he without proof of the inspiration of Scripture? Surely, if there were proof for the inspiration of the Bible, these men would NOT have overlooked it—would they? . . . or DID THEY FIND THE PROOF AND REJECT IT?

Sincere, but Ignorant?

SHOCKING UTTERANCES SUCH AS THESE ARE THE PRODUCT OF HUMAN REASON! To the natural mind the Bible seems merely a book of tales and stories, and fabulous solutions to the question of human origin and destiny. What irrefutable *proof* do these men offer for propounding the concept that the Bible was fraudulently written by Hebrews who only "claimed" divine authority for their mere human utterances?

None!

HAVE THESE MEN BEEN ABLE TO DISPROVE THE BIBLE?—to disprove the existence of its great characters—to disprove the occurrence of its outstanding historic events?

NO!

Would man go to all this trouble to imply the Bible is false if he thought it to be actually true?

INDEED MAN WOULD!

People secretly *want* to serve their own lusts. They want to be in ignorance of God's law and way of life! They do not want the astounding proof that the Bible is true, that it is inspired—that it can be proved right!

As Jeremiah the prophet was inspired to write: "An appalling and horrible thing is come to pass in the land: the

prophets prophesy in the service of *falsehood*, and the priests bear rule at their beck; and My people love to have it so" (Jer. 5:30-31).

The ministers just won't preach the truth!

Where Is the PROOF?

Everyone today demands proof of the authority of the Bible! They reject the proof within the Bible itself. People have a chip on their shoulders, so to speak. They want some MAN to prove whether the Bible is true. They accept God's Word only if a *man* verifies Him!

Of course it is right that we should prove it! And there is plenty of confirming evidence—evidence of the most amazing kind—evidence that ought to rock civilization to its foundation! But the world is wilfully ignorant of it.

Believe it or not, THE WORLD ALREADY KNOWS OF THE EVIDENCE but is unwilling to accept it. It has seen the evidence; it has felt it; it has dug it up; it has read it; it has published it—but the world has *rejected* it because it does not want to *surrender its will* to the Bible.

ONLY THE FOOL WOULD REJECT THE EVIDENCE of *creation* and of *prophecy*. But, sadly, the world is filled with fools! It has rejected both.

The world has not only turned the *truth* upside-down, but it has also turned the *evidence* upside-down—making right *seem* wrong and making factual evidence tell lies.

For well over a century and a half Biblical scholars labored to undermine the authority of the Bible. They taught the world that Moses could not have written the books attributed to him. They claimed writing was not invented until after Moses' time. This made the Bible appear—as they claimed—just an uninspired collection of Jewish folklore and religious myths.

But just when scholars had convinced much of the literary world that the Bible is just the work of pious ancients searching for a concept of God, something went wrong!

In the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, Europeans became aware of the treasures of the *tells* or mounds of the Mesopotamian flatlands. Archaeological
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The Russian-Chinese Split— HOPE for the West?

What's behind the quarrels in the Red camp? Why is Khrushchev now all smiles with Western diplomats? You need to know the significance of these changes on the world scene!

by Gene H. Hogberg

THE LONG-BREWING controversy between the Russians and the Red Chinese has finally burst into the open with the complete FLOP of Red high-level talks in Moscow. At the same time, Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev has thumped for—and has now finally and smilingly achieved—a limited nuclear test ban agreement with Americans and British. Is all this the beginning of a "new era" of relaxed tensions? Will peace finally "break out" on the face of our battered world? Optimistic observers of the world scene volunteer a weak, faltering "yes." But the answer BIBLE PROPHECY gives is an unqualified "NO"!

How Deep the Red Split?

At its simplest the Russian-Chinese quarrel is over who is going to be boss in the Red world. Communist China now for the first time has openly challenged Russian leadership. She claims that only her "brand" of Communism, the violent, non-peaceful-coexistence type, is the legitimate offspring of original Marxist-Leninist ideals. Russia says no; that her present policy of co-existence and cooperation with capitalism is the correct course for the Red block to take AT THIS TIME.

The Chinese resent that "bourgeois" governments get Soviet economic and military aid that she no longer gets. Russian refusal to help develop a Chinese A-bomb angers Mao Tse-tung. The Russians clearly do not relish an independent Chinese nuclear capacity, one which they will not be able to control.

An Historic Hostility

The present conflict is nothing new. Moscow and Peking are divided by racial animosity which would persist

even if their ideological differences could be squared away. The bad memories go back hundreds of years. "Russia has never forgotten the Golden Horde of Genghis Khan, which swept west from Mongolia in the 13th century, conscripting Volga boatmen into the Khan's army and forcing local princes to kow-tow. When, after 200 years, the Mongol Empire collapsed, the newly united Russians lost no time in getting even" (TIME, July 12, 1963).

The Russians eventually snatched about 5,500,000 square miles of Chinese territory. The Chinese have never forgotten about this. Lately, they have even made rumblings about wanting it back.

The Chinese and the rest of the Oriental peoples have no love for the Soviet Union, especially since the vast Eurasian country is ruled by whites from the European side of the Urals. "The Chinese still sneer at the Russians as 'Big Noses' and consider them as alien as other Westerners" (TIME, July 12, 1963).

Even the supposedly "democratized" Japanese have jumped into the dispute on the side of the Red Chinese. A startling editorial recently appeared in the "pro-Western" English-language *Japan Times* severely criticizing an alleged pro-Russian U.S. attitude. The editorial discredited American statements that Red China provoked the breach, claiming that the U.S. was discriminating against the Asian Chinese. The editorial baisedly and blindly propounded that China is no threat to Asian peace, and further recommended closer trade relations with Mao's regime!

Look for increased solidity among the Oriental nations with Japan playing a leading role. Political ideologies can be

compromised with—but racial affinities and animosities lie deep!

The present Sino-Russian conflict is best summed up in the words of one U.S. Government official, "It may not be a complete divorce, but there's certainly an irrevocable separation, with a bitter battle shaping up over custody of the children [the satellite nations]" (*Wall Street Journal*, July 1, 1963).

Khrushchev Looks West

With troubles on his eastern flank, and also restlessness in the satellites who want more economic freedom, Khrushchev is in no mood to continue heated hostilities with the West for now. This is the time to smile, shake hands, sign superficial, worthless test ban agreements and talk trade. He hopes the West will fall for his new line and forget the promise he has repeatedly made to bury us.

Political analyst William F. Buckley, Jr., reported, "Red China and Russia are ideological soul-mates, who though they fight with each other ferociously, do so under a single banner. What Khrushchev will attempt to do, under the present adversity, is precisely to take advantage of Western gullibility." (*Los Angeles Times*, July 22, 1963.)

The Americans and the British have been the first to jump at the offers of the "new Khrushchev," to the dismay of West Europeans highly suspicious of the Red dictator's devices. German politicians warned the test ban negotiators not to go beyond the test ban discussion and get involved in Khrushchev's proposal for a non-aggression treaty between NATO and the Warsaw Pact nations (the Red bloc). Such an agreement, the U.S. was warned, would be

tantamount to recognizing the East German puppet regime.

Who Will Deal With Russia?

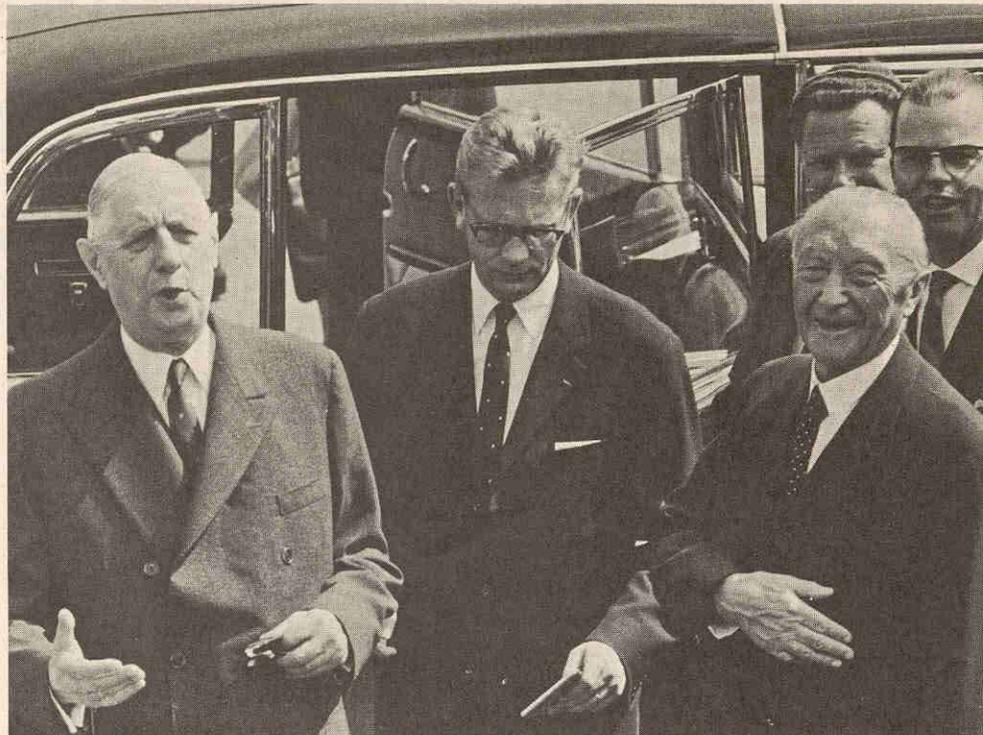
"If a deal is to be made with the Soviets," say our West European allies, "WE will make it, not YOU!" Chancellor Adenauer made this point loud and clear to President Kennedy at the very beginning of the U.S. chief's recent European tour. Declared Walter Lippmann: "In his welcoming speech at the airport near Cologne, Chancellor Adenauer wasted little time on the diplomatic niceties. He read the President a lecture which was sharp notice that while the United States must guarantee the military security of Western Europe, the President MUST NOT CHALLENGE THE PRIMACY OF THE PARIS-BONN COMBINATION IN MAKING THE POLICIES FOR DEALING WITH THE SOVIET UNION. . . ."

The United States will soon be in for a rude shock! Warning the Americans and British against selling them down the river to the Russians, the Europeans are going to do the very same thing they accuse us of. A new "Rapallo Pact" is in the making. The plans are already being made. Europe feels it can make an offer to the Soviets so tempting that Khrushchev can't resist it. Top-level diplomats are casting out the feelers right now!

"President Heinrich Lübke of West Germany has just made a proposal of major political significance that has been overlooked by most of the press. The Soviet economy, said Lübke, is nearing the 'point where reorganization, partial reforms will not help any longer. The grip will have to be loosened, the plants will have to get more freedom of action and people more incentives.

"Then, however, the Soviet Union will need the help of industrial nations or of their private enterprises that have ample capital resources. By arrangements of mutual benefit, a peaceful solution to the questions pending between the Soviet Union and ourselves could become possible."

"So said President Lübke at Munich on the tenth anniversary of the East German revolt. It's the first time a leader of West Germany has made a public offer of a great economic deal with the



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West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer greets French President Charles de Gaulle on the latter's recent "working visit" to Bonn. Interpreter is in center. A month earlier, Adenauer had told President Kennedy that only the new Franco-German alliance must work out deals with the U.S.S.R.

Soviet Union" (U.S. News & World Report, July 1, 1963).

East Germany the Trade Bait

Just as we have warned our readers for years, Germany and her allies are dangling the prospects of vastly increased trade before the Russians in exchange for the eventual reuniting of East Germany with the Federal Republic. "A Bonn-Moscow deal has long been a pet rumor in Europe. Theory heard in Bonn: *Maybe Russia would settle the whole 'German problem,' if Bonn offered Moscow as 'reparations' about 2.5 billion dollars.* The Lübke proposal is to be taken more seriously. It moves the idea of a deal with Russia out of the rumor stage, puts it in the trial-balloon stage. In time, offers of massive economic trade and aid may have strong appeal for Moscow. Similarly, *when West European business slows down, as it will at some point, Western interest in doing business with Russia will pick up.* Deal with Russia is therefore something to keep in mind as a developing possibility. Apparently West Germans have it in mind, if nobody else does."

(U.S. News and World Report, July 1, 1963.)

The Germans know full well that only through Russia can reunification hopes be realized.

The Soviets and the Germans, along with their Common Market allies, realize they need each other. German industrialists, in the light of a slowing growth rate in traditional trade patterns, are clamoring for relaxed trade restrictions with the East. Convinced that they can handle the "dumb Russians" and their satellites, the trade push has already gotten under way. Look at these news dispatches:

"Drang Nach Osten"

"West German traders, with Bonn's blessing, are pushing into East Europe on a broad front. *Deal with Poland* has gone into effect. It's set for three years. *Deal with Hungary* is in the works. Secret talks are under way now. *Deal with Rumania* is expected on the heels of agreement with Hungary. Renewed deal with Russia is expected to be signed in Moscow late in '63. . . . The new agreements open European doors wider

to German trade. The machinery and equipment producers of the Ruhr are all for that" (*U.S. News & World Report*, June 10, 1963).

"If present planning goes as West Germany hopes, negotiations will begin in the next few weeks for increasing trade many times over with Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Rumania and possibly Bulgaria" (*Los Angeles Times*, May 14, 1963).

Berthold Beitz, general manager of the huge Krupp concern, recently made a trip to Moscow. He conferred 2½ hours with Premier Khrushchev. You can be certain they discussed more than the latest soccer matches.

Not just Germany, but the entire Common Market is literally buzzing with prospects of massive trade deals.

"In Brussels, headquarters of the six-member Common Market, the Six talk of cutting tariffs on imports from the Soviet bloc [just at tariffs on some U.S. goods are rising], already have asked Communist governments to establish normal diplomatic relations.

"YOU HEAR NO TALK IN BRUSSELS OF TRADE WAR WITH COMMUNIST EUROPE. Instead, top officials of the Six have let it be known they want peaceful relations and long-term trade deals with Russia and its satellites" (*U.S. News & World Report*, July 8, 1963).

Forewarning of Grave Danger

Yes, a new Rapallo-type pact between the Soviets and a German-led United States of Europe is in the making—and your Bible long ago prophesied of this fantastic occurrence, unbelievable though that may seem to some.

God calls the coming resurrection of the ancient Holy Roman Empire by the term "Babylon." Revelation the 18th chapter describes this religio-political Babylonish system as a great trading power. The 27th chapter of Ezekiel describes the same system, here called Tyrus, or Tyre.

Most prophecy, remember, is dual. The descendants of the destroyed city of Tyre moved west. They again occupy a land surrounded by waters—"thy borders are in the midst of the seas" (v. 4). Look on a map of Europe and notice where the Tyrrhenian Sea is. This area is an important part of emerging united

Europe.

God says that among those who will be trading with this power will be *Tubal* and *Meshech* (v. 13)—ancient names for the Russian peoples of today (traced to the cities of Tobolsk and Moscow).

Notice what kind of merchandise will be involved in this commerce. In addition to every type of article imaginable, "persons of men," that is, SLAVES—will also be traded (v. 13). Rev. 18:13 also reveals this startling fact of trafficking in "slaves and souls (bodies) of men."

Who are these unfortunate slaves?

For years, the pages of *The PLAIN TRUTH* have warned of the coming national collapse of modern Israel—the English-speaking world, plus the democracies of Northwestern Europe—at the hands of the revived German-led Roman "beast" power. After two-thirds of our peoples are destroyed via famine, pestilence, "natural" disasters and warfare, the remaining third are to be scattered into all nations (Ezek. 5:12). Verse 11 of Isaiah 11 shows that when Christ returns he will have to recover these people from slavery in Assyria (Germany), Egypt, Pathros, Cush (India), Elam (East Europe), and from the

islands of the sea—from all over the world!

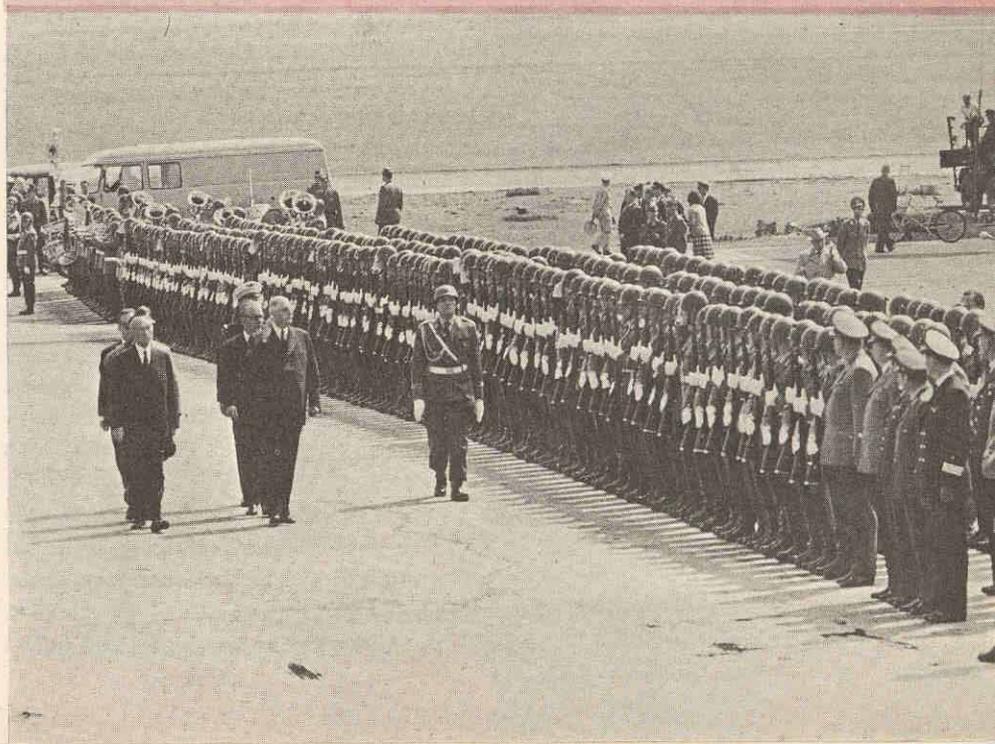
Russio-European "peace" won't last. Prophecies show the destruction of the Babylonish system at the hands of the Communists they are trading with (Isa. 13:17; 21:2, 9). The Medes and Elamites today are parts of the Russian people as well as some of the modern nations which are Russian satellites.

It is at this time God will step in to intervene to save mankind from DESTROYING HIMSELF (Mat. 24:22). There will be peace ahead. But it will be brought about God's way—not through trade agreements or political intrigue!

World events today are significant! THE WISE SHALL UNDERSTAND. Conferences between leaders or nations now are paving the way and irrevocably show the Bible prophecies are being fulfilled RIGHT ON SCHEDULE. It is important for you to understand! The Bible is up-to-date and does reveal the meaning of today's world news! May God help all of you to "watch therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man" (Luke 21:36).

Chancellor Konrad Adenauer gives President Charles de Gaulle the honor of reviewing a unit of German troops in Bonn. The Russian-Chinese rift is strengthening the friendships of European leaders and weakening their ties with America and Britain.

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THE BIBLE ANSWERS

Short Questions

FROM OUR READERS

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

Romans 5:12 says, "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men. . . ." Does this mean we are guilty of Adam's sin? Must WE also pay the penalty for his sin?

When God created the physical earth and placed man upon it, He had created a PERFECT PHYSICAL CREATION! Adam had DIRECT contact with the Creator and Ruler of this universe! He had the potential, if he would have obeyed God, to receive *eternal life*. He had the RESPONSIBILITY of passing on the knowledge and opportunities he had to his children and grandchildren.

But Adam and Eve were tempted as God reveals in Genesis 3—both he and his wife DISOBEYED GOD—they *sinned*. They were driven from the Garden of Eden. By sinning, they CUT THEMSELVES OFF from the guidance, authority and knowledge of God (Gen. 3:24).

Adam not only cut himself off—HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR CUTTING HIS CHILDREN OFF—from the help and instruction of God. Even his own son became a murderer (Gen. 4:8).

Man no longer had the opportunity to have God's *complete* help and instruction through *direct* contact which he so *desperately* needs. By the time of the Flood, the earth was *filled with sin and evil* (Gen. 6:5).

The root cause was because man had been *cut off* from God. ADAM WAS ORIGINALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR CUTTING MAN OFF FROM GOD!

So Adam's sin was *unique* in that it was the *first human sin*—and it was he

who cut man off from God.

Now let's read Romans 5:12 again, "Wherefore, as by one man [Adam] sin ENTERED INTO THE WORLD, and death by sin." Adam *introduced* sin into the world among human beings—he was the *first human being* to sin.

But notice, carefully! Sin was introduced into the WORLD—*NOT into the nature of man!* We have not been forced to sin because Adam sinned!

As a result of Adam's sin, he died—paying the penalty for that sin (Rom. 6:23). In that way, he was also the first to pay the death penalty for sin—and INTRODUCED death by sin into the world!

Continuing Romans 5:12, "And so death passed upon all men. . . ."

But *why?*

Do we all have to die *because* Adam sinned?

NO!

Notice the *latter part* of this verse again, "So death passed upon all men"—*Why?*—"FOR THAT ALL HAVE SINNED!" That is why WE DIE—because *all of us* have sinned. As a result, we have incurred the death penalty ON OURSELVES!

Adam paid for *his* sin! We pay for OUR sin. Adam had carnal human nature just the same as we have a carnal human nature. With this type of nature it is IMPOSSIBLE TO OBEY GOD (Rom. 8:7). Adam was created with this nature which is hostile to God—the fact that he was tempted and sinned proved it! *We too* have this same carnal nature because we are all the children of Adam. It was not because he sinned

—but because he was able to reproduce himself and populate the earth as God had instructed him to do. He could produce only children with characteristics and a nature similar to his—just as today our children look like us—and even grow up with many of the characteristics and abilities we have as parents.

It takes the love—the mind—of God, directing our thoughts, to obey His law. Adam did not have this love. He cut himself off from the opportunity of having it at that time.

We read in Galatians 2:20, that it is the *mind*—the *spiritual heredity* we receive of Christ, which unites with our will.

It is the mind of Christ *IN US* which causes us to obey God's law. Adam *did not have* this mind!

We are born *without* this power to obey God. We must cry out for the power and the mind that will obey His law—and we can receive it (Rom. 7:24,25)! It is through *God's Holy Spirit* that we can OVERCOME this carnal human nature and ultimately—by God's grace—enter into the Kingdom of God. If you have not yet read our article "How to Be an Overcomer!" write for it immediately and we will have it sent by return mail FREE of charge.

HOW YOUR PLAIN TRUTH SUBSCRIPTION HAS BEEN PAID

So many ask: "HOW does it happen that I find my subscription price for The PLAIN TRUTH has already *been paid*? How can you publish such a high class magazine without advertising revenue?"

The answer is as simple as it is astonishing! It is a paradox. Christ's Gospel cannot be sold like merchandise. You cannot buy salvation. Yet it does cost money to publish Christ's TRUTH and mail it to all continents on earth. It does have to be *paid for!* This is Christ's work. We solve this problem Christ's WAY!

Jesus said, "This Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached (and published—Mark 13:10) in all the world for a witness unto all nations" (Mat. 24:14) *at this time*, just before the end of this age. A PRICE *must be paid* for the magazine, the broadcast, the Correspondence Course, or other literature. But HOW? Christ forbids us to *sell* it to those who receive it: "Freely ye have received," said Jesus to His disciples who He was sending to proclaim His Gospel, "freely GIVE!" "It is *more blessed*," He said, "to GIVE than to receive."

God's WAY is the way of LOVE—and that is the way of *giving*. God expects every child of His to give *free-will* offerings and to tithe, as His means of paying the costs of carrying His Gospel to others. We, therefore, simply trust our Lord Jesus Christ to lay it on the minds and hearts of His followers to give generously, thus paying the cost of putting the precious Gospel TRUTH in the hands of others. Yet it must go *only* to those who *ask for it for themselves!* Each must, for himself, *subscribe*—and his subscription has thus already *been paid*.

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Why Do People KILL THEMSELVES?

Millions are vainly searching for success, happiness and the answer to life's problems. When it doesn't come, thousands are seeking escape by taking their own lives. The FIFTH ranking cause of death in the United States, between the ages of 15 and 50, is suicide. But is suicide the answer?

by Leslie L. McCullough

Verdict—**SUICIDE!**
Once every TWO AND ONE-HALF MINUTES, every single day, someone in the United States attempts to take his own life. Once every TWENTY-SIX MINUTES, day in and day out, SOMEONE **SUCCEEDS!**

WHY?

Why is it with so *much* to live for, so MANY are not willing to live their lives out?

Newspapers are continually proclaiming how some daring individual, at the risk of his life, has managed to escape from one of the Iron Curtain countries to freedom. If given his choice of countries in which to make a new start in life, he would almost invariably choose the U.S.A.—“land of opportunity.”

Yet in “the land of opportunity,” this fantastic land of ours where a person seemingly has *everything* to live for, TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND people each year manage—by jumping, shooting, hanging, drugging or some other means—to succeed in *destroying themselves!*

Many Attempt Suicide

For hundreds of those who *do* succeed, there are many THOUSANDS more who *don't*. Dr. Louis I. Dublin, the renowned medical statistician, recently told an audience of physicians: “It would not be rash to estimate that as many as TWO MILLION INDIVIDUALS are now living in our country who have a history of *at least one* unsuccessful attempt at self-destruction.” (*Parade*, Mar. 3, 1963, emphasis mine throughout the article.)

Why is it that in this land of plenty *two million* people have attempted AT LEAST ONCE to take their own lives?

Not to mention those who have tried *more* than once—and facts show that at least 10 per cent of those who have tried once will try again and perhaps SUCCEED.

Why do people hate themselves and life so much that they will continue to try until finally they succeed? *Why is it* that during a time of *prosperity* the suicide rate INCREASES? *Why is it* that famous men, wealthy men, men of good health and standing in their community suddenly take their own lives?

IS THERE AN ANSWER?

People the world over are risking their lives in hope of obtaining freedom and the opportunity to live as we do. Yet THOUSANDS of those who do live this way are trying to escape it by dying.

They Are Sick

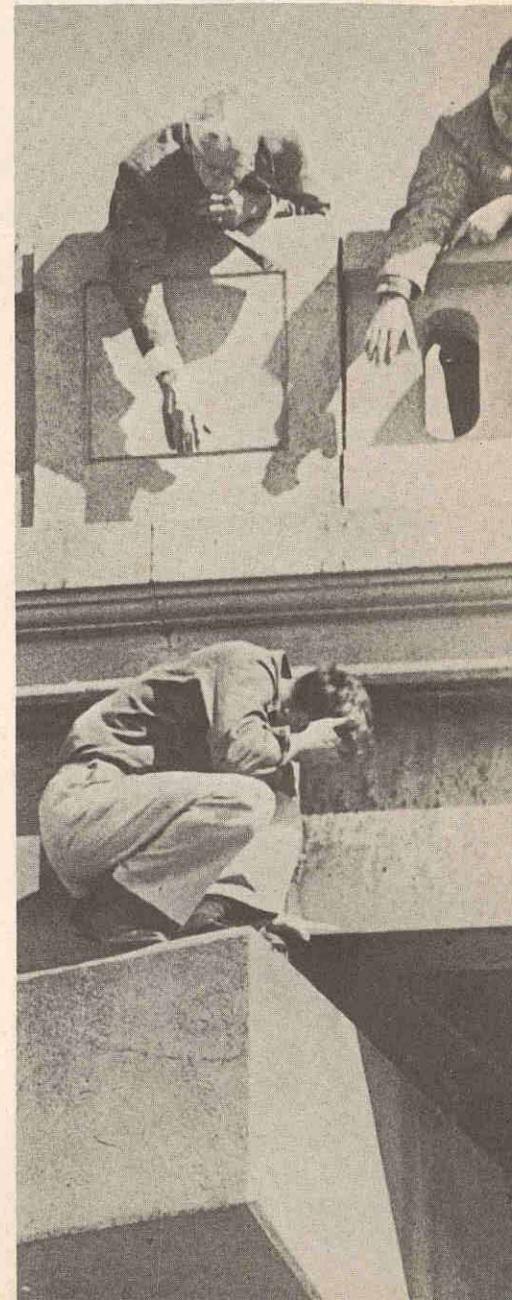
What is it that is missing in the lives of movie stars, businessmen and others in these United States that they decide life just isn't worth living? They seem to reflect the attitude of Job 10:1: “I am sick of life, sick of it . . .” (Moffatt trans.).

The WHOLE WORLD seems to be sick of life. On every hand, we hear threats of war and atomic or ICBM attacks or both. Little men in *big* positions threaten the desolation of whole continents. No one is ready to be the first to give in to stop it. *They don't want to stop it.* THEY ARE SICK!

The leaders of this world are becoming exactly as God said Israel would become: “. . . the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds,

Out of work and heavily in debt, this young man prepares to leap to his death. Friends desperately try to persuade him not to jump.

Wide World Photo



and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment" (Isa. 1:5-6).

This is describing our people of this day. We are mentally and spiritually sick and unable to face the tremendous strains of life.

In World War II, Hitler attempted to carry out what he called "the answer to the Jewish problem"—GENOCIDE—the killing of a race. Now the whole world is on the very brink of ending *all* of man's problems by COSMOCIDE—the killing of ALL SOCIETY!

The time spoken of by Jesus Christ is near. He said, when speaking of this end time, "And except those days should be shortened, THERE SHOULD NO FLESH BE SAVED: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened" (Matthew 24:22).

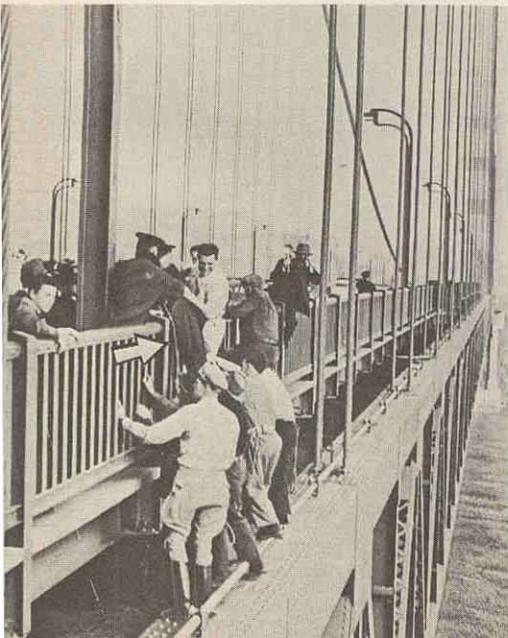
This is speaking of the time in which we now live. There has *never* before in the history of man been a time such as this. It has *never* before been possible to wipe ALL human life from off the earth. That *is* NOW POSSIBLE!

A New Outlook

Suicide, once frowned upon and looked down on by all, is now accepted by most and even advocated by our government in the case of certain serv-

Policemen succeed in talking this person out of committing suicide. However, over three hundred have leaped to their death off the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco.

Wide World Photo



icemen captured by the enemy.

But does man *have the right* to take his own life? NO! ABSOLUTELY NOT! The sixth commandment is: "Thou shalt not kill" (Ex. 20:13). That includes killing one's own *self*.

However, people by the THOUSANDS choose to ignore this command of the Creator God.

WHO Is Dying?

Self-inflicted death is common in almost every facet of life. It takes its toll among the young as well as the old. It strikes out at the healthy as well as the infirm. Although *more women attempt* it, *more men succeed*—probably because of the methods used. Women generally prefer drugs, that is, sleeping pills and poisons, while men usually choose the more violent and sure forms of death such as shooting or jumping.

But the most pitiful of all is the awesome toll exacted among our most intelligent and capable people. The intelligent—the brilliant—do not escape suicide.

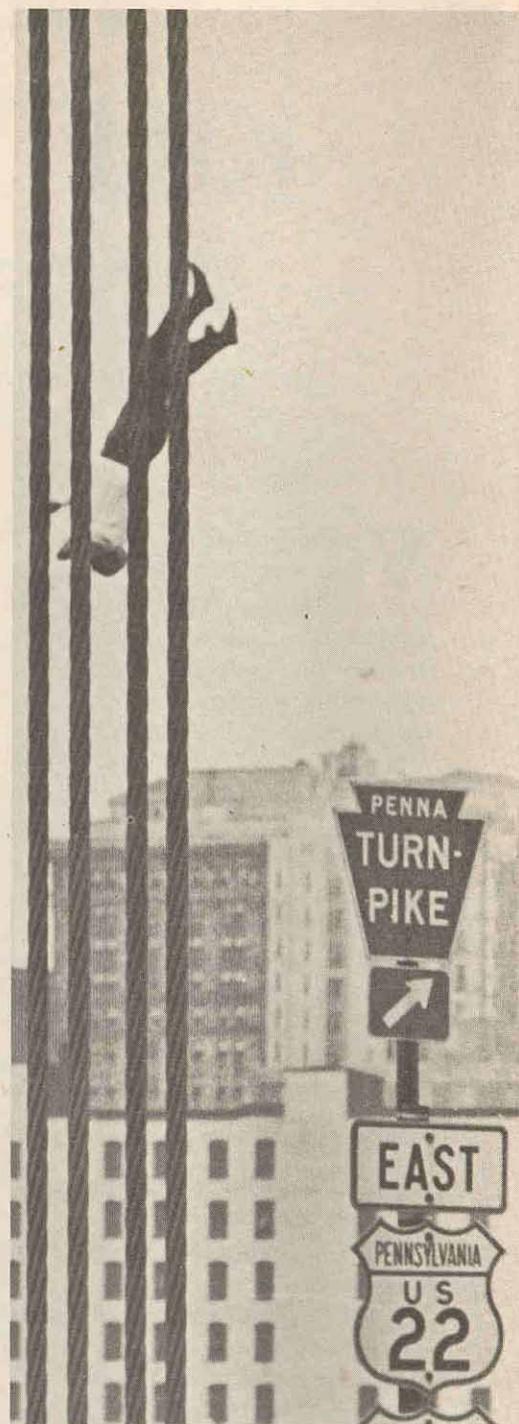
One of the most commonly accepted fallacies concerning suicide has been the thought that it is an act performed basically by the poor, unfortunate, unsuccessful individual who can no longer bear to face his miserable lot in life. Such an idea is *far* from the truth.

Suicide is the FIFTH LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH among persons between the ages of *fifteen and fifty*. *Unbelievable*, but that is what the U.S. National Office of Vital Statistics records.

THE FIFTH LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH! That is nearly as great as the dreaded killer CANCER. It ranks suicide with the increasing problem of HEART DISEASE.

Self-destruction is one of the MAJOR DESTROYERS of our *most valuable* asset—MANPOWER. The 15 to 50 age group is the one group of people with the least to fear from organic diseases or disturbances as well as being at the very highest peak of productivity. In other words—THOSE WITH APPARENTLY THE MOST TO LIVE FOR!

Strange, isn't it, that those with the most to live for, with the greatest opportunities ahead of them, are the ones who are the largest single group to quit trying. WHY?



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This man could not be saved as he jumped from a Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, bridge. Why did this young man want to end his life in such a brutal fashion?

What is it that they are looking for and are *unable to find*?

Success the Answer?

Success is not the answer, according to Dr. Thomas P. Malone of the Atlanta, Georgia, Psychiatric Clinic. According to Dr. Malone, "At least 30 to 40 per cent (Please continue on page 25)

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IT HAD seemed too good to be true. The application I had received for a professorship on the Ambassador College faculty from a man of Dr. Hawley Otis Taylor's record in education and science appeared positively paradoxical.

In today's world of materialistic higher education and science, God has been virtually thrown out the window. The Bible has been relegated disdainfully to the scrapheap of medieval superstition. Fundamentalist Biblical belief has been contemptuously dubbed "funny-mentalism."

It seemed indeed a rarity to find a man of Dr. Taylor's illustrious scientific status professing fundamentalist Christianity.

More Internal Opposition

I was overjoyed. Dr. Taylor was appointed, as previously explained, as Dean of Instruction, and Registrar.

But before the college was scarcely more than started, I was somewhat dis-



The original classroom building is now a beautiful library. The newly completed presidential offices occupy the third story.

illusioned. I soon learned that, in a few basic areas, Dr. Taylor's religious beliefs ran counter to ours. Of course, he was sincere and unalterably confirmed in his convictions, but they were to prove a

source of opposition and harassment from within. As if we had not encountered our share of persecution and opposition from without, in establishing GOD's kind of educational institution, we met it from within, as well.

How these few basic differences of belief produced a certain friction, but later were resolved in a spirit of happy cooperation must now be told—and without any intended discredit to the memory of Dr. Taylor, for, as I said, he was sincere in his convictions, and he contributed much to the building of the institution.

What Is Fundamentalism?

When I first learned that Dr. Taylor was a "fundamentalist Christian," I am afraid I permitted spontaneous elation to obscure the fact that all "fundamentalists" do not believe all things alike.

After all, what is fundamentalism? It is a comparatively recent Protestant designation. It puts emphasis on a belief in God as Creator; the infallibility of the inspiration of the Scriptures as the Word of God; the fact that Jesus Christ was

Here is a view of the first building purchased for Ambassador College. It was then the main classroom building. Now it is the library shown above.



born of the Virgin Mary as the Son of God; the truth and reality of Biblical miracles; the efficacy of the shed blood of Christ for the remission of sins; and the resurrection of Christ.

But what few fundamentalists seem to realize is that belief in these things, alone, *is not sufficient for salvation!*

Satan the devil believes all these things.

More, Satan well *knows* these fundamental facts are true. He well *knows* there is one God. He *knows* the Bible is the inspired Word of God. He *knows* Jesus Christ was the Son of God, born of the Virgin Mary. He *knows* Christ died for our sins, and that He was resurrected from the dead. Further, Satan *knows* what few *human* fundamentalists believe: that Jesus was three days and three nights in the grave—was crucified, as the Scriptures reveal, on a Wednesday in the middle of the week, and rose, *not* on Sunday, but late on the Sabbath just prior to sunset. (Write for our free booklet on The Resurrection of Christ!)

But believing those things *does not save Satan!*

Satan also knows that the *conditions* to receiving God's Holy Spirit are two, on man's part: 1) real repentance of

sin, which means repentance of transgressing GOD'S LAW; and which, in turn, means to surrender to OBEY God's Law; and 2) faith in and acceptance of the living resurrected Christ as personal Saviour; and this means a *living* faith coupled with obedience.

But Satan doesn't repent. He is a REBEL. Satan does not accept Christ as his Saviour, for he is the ADVERSARY of Christ.

Yes, Satan is the greatest FUNDAMENTALIST of all. But his believing these things he *knows* to be true is not sufficient to save him, nor is such belief *alone* sufficient to save any human. It is not the hearers, but the DOERS of the Law who shall be justified (Rom. 2:13). Satan *knows* what God's Law says, but he is not a DOER of it, but a REBEL *against* it.

Satan has deceived the WHOLE WORLD! He has actually deceived millions of "fundamentalist Christians" into sincerely *believing* that the mere acceptance of these *facts* of fundamentalist dogma, *without obedience to God's Law*, is sufficient for salvation. Thus they are deceived into following the example of Satan himself—*believing* these truisms while *in rebellion!* They don't realize it, because they are deceived; but they have

been made REBELS like the GOD OF THIS WORLD, Satan.

A deceived person is sincere. If an individual knew he were wrong, he would not be deceived. In other words, the deceived *do not know ALL THE TRUTH!* God holds humans accountable for what they do with what they have to do with. "To him that *knoweth* to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (Jas. 4:17).

Dr. Taylor, I felt sure, believed with all his heart that he was right. He believed, just as sincerely, that I was wrong in teaching obedience to the inexorable spiritual Law of God. And I'm afraid this nettled him and drove him to a certain opposition.

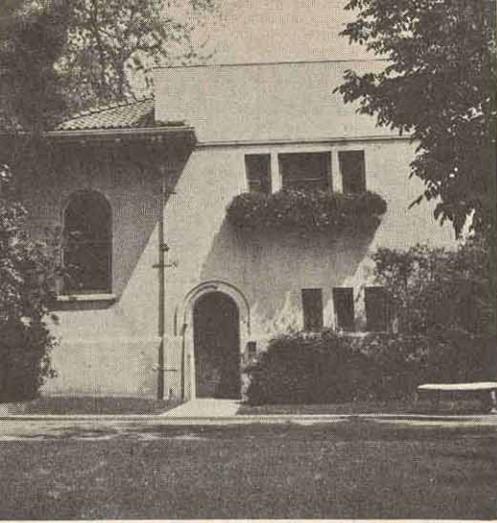
Bible Course Minimized

In planning the curriculum, class schedules, and the purely academic matters of the college, I left arrangements in the hands of Mr. Dillon and Dr. Taylor. In preparation of the college catalog, I wrote merely the introductory pages describing the *kind* of college, leaving all technical data, description of courses, curriculum, credits required, to Mr. Dillon and Dr. Taylor. I was not experienced in curricula-planning.

The catalog was not actually printed

One of the early forums at Ambassador College. All the instructors as well as students sit in on these forums. The first faculty members are seated on the front row.

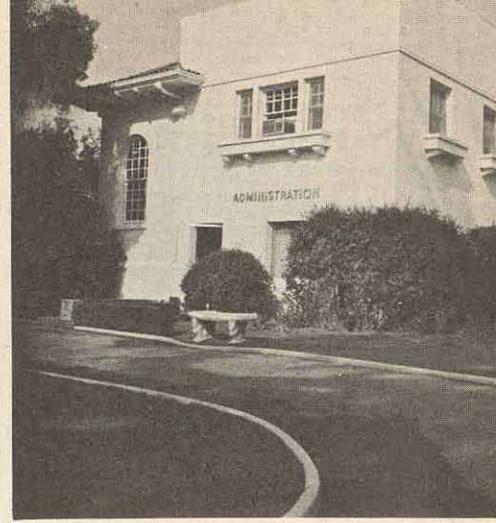




The original mailing office after the College was started in 1947.



Students mail out *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine. This is an inside shot of the first mailing office in Pasadena.



The mailing office has now been made into a modern Administration Building where members of the faculty and administrative staff have their offices.

until after classes were started. But after they were actually in progress, and class schedules set, I discovered to my great dismay that my own course in theology—the real foundation course of the college—had been reduced to a two-hour *minor* subject!

By then classes were under way. All students' schedules were fixed—all records set. It was too late to change them—for that year.

Sensing this undercurrent of hostility within the teaching staff, I immediately decreed that faculty members, as well as students, must attend all my classes. I taught entirely by the lecture method. I did this, not so much as a retaliatory measure, but as a means of getting the new college off to a start as the very *kind* of college God was building.

Since the BIBLE is the very *foundation* of all knowledge, I was determined to see that this approach to knowledge permeated the entire institution. This class provided me with a forum as a sounding board. It enabled me to keep constantly before both students and faculty the Biblical FOUNDATION of knowledge, and the Scriptural *approach* to understanding.

I was quite conscious of the materialistic educational backgrounds of faculty members. I was well aware of the evolutionary concepts most of them had imbibed. I kept my lectures on a reasonably dignified plane, and I constantly used the Four Gospels to demonstrate that the current concept of Jesus' teachings was at total variance with the inspired record.

I took great pains to make my lectures so rational and factual as to leave no room for refutation.

I was reminded of a church service I had conducted back in Eugene, Oregon, a few years before, when a converted former atheist brought an atheist friend. After my service she asked her visiting guest what she thought of the sermon.

"Well," the visitor answered curtly, "I can't refute his statements, but I'm simply not interested in accepting them."

You can lead a stubborn mule to water, but you can't make him drink. No one knows better than I that it is impossible to cram truth down unwilling and obstinate throats. But I did want the satisfaction of making the truth SO PLAIN that faculty members had but two choices—to accept it, or deliberately reject it in which case it became a witness *against them*, for which they alone were responsible, and for which they would answer in the judgment.

I have been called merely to *proclaim* Christ's Message *as a witness*. I am not sent to force conversion on the world, but to be a witness of the TRUTH, made plain, to those willing to receive it. And, of course, I realized that unwilling minds can shut the door from allowing it to enter.

I am sure that first school year was a bit uncomfortable to some of the faculty members attending my lectures. Irrefutable TRUTH does have a way of making the rebellious and unwilling rather uncomfortable—especially when they find themselves unable to answer or retaliate, even privately to themselves.

But it did establish the educational FOUNDATION for Ambassador College. And it became very convincing to all four students!

Crisp, Carping Note-Barbs

Dr. Taylor especially expressed, on occasion, his displeasure at the requirement to attend my classes. I think it offended his professional dignity. Although Dr. Taylor was a quiet, modest, unassuming *gentleman*, exhibiting a certain dignified humility, he was not entirely unaware of his professional standing in science and education, and his record of having been a faculty member at such institutions as Harvard, Cornell, M.I.T., and being Chairman Emeritus of the Department of Physics at Wheaton.

Until the founding of Ambassador College, my activities had been in fields other than professorial classrooms. Disagreeing as he did on certain basic doctrines, I'm sure Dr. Taylor found it quite distasteful to be required to hear truths he did not wish to accept, coming from one whose attainments were other than pedagogic or scientific.

At the beginning of the second year, he verbally voiced his disfavor of attending my classes. That year I compromised. I saw to it that the theological courses were three-hour majors that year—that is, three hour-long class periods per week. One of them I designated as my own forum period, at which attendance of all faculty members was required. The faculty was excused from further attendance at the other two

periods from that time onward.

I was determined that the AMBASSADOR POLICY was going to be inculcated thoroughly in faculty and students alike. Ambassador was to be GOD'S college—not another rubber stamp of the educational institutions of this world! But, with a faculty trained in this world's scholarship, I found that it required determined dominance on my part, plus vigilance, to assure it.

By the third year, I felt sufficient progress had been made to this end that I could safely dispense with the requirement for faculty attendance altogether—although we did establish a weekly forum period which continues to this day, attended by students and faculty alike. However, though its original purpose was to serve as my own "sounding board" as frequently as I felt advisable, it has become a forum at which students or faculty members are free to speak and voice opinions if desired.

Along about the third year of the college, Dr. Taylor began sending me occasional little short notes, elegantly worded in the best professorial rhetoric, but replete with trenchant wit, innuendo, irony, sarcasm, and discrediting and belittling insinuations.

For a long time I let it pass without reply. Always I had treated Dr. Taylor with utmost courtesy and respect.

Finally, some four or five years after the founding of the college—I do not now remember the year—Dr. Taylor came to my office in February and announced that he would like to retire at the end of that school year from full-time active duty and teaching. However, he said he would be glad to stay on in a part-time advisory and consultation capacity. Of course I acceded to his wishes.

Then, a week or two later he reappeared at my office and said he had changed his mind, and would like to stay on full-time. I decided it was now time to put an end to this religious friction.

"Dr. Taylor," I said, "I think we must come to a definite understanding. The other day you gave me your resignation from full-time service, and I accepted. Now you want to come back. That's entirely agreeable with me, provided

you can be happy here with us. But I feel that you have not been as happy with us as I should like, due to a feeling you have about certain religious differences.

"If you are to come back next autumn, I feel now that we must have a candid talk about this, and come to complete understanding. Let me make this clear. First, we are a Liberal Arts college—not a Bible school. We do have a theological course, but I myself teach that, and it need not concern you. You are concerned merely with the faculty and academic considerations in fields other than religion. Second, your personal religious convictions which are not in harmony with ours are no concern of ours, and do not in any way disturb us. Your religious convictions are a private matter between you and your God. They cause us no offense or feeling of any kind. But, third, it seems, regrettably, that our religious convictions *have* been a source of irritation to *you*. That makes for disharmony, and incompatibility. It has become a disturbing factor to you.

"Now there will have to be one point clearly understood and agreed to, if we take you back next fall. I must have your assurance that you will grant us the same freedom of belief that we accord you—that you will not be unhappy here, knowing our different beliefs on certain basic doctrines."

Dr. Taylor gave me his assurances of this, and it was agreed that he should stay on.

Friction Turned to Co-operation

But the religious differences did continue to irritate him. His sarcastic little literary barbs continued on occasion—especially after the following school year began in September.

Then, the last week in December, an especially piquant note, loaded with belittling sarcasm, was found on my desk.

This was it!

I had had enough. I determined to end this friction once and for all. I wrote Dr. Taylor a letter. It was couched in terms of finality.

I stated that I had received the last of those belittling and insulting notes. I reminded him that I always had accorded him the full measure of respect

and courtesy that both his past record and his office as Dean of the College deserved. But I reminded him that I, too, occupied an office that merited respect—and that it was the office of his superior and employer.

Hereafter, I notified him, I would require of him the same courtesy and respect that I accorded him, and that the very first infraction thereof would be accepted as his resignation effective on the spot. In view of his assurance he had given me the preceding February, I stated, no further notice would be given.

Two other events occurred almost simultaneously, which, happily, brought a total about-face in the whole situation.

One, I had just been going over the salary list in our business office. It had become customary to review all salaries at the end of December, to determine who rated raises in salaries for the following year. Actually, I had just written this letter to Dr. Taylor and did not feel that he rated a raise at that time. I had authorized a raise for all faculty members *except* him.

But imagine my surprise when, a couple of days later, Dr. Taylor came to me smiling, and thanked me for the raise he had just found in his semi-monthly check! The business office had made a mistake! But there was nothing to say—it was done, and had to *stay* done!

Then, second, a day or two before the end of the year, Dr. Taylor contacted me by telephone. It was then our custom to purchase for faculty members seats in the reviewing stands for the Rose Tournament parade which starts each New Year's morning in front of our campus. We had given Dr. Taylor two—one for his wife. He explained that Mrs. Taylor was too ill to go, but they had a guest—a former woman student at Wheaton, who apparently had made a rather impressive record in her career since graduating. Would it be permissible for him to take her on Mrs. Taylor's ticket? Why, of course, I explained—the tickets were his for whom-ever he wished.

Now it seems that up to this time Dr. Taylor had somehow felt not too proud of his association with so *small*

a school as Ambassador College. It seems he tried to avoid letting his esteemed guest see our campus. But she insisted. So, after the parade he took her over the grounds and through the buildings.

"Why, Dr. Taylor," she exclaimed, "you are to be congratulated on being the head Dean at a college of this magnificent tone and character."

Apparently this opened Dr. Taylor's eyes to something he had not realized. *Quantity*-wise, Ambassador was still very small, by comparison to the institutions with which he formerly had been associated. Apparently he had subconsciously associated *quantity* with *quality*. I think he had not felt as proud of his Ambassador connection as he had of former ones.

But now he suddenly realized that here was a college which, though small in student enrollment, was nevertheless impressive in cultural appearance, and that it did maintain highest academic standards, and reflect every evidence of high character. He could, after all, hold up his head in pride before his friends!

This incident, coming almost coincident with his salary raise, and immediately following my letter of positive finality, effected a total about-face in attitude.

From that moment until the day of his death, Dr. Taylor was a smiling, happy, and most co-operative colleague. Though he was saddened by the death of his wife shortly after, he remained as happy as possible under the circumstances, and our association together at the college became most pleasant in every way.

And as I now reflect back on those days, it is pleasing to realize that, although some personal unpleasantness came to both Dr. Taylor and me, no harm came to the college, and Dr. Taylor did contribute much to its foundation years.

The Broadcast Dilemma

I have followed this incident relating to Dr. Taylor through to its happy ending. But now, back to the main thread of the story.

This "\$30,000 headache" I have described, in being forced to convert our main college building into a fireproof



Mr. Armstrong as he broadcast from the small Eugene, Oregon, offices back during World War II.

structure, played havoc with our financial situation generally. I was forced to get farther behind with our big radio stations.

We had been forced to drop off XELO, the 150,000-watt clear-channel station at Juarez, Mexico, altogether. We had been on both XELO, and XEG, the other superpowered 150,000-watt station. In those days these two stations could be heard over most of the United States, and even in central Canada. They had built a tremendous audience for us.

While the cost, per half-hour, seemed very high to us, it was only half to two-thirds as much as many major-city 50,000-watt stations in the United States. And although the listening audience to those stations was not a concentrated metropolitan audience such as major-city American stations enjoy, it spread over most of the United States. The total audience, in those days, was much larger than that of any United States station.

We had means of checking and arriving at a close estimate of the number of listeners. I was able to say, then, that every radio dollar reached 2,000 people with a powerful half-hour message!

We can't make that claim any more. Already at that time, 1947-1948, more and more small radio stations were being licensed. Where there had been one small 100-watt station in Eugene, Oregon, in 1934 when we started, there are today some five or six, and, I believe,

at least two of them 5,000-watt stations. The number of radio stations multiplied all over the country, in small towns and in major cities. Power increased also. And all this brought more and more interference over the air-waves, constantly reducing the coverage and clarity of signal of such superpowered stations as XELO and XEG.

But we had found it necessary to drop XELO. Up until March, 1948, we were on XEG at 8:00 P.M. nightly except Saturdays, and 5:30 A.M. daily except Sundays. This was our only southern and midwestern coverage, but it was the most powerful and effective single station existing for a wide-spread coverage of all that vast area. In addition, we were then using five stations on the Pacific Coast—XERB, 50,000 watts, Sunday only, Saturday and Sunday coverage in Portland, and Sunday only in Seattle. What a far cry that was from today's more than 22,000,000 watts of radio power weekly, world-wide!

But, before the close of 1947 we were getting farther and farther behind in paying our bills with XEG. The management told me very pointedly that they were not in business for the purpose of financing the start of a college for me. If we were going to use our money to operate the college instead of paying their bills, we would have to go off the air.

It was a frustrating dilemma. I *knew*
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RADIO LOG

"The WORLD TOMORROW"

MAJOR STATIONS— Heard over wide areas

East

- WHN—New York—1050 on dial, 9:00 a.m. Sun.
 *WWVA—Wheeling, W. Va.—1170 on dial, 98.7 FM, 10:30 a.m. and 11:15 p.m. Sun., 5 a.m. & 10 p.m. Mon. thru Fri. (E.S.T.)
 WNAC—Boston—680 on dial, 98.5 FM (WRKO-FM), 8:30 p.m. Sun.
 WIBG—Philadelphia—990 on dial, 94.1 FM, 12:30 p.m. Sun.
 WPTF—Raleigh, N.C.—680 on dial, 94.7 FM, 9:30 a.m. Sun., 8:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 8:05 p.m. Sat.
 WGBS—Miami—710 on dial, 96.3 FM, 10:30 a.m. Sun.

Central States

- WLAC—Nashville—1510 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun., 7 p.m. daily and 5 a.m. Mon. thru Sat. (C.S.T.)
 WSM—Nashville—650 on dial, 9 p.m. Sun., 12 a.m. Mon., thru Fri., 1 a.m. Sun. (C.S.T.)
 WCKY—Cincinnati—1530 on dial, 7 and 9:30 p.m. Sun., 5:30 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat. (E.S.T.)
 CKLW—Detroit-Windsor—800 on dial, 93.9 FM, 7 p.m. Sun., 5:30 a.m. Mon. thru Fri., 6:15 a.m. Sat.; 11:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KCMO—Kansas City—810 on dial, 7:30 p.m. Sun., 8:15 p.m. and 5 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KXEL—Waterloo, Ia.—1540 on dial, 8 p.m. Sun., 9:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KXEN—St. Louis—1010 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun., 12 noon Mon. thru Sat.

South

- KRLD—Dallas—1080 on dial, 92.5 FM, 6:30 p.m. Mon thru Fri.; 8:15 p.m. Sat. and Sun.
 KTRH—Houston—740 on dial, 8:00 p.m. Sun., 8:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KWKH—Shreveport—1130 on dial, 94.5 FM, 10:30 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. Sun., 9:15 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 p.m. Sat.
 KAAY—Little Rock—1090 on dial, 9:30 a.m. and 8:15 p.m. Sun., 9:15 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 8 p.m. Sat.
 WNOE—New Orleans—1060 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun.

*Asterisk indicates new station or time change.

- WGUN—Atlanta—1010 on dial, 4 p.m. Sun., 11 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KRMG—Tulsa—740 on dial, 10:00 a.m. Sun., 6:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 XEG—1050 on dial, 8:30 p.m. daily. (C.S.T.)

Mountain States

- CKY—Winnipeg, Manitoba—580 kc., 10 p.m. Sun.
 CFRN—Edmonton, Alta.—1260 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.
 KOA—Denver—850 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun.
 XELO—800 on dial, 8 p.m. (M.S.T.) 9 p.m. (C.S.T.) daily.

West Coast

- KGO—San Francisco—810 on dial, 103.7 FM, 10 p.m. Sun.
 KIRO—Seattle—710 on dial, 100.7 FM, 10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat., 5:30 a.m. Tues. thru Sat.
 KGBS—Los Angeles—1020 on dial, 10 p.m. Sun.
 KRAK—Sacramento—1140 on dial, 8 p.m. daily.
 XERB—Lower Calif.—1090 on dial, 7 p.m. daily, 9:30 a.m. Mon. thru Fri.

LEADING LOCAL-AREA STATIONS

East

- WJRZ—Newark, N.J.—970 on dial, 11:00 p.m. Sun., 10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
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God had opened the way for the college. I knew the Eternal wanted the college. I knew the Work of God could not continue to grow without the college.

But I knew also God wanted us on the air. He had called me to proclaim Christ's Gospel.

Thrown Off the Air!

Of course it will be easy for the "arm-chair quarterbacks" to say that the college should not have been started under these circumstances. Plenty of them *did* say that. Perhaps they were right. But I knew of no other way. If the wrong method was used, I knew no other, let alone a better. Anyway, I was now *into* this dilemma, and I had to face it.

Of course I prayed—continually and fervently. But if God had had a better way, perhaps He found my head so thick He couldn't get it through to me any faster. Now, however, I asked for deliverance out of the trouble. And it came—*later!*

By the first of March XEG carried out their threat to throw us off. They allowed the program to stay on Sunday nights, *only*, provided I began to make progress in paying off the back indebtedness, and that this progress be continued.

Other bills were pressing. I was being hounded on every side for money by creditors. Many around me continued to harp about "when this thing folds up." But I was determined it was not going to fold up!

Two or three times, through those harassing months, I did give up and quit—at night after going to bed, trying to push the nightmare out of mind and relax into sleep. But always the next morning was *another day*—and I bounded back with renewed determination to *win through* to success!

Once—possibly it was twice—I actually prayed earnestly that God would let me die in my sleep through the night, and spare me from further torture. But next morning I hurried to my knees in real repentance for such a prayer, and pleaded with God for renewed FAITH, courage, and strength! And, of course, it was that *morning* prayer which God answered in His great mercy—not the one of the night before! One can sin, even in praying!

We were off XEG with the week-night broadcasts until the following October. Somehow, we weathered the storm.

Loyalty of Co-Workers

One very precious lesson was learned by that experience. Our family of Co-Workers who regularly support God's Work with their tithes and voluntary offerings remained loyal, even though we were off the air except for Sunday nights. I had learned that it was the *every night* broadcasting which was really effective and resultful. One might have expected that the money to support the Work would have stopped when the listeners no longer received the broadcast.

But they had accepted Christ's teaching from my voice, that it is more blessed to GIVE than to receive. Their hearts, as well as their tithes and contributions, were in the Work of God. When they no longer *received* the broadcast, they DID NOT STOP GIVING! There was scarcely any lag in the income. But the expenses were greatly lessened.

This allowed us to make progress in paying the accumulated XEG bill sufficient to induce them to put us back on the air in October that year, 1948. Nevertheless, it was a harassing spring, summer, and fall—and the frightful agony of it rose to a climax by October and November.

Although, as previously recorded, one teacher had threatened, to Herman Hoeh, that there wouldn't be a grease-spot left of this college if she could only remain there six more weeks, we did finish out that first school year. This particular teacher had her six weeks—and more. But her professed demon-inspired mission was not accomplished.

However, we had been forced to get behind even with the faculty payroll. Now of course that was a thing regarded among teachers generally as the unpardonable sin of an educational institution. This particular teacher tried to injure us legally.

But the Labor Relations Board—or whoever it was that the matter came before—allowed us to distribute the back pay over several months of time. So *that* attempt to put the college out

of business failed. Actually, all other faculty members were paid off in full quite a while before this hostile woman. She would have had her money sooner had she not tried to injure God's College!

It surely is needless to say, however, that experiences of this kind were a living punishment to endure.

Reducing to Half-Time

During the summer of 1948 I was faced with a frightful situation and a tough decision. Everyone seemed to think I ought to simply give up, close the college down, and try to build back up the broadcasting work. But somehow I knew God wanted neither dropped. I had supreme and abiding FAITH that He would see us through. True, I had not yet learned to have *relaxed* faith. I continued to allow the strain of this situation to punish me. The following year I was to learn the secret of *relaxed* faith—but I will come to that in due course.

After counsel, meditation, prayer, and much thinking, I made the decision of what to do. I decided to reduce the college schedule to *half-time* for one year. I could only pay *half-salaries*. And I could not continue to pay all of those. We would have to suffer through *one* year with a pruned-down faculty.

Of course this hostile English teacher was not coming back. Then I found that our music teacher, another woman, had become quite upset and resentful at not being paid promptly. Perhaps she should not be blamed, for, as I said, teachers find it an unpardonable sin to not be paid promptly. Nevertheless, resentment and bitterness, regardless of cause, only prove a mental, emotional, and spiritual cancer to their victims. And I hope all readers will heed that warning!

Then a third woman teacher went along with the other two in deciding not to return. I do not believe she was embittered, however.

Just one of our women teachers remained with us—and she is still loyally with us today—Mrs. Lucy H. Martin. Of course Mr. Dillon remained on, and Dr. Taylor and Professor Mauler-Hiennessy. I found that Mrs. Martin was

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SCIENTISTS PROVE Theory of Evolution False

Are scientists lying when they claim they can create life? Have they really proved that life evolved from the non-living matter by natural processes—or have they proved just the opposite?

by Lynn E. Torrance

THE Russian scientist, A. N. Kolmogorov, makes the startling claim that "man . . . is finite [limited] in his complexity and *can therefore be imitated.*"

Even more astounding, this Communist dared to boast that it is now possible "to CREATE full-fledged living beings" (*Soviet Review*, p. 51).

What a fantastic, unbelievable claim! Is it true?

Have the atheistic Communists proved that man is all the Creator there is? Or do they really know better?

Are these brilliant Russian scientists so ignorant and deceived that they don't know any better than to boast that they have made an "all-inclusive penetration into the mysteries that are man," or are they deliberately palming off a lie?

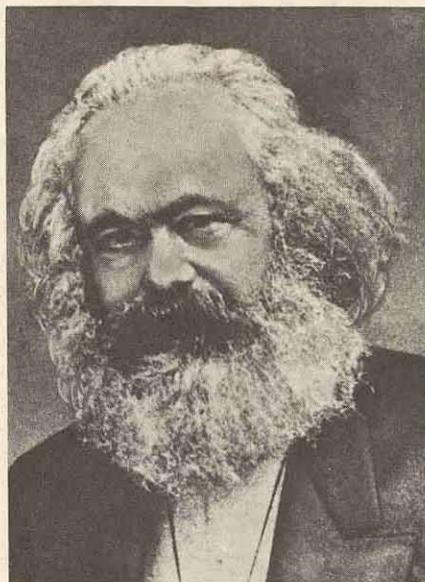
The startling proof is that these Communist scientists not only have proof that they *cannot* create life, but they also have *proof that life did not evolve.*

Why Communists Deliberately Lie

They know they are liars. Their founder, Karl Marx, was a liar. They have been taught to *believe* lies.

The lying philosophy of Communism began when Karl Marx allowed his mind to become filled with the atheistic teachings of the German Rationalists who taught in the Universities of Bonn, Berlin, and Jena. He allowed the followers of Hegel to deceive him into believing that "*Christianity should be abolished from the earth.*"

Marx also allowed his mind to become enslaved (Rom. 6:16) by the teachings of the German Rationalist Strauss, who taught him that the only thing in the Gospels that is not a myth is the death of Christ.



Wide World Photo

One of the earliest teachers of evolution was Dr. Karl Marx. These teachings were being promulgated in 1847.

Marx allowed another rationalist, Ludwig Feuerbach, to teach him the now commonly accepted belief that man is the highest form of intelligence in the entire universe, that there is no God, that man is all the God there is (Henri de Lubac, *Atheist Humanist*, p. 16).

Evolution à la Marx

Dr. Karl Marx became so warped and twisted by the demented teachings of these German Rationalists that he dared to boast that his goal in life was "TO DETHRONE GOD . . ." (Henri de Lubac, *Atheist Humanist*, p. 20).

Marx, just as modern evolutionists still do, talked himself into rebelling against the idea of a Supreme God in heaven who is the Creator of the universe. He then went on to denounce God, and the very Scriptures which he

had studied before attending the German universities.

In order to do away with the need for a Creator God, Karl Marx concocted the theory that dead matter became living by *accidentally* being set in motion. This was his childish attempt to explain how creation took place without a Creator.

In order to convince the Communist disciples that *man is only matter set in motion*, Marx and his friend Engels taught that all the different forms of life evolved through sudden creative "leaps" in nature (Engels, *Anti-Dubring*, p. 145). Like dumb sheep, the Communist disciples followed their master, Karl Marx.

The Almighty Creator God makes clear what kind of character these men had. God reveals, "The FOOL hath said in his heart, 'There is no God'" (Ps. 14:1).

This false theory of atheistic evolution is the very basis of the entire Communist philosophy.

So blinded are modern Communist scientists by this warped, twisted reasoning of Karl Marx, that they also think that man is nothing more than matter set in motion. These modern Communists either don't know how to tell the difference between the living and the dead, or they are deliberate liars!

Did the Communists Create Life?

What kind of life the Communists created was made clear when Vladimir Yelesseljev, Chairman of the Department of Histology of the First Moscow Institute, admitted that the "full-fledged living beings" the Russians boasted about are *nothing more than steel and*

iron automatons—mere machines made of computers, light bulbs, wires, sockets, transistors and other mechanical and electrical gadgets—machines the Western world has had for years.

How preposterously stupid to claim that machines are "living beings!" Yet these Russian scientists are blatantly claiming that a machine with an automatic control system is the same as a man, since both are material—made of matter.

That is the kind of confusion and false reasoning the atheistic Communist philosophy leads to.

Your Bible plainly states that evolutionists are without excuse! The Apostle Paul was inspired to reveal that "the invisible things of Him [God] from the creation of the world are CLEARLY SEEN, *being understood by the things that are made.*" The Holy Bible condemns them by declaring, "They are without excuse." Why?

"When they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful, but *became vain* in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools" (Rom. 1:20-22).

Now notice why atheists persist in their error. "And even as *they did not like to retain God* in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind" (Rom. 1:28).

What Communists Know About Evolution

Very few people realize that at 14 Leninsky Lane, Moscow, trained scientists comb the scientific literature of the world for new and useful scientific ideas. Communist scientists not only copy the Western world's automobiles, airplanes, refrigerators, radios and T. V. sets, but they also investigate such basic research as how life began.

Their literature admits that they have investigated every last single theory of evolution the Western world has concocted. *They also have discovered that scientists have proven every one of them impossible* (A. I. Oparin, *The Origin of Life*).

Their publications reveal that their researchers have also found that the theory of evolution did not begin with Darwin—as many have falsely assumed

—but with the idle speculations of ancient Greek philosophers. (Write for our free article, "The Evolution of the Theory of Evolution," printed in last month's issue.)

Communist scientists understand that after Redi, Pasteur and other scientists proved that life does not spring forth from dead matter by spontaneous generation, evolutionists invented the hypothesis that the amoeba slowly evolved from non-living matter, over millions of years, a billion years or so ago.

Even the perverse Communists knew enough to question this theory. Russian scientists quickly pointed out that the first amoeba *could not possibly survive for millions of years with nothing to eat on a barren, lifeless earth.*

Western scientists have recently admitted there are *only two* possible ways to explain how life first sprang forth from the non-living world. They stated it either was "created supernaturally," or the first living creature was "created by spontaneous generation" (*Los Angeles Times*, May 16, 1963).

Which choice did *they* make?

The *Encyclopedia Americana* admits, "Evolution is incomplete as a scheme of the universe without the hypothesis of spontaneous origin of living things from inorganic matter" (Article, "Spontaneous Generation," 1957 Edition).

Evolutionists have made their choice. They had a theory to support—regardless of what the facts prove.

Your Bible explains why they made the wrong choice. God says, "A good understanding have they who keep His Commandments."

God gives His Holy Spirit to those who obey Him (Acts 5:32). Since evolutionists don't even believe there is a God, they don't try to obey Him. Of course God does not give these rebellious evolutionists the precious gift of His Holy Spirit!

Without God's Holy Spirit there is no way for the human mind to understand the truth which the Creator God has revealed in His revelation to man, the Holy Bible.

Atheistic evolutionists everywhere reject the only possible source of understanding. That is why the evolutionists stubbornly persist in inventing a new hypothesis every time their old one is

disproved by more recent findings.

But the Communists claim that their world-famous biologist, A. I. Oparin, has invented a theory of evolution that no scientist can refute. Their claim has placed the evolutionists of the Western world on the spot!

Because all the theories of the Western world about how life sprang forth from the non-living have been thoroughly disproved and discredited, they have been forced to either believe in a Creator God, or to believe *Oparin's theory that biological forms arose as the result of a series of chemical steps.*

Modern Theories Communist Inspired

Professor A. I. Oparin of the Academy of Sciences of Moscow "is considered the father of modern theories on the origin of life" (*Christian Science Monitor*, Sept. 3, 1959). Why? *Because he concocted a theory of evolution that Western evolutionists have accepted!*

This famous Russian biologist theorized that the chemical forms that go to make up life arose in the sea, step by step, from the simple to the complex, and then to the living (*The Origin of Life*, p. 248).

Very few students ever stop to ask, "But could life have evolved in the ocean, step by step, from the simple chemical forms to the complex, and then to the living, as Oparin guessed?"

Russian Communist scientists really know better. They constantly comb the literature of the Western world for new ideas.

In 1958, Dr. Sidney Fox, an evolutionist himself, gave the answer to Oparin's theory.

Note carefully Dr. Fox's statement. He said life could not have evolved in the ocean because "the solutions would be so *dilute* that they would react too slowly" (*Los Angeles Times*, Aug. 10, 1958).

Theory Watered Down

In other words, even if all the materials necessary to make a living cell were present in the ocean in the first place, these materials would be so weak—so diluted with sea water—that the reactions necessary to unite these materials could never even begin to take place.

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Why People Kill Themselves

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of the so-called economic suicides occur when a man is SUCCESSFUL, *not when he is failing*. When a man has reached the peak of success, often he has *nothing left to scramble for*" (*Newsweek*, Nov. 10, 1959).

It seems once the pinnacle of success has been obtained life holds little challenge for these men and they choose to die. Apparently success is *not* the panacea to end all our woes and solve the problems of everyday life. Contrary to the popular belief, money DOESN'T solve everything.

God told the people of ancient Israel: "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live" (Deut. 30:19).

These men and the people around us are daily choosing the way that *seems right* to them and are reaping the rewards of an empty life—DEATH.

"There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Prov. 16:25). The way that seemed right to them ends only in empty, frustrated lives.

Medicine the Answer?

Suicide is not a pathological problem, but a mental one.

More than half of *all* physical ills are mentally or spiritually caused. Dr. Edward H. Rynearson of the MAYO CLINIC recently estimated that 70 to 90 per cent of his patients fell within the category of those having NOTHING WRONG with them physically and whose physical ills are due only to the vicissitudes, the problems of life.

Dr. Rynearson said, "The longer I practice medicine the more impressed I am with the large number of patients who are in the waiting room because of the fearful sufferings this life has inflicted upon them. I do not say they are weak. Sometimes they are very strong, but the degree of environmental stress exerted upon them has exceeded even the reserves of their strength" (U.P.I., June 16, 1963).

All too often, then, the supposed answer to the patient's problem lies in self-destruction. Doctors can't seem to stem the tide of suicide. Recent studies in San Francisco, Philadelphia and other cities, indicate that more than 70 per cent of the persons who commit or attempt suicide are or recently have been under a physician's care.

Many times the drugs prescribed to help relieve the problem are the instrument used to END the problem. So apparently medical assistance isn't the final solution either.

No Sudden Impulse

Another common fallacy which has been widely accepted is that suicides occur more frequently in the dark, gloomy, oppressive days. The theory be-

ing that the gloominess of these days triggers the depression which in turn ends in death.

Once again, this couldn't be farther from the truth. Studies have shown that the spring months, which are usually thought of as the brightest and most promising months, are the very months showing the largest incidence of SELF-INFLICTED DEATH!

May and June are generally the two months carrying the highest suicide rate. Bright, sunny days with a rising barometer are most frequently the ones clouded by the specter of suicide. Very FEW destroy themselves in a sudden fit of depression. In one study conducted, it was found that 68 PER CENT of the victims involved had *previously* expressed suicidal ideas. Thirty-eight per cent had

This young lady plunged into the Boston harbor in an attempted suicide. Every two and one-half minutes in the United States alone someone tries to end his life.

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specifically stated that they *fully intended and PLANNED* to kill themselves. Self-murder isn't necessarily a spur-of-the-moment impulse at all! It is a carefully thought out and planned act to escape the problems of life.

What Problems?

What problems could possibly be so insurmountable as to even suggest this grisly "solution"?

The "reasons" for committing suicide are as manifold as the ways chosen to perform it. For some it is ill health, domestic troubles, financial difficulties, unwanted pregnancy, and for others it is loneliness or dejected feelings of uselessness.

The underlying theme present in the majority of cases is an overwhelming sense of futility in the face of difficult circumstances. **NO HOPE! NOTHING LEFT TO LIVE FOR.**

People are trapped by circumstances—held captive by their own environment, job, habits and personal problems. They spend millions each year in search of that elusive, intangible feeling called **HAPPINESS**. Our highways are jammed with people rushing madly from one place to another in hopes of attaining the sought-after goal. We slaughter each other by the hundreds on our highways over long holiday week-ends. We struggle, crowd and push one another at packed beaches and lakes.

But then the long week-end is over. The same dreary old grind once more

faces us, and the realization of the utter futility of it all is driven home.

THERE IS NO PEACE OF MIND! Desires well up within us, but once they are fulfilled there is no satisfaction and we want more.

We Aren't the Only Ones

The United States isn't the only nation to be plagued with the curse of overindulgence and its accompanying futility.

With the highest standard of living in Europe, Sweden also has one of the highest suicide rates. West Berlin, the showplace of democracy, the goal for which many have died, the example to the East of what wealth can do, carries the *highest* suicide rate in the world. Not a very good example to hold high to Communism!

Japan, one of the leading nations in the economic field, is also a leader in self-inflicted death, with Austria, Denmark and Great Britain following close behind.

It seems that wealth and affluence are the companions of grisly suicide. **WHY?** What is it that wealth and security cannot buy? What is it that people the world over are so vainly searching for and when it can't be found, despair so greatly that they will take their own lives?

Wealth isn't the answer. *Medicine* and medical treatment isn't the answer. *What then is the answer?* We are able to make nuclear bombs, rockets, space-

ships and send men in orbit around the earth. We plot courses across *millions* of miles of space to bring our technological instruments close to the planet Venus. In every way, we are advancing in technological skills and abilities.

Yet we are unable to chart the course of human life in the paths of happiness.

Religion the Answer?

Not many years ago, suicide was so frowned upon by the organized religions of the world that one who had taken his own life was refused the right to be buried in "hallowed, consecrated ground."

One council, which represents 15 denominations and some 1,500,000 members expressed the over-all viewpoint of the group in this manner: "Death by suicide ends all opportunity of repentance. Anyone then who has taken his own life would be denied the rewards of the saved"—whatever those rewards might be.

Today however, the attitude of the major churches of Christianity borders on tolerance, apparently considering suicide a *MERE sickness!*

One typical theologian of *this* group reported that he always buried suicide victims in consecrated ground. The reason being—according to this minister—that *no man in his right mind* would commit suicide. Therefore, he would have to be insane and not accountable for his actions, thus removing the distasteful stigma attached to the death.

Does our present-day religion then hold the key to this problem? **NOT REALLY!** There is far too large a gap between the twentieth century religion as it is preached in most of our churches, and the first century religion taught by Jesus Christ and His Apostles.

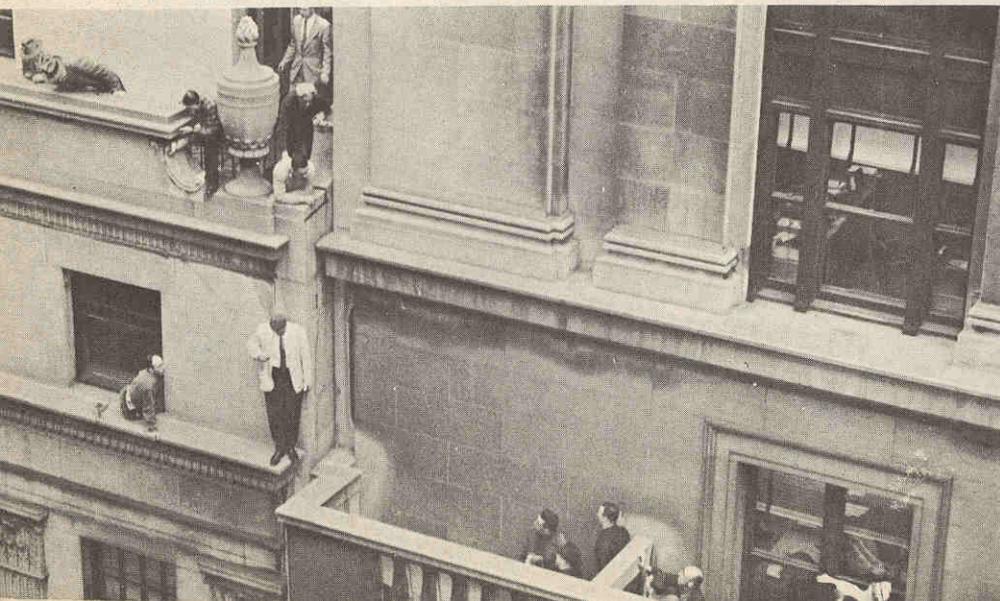
The man who has to face the everyday realization of the threat of nuclear war, the increasing danger of racial strife and the ever-present problems of this hectic modern-day life finds it extremely difficult to recognize the presence of a **REAL GOD.**

Can God Help?

Is God actually interested in our modern-day problems, or was He only concerned with the people of the ancient

As a result of a quarrel with his girl friend—emotional instability—this young man tried to take his life. If only many could realize and put their trust in the proper places.

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world? It is GOD—not *modern-day religion*—who has the answer to this increasing problem in the United States, the British Commonwealth and the Democracies of northwestern Europe.

How would God answer the depressed individual who has nothing but hopelessness and a seemingly futile life ahead of him?

Would He tell our nation to get rid of its wealth and national blessings and join the "have-not" nations of the world who aren't having to face this problem?

Jesus Christ talked to His disciples about these very things. ". . . Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?" (Matt. 6:25.)

Christ wasn't telling them it was *wrong* to have these things. He was telling them it was *wrong* to LUST after these things and overly concern themselves with thoughts of physical welfare. He went on to say in verse 32: ". . . for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things." If He will provide for the lilies of the field and the birds of the air, how much more will He provide for His very *greatest* creation—MAN?

Christ said in another place, John 10:10, that the very reason He came to this earth was that we might have LIFE, not death, and that we might have it more *abundantly*. Again He said, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest PROSPER AND BE IN HEALTH, even as thy soul prospereth" (III John 2).

JESUS CHRIST MEANT WHAT HE SAID! He *wants* us to have an abundant life. There is absolutely NOTHING wrong with the wealth and prosperity with which our nation has been so bountifully blessed.

An Individual Problem

The problem lies *with the individual himself*.

Nearly all the doctors, psychiatrists and social workers who have made a study into the circumstances surrounding this problem agree that it is absolutely useless to exhort a depressed man to "snap out of it." To be depressed is exactly what he wants. He WANTS to

feel sorry for himself and to be filled with melancholy and self-pity. He *doesn't want* to see the bright side of things.

His pessimism is easy to understand. Our newspapers are continually filled with stories of unhappiness, murder, violence and the complete futility of man's life *the way he is living it*.

There Is Hope

Can you imagine it? LIFE, the most precious, wonderful, exhilarating, thrilling possession of each human creature—LIFE, with its marvelous opportunities, its challenges and adventures, its sorrows and joys, its successes and its failures—and, above all, its AWESOME POTENTIAL *for the future*—LIFE cast worthlessly to the ground by *suicide*!

How FAR we have departed from God! *Many* is the suicide victim who TRIED RELIGION! He HEARD all the wonderful things about "salvation," "sanctification," and "deliverance." He HEARD all about Jesus Christ as his personal Savior, and about the HAPPINESS he was supposed to experience! But STILL HE COMMITTED SUICIDE!

WHY!

Because He didn't HEAR THE PLAIN TRUTH OF ALMIGHTY GOD! He heard an insidious COUNTERFEIT, *masquerading* as God's "truth," but without the real POWER to CHANGE HIS LIFE!

Just as medical science ADMITS FREELY there is not one cure on the market today, of any size, shape, color, smell, or description that DOES ONE WHIT OF GOOD TOWARD CURING THE COMMON COLD—so it is true that the source of TRUE happiness, *release* from your fears and worries, and the key to the REAL abundant life IS NOT FOUND IN THE MANY CONFLICTING "BRANDS" OF THIS WORLD'S RELIGIONS!

You either have the TRUTH, or you do not. You are either in *real* contact with the REAL GOD—or you are not!

It's time YOU KNEW where the *only* source of peace and happiness is to be found—knew where TRUE security and safety is to be found for you and yours—knew where GOD IS DOING HIS WORK!

Jesus came preaching the message of the Kingdom of God! He *foretold* our days—telling exactly how this pulsating time of history would end! He is, *at*

this moment, beginning to *intervene* in human affairs! He will soon RETURN to this earth, to SET UP HIS OWN KINGDOM upon it—and BRING the world, FORCIBLY, release from its brain-chilling problems that lead to the heinous crime of self-murder!

God offers each person LIFE! Life that is *meaningful*, interesting, JOYOUS, *happy, abundant—right here and now*, and LIFE FOR ALL ETERNITY, in the Kingdom of God!

Peter mentioned this life in I Peter 1:3, ". . . By His great mercy we have been born anew to a LIFE OF HOPE through the resurrection of Jesus Christ" (Moffatt translation).

What is this life of hope Peter holds out to us? It is the life in the KINGDOM OF GOD! In that Kingdom there shall be NO MORE SICKNESS, "Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped . . . the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert" (Isa. 35:5-6).

Imagine that! The muscular dystrophy clinics will be closed. There will be no need for the Community Chest, Red Cross or any other such organizations. The blind, deaf, crippled shall all become normal and enjoy life to the full.

THERE WILL BE NO MORE WAR! (Isa. 2:4). No more killing one another and taking one man's freedom away from him. No fear of atom bombs, H-bombs, or any other kind of bomb, for they won't be allowed.

There will be no more emptiness and uselessness.

AND THERE WILL BE NO MORE SUICIDE! Everyone will WANT TO LIVE in the glorious *world tomorrow*! Everyone will know the REAL PURPOSE in life and the REASON for his existence.

If you don't as yet understand your *real* PURPOSE for being here on this earth, write NOW for the amazing, breath-taking booklet which will show you the reason for your existence and the only real answer to the problem of suicide—THE REALIZATION OF WHAT LIFE IS ACTUALLY ALL ABOUT!

Write now for the booklet, *Why Were You Born?* It's absolutely free. No charge whatsoever and no follow-up.

BE SURE TO WRITE NOW!

The Newest Specialist

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toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus!" (Phil. 3:13-14).

Notice an example Christ used to illustrate His message about *work*. Read Matthew 21:28-31. Notice, "... a certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, 'Son, go *work* today in my vineyard.' He answered and said, 'I will not': but afterward he repented, and went. And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, 'I go, sir': and went not!"

Christ then asked, "Which of the two did the will of the Father?" Read the answer in your own Bible! The *first*, of course! Even though he had first refused—he REPENTED, and then DID something about it. But the other son—though *professing* to obey—DID NOT WORK!

This other son was in exactly the same category as those of whom we have read who, "have a *form* of godliness—but deny the POWER thereof!" (II Tim. 3:5).

What is *your* status? Perhaps you have *seen* the truth! You may be able to SEE the *difference* between the pagan doctrines of this world and the precious TRUTH of God which you have been hearing over The WORLD TOMORROW

program, and reading in the pages of *The PLAIN TRUTH!* Perhaps you nod your head—being willing to "go along" with some of it, or all of it. Many have been able to SEE the truth of God by the REASONING of their own minds. But, if in actual *practice* they deny the very truth which they profess—*because they refuse to work at it*—they are denying Jesus Christ! Notice, "They *profess* that they know God, but in WORKS they deny Him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every GOOD WORK reprobate!" It's easy to float downstream. It's easy to take the line of least resistance. It's *easy* to let a huge organization tell you to slow down, to take it easy, or to go off work on strike. But it's DIFFICULT to *forge ahead*, WORKING with all your might, putting into PRACTICE the truths of Almighty God!

Christ said we are to be shining LIGHTS in the world—that others may see our good WORKS! Through the positive, brilliant, purposeful and *hard-working* example of every Christian, others should be turned to the truth of God.

There should be such an *obvious difference* between a person who is a TRUE Christian, and one who only "professes" Christ—that you could be able to tell by *how hard he works*.

God has not called anyone to take it

easy. No one has been chosen so he could RELAX! Jesus said, "In the world, you shall have *tribulation*" (John 16:33). But God also promises, "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us" (Rom. 8:18). Some, hoping "God will take care of them," have *neglected* the plain-spoken commands of Scripture.

They say they have FAITH. Faith, you say? FAITH that God will take care of you? And certainly HE WILL, but unless or until you PROVE TO GOD YOU REALLY MEAN BUSINESS BY DOING SOMETHING ABOUT WORKING—HE WILL LET YOU STARVE! God inspired Paul to write, "For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, *working not at all*, but are busybodies. Now them that are such we COMMAND and EXHORT by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with *quietness* they WORK, and eat their own bread . . . and if any man obey not our word by this epistle, *note* that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed" (II Thes. 3:11-14).

Notice it! God says any able-bodied individual who CAN work—but *refuses* to work, expecting *others* to take care of him, will be *put out of the true Church of God*—for refusing to work!

God commands us to be quiet—to *quit criticizing others*—and to WORK WITH OUR HANDS that we may *have*, in order to give to others! (I Thes. 4:11-12).

James said, "Faith without WORKS is dead!" (Jas. 2:20).

Who Is a "Goof-Off"?

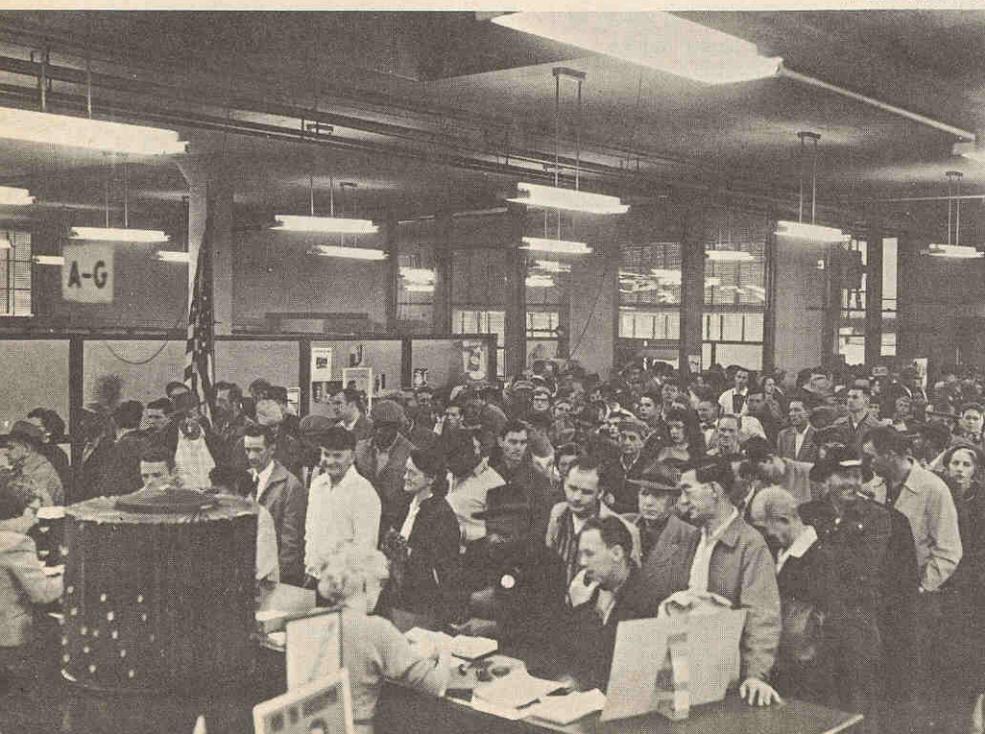
Are YOU a "goof-off"? The goof-off is the "average" worker who takes perhaps an hour or more for lunch, 15 minutes for a morning coffee break, 15 minutes for an afternoon coffee or tea break, about 45 minutes for chatting and doodling on paper, perhaps 15 minutes walking to and from the water-cooler, the wastebasket, or the rest-room.

On an outside job, the goof-off spends far more time seeing to his personal comforts, selecting and picking up his tools, "getting started" or "cleaning up" near finish time than he does on the job!

The goof-off is always late, his work is slipshod and half-hearted, he is possibly accident-prone, since he knows small ac-

Hundreds line up for unemployment checks at the Department of Economic Security. Most of these people probably could be working if they really wanted to.

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cidents will give him several days' leave away from the job with perhaps pay and a half.

The goof-off is a *skilled artisan*—knowing HOW to spend perhaps eight hours a day in the vicinity of work, but without doing any work himself!

In an office, he may be hiding a copy of "Mad" magazine behind the Statistical Report on Business Efficiency. He may be going through the *motions* of work—filing, clipping, stapling, shuffling papers about. He may use a rubber stamp, a handful of paper clips, and appear to be "busy," but he can point to NOTHING truly *accomplished* at the end of the day.

The master of the goof-off, according to the *Chicago American*, is the secretary who manages to make her boss feel she is doing him a *favor* whenever she does some work.

An educator, Dr. Houston Cole of Jacksonville State College, said, "The average American actually works only about 4 hours a day. The rest of the day he 'goofs off.'"

The TOOLS of the goof-off are the telephone (for personal conversations), note paper, form letters, office supplies and his desk drawer (for doodling, shuffling, rearranging, and "looking busy"), the typewriter (for personal letters, notes, or just consuming time), his neighbor's ears (for jokes, last night's party, plans for later, or *discussing* his "work"), the water-cooler, the teacup, coffee cup, rest-room, and wash basin and mirror!

The goof-off is a LIAR! His very presence "on the job" is a lie. He is a CHEAT—since he is *cheating* the boss of all pay he receives during periods of goofing off. He is a FALSE WITNESS, a time-waster, a useless appendage leeching from the company, a cancer in the organization—since his example may encourage others to goof off—and he is decidedly NOT a Christian!

The *U.S. News* said, in indicting America for our softness, that never before in history have the people enjoyed the mass prosperity found in the United States. At the same time, paradoxically, there are now, more than ever, widespread signs of complete decadence in American morals. The *U.S. News* went on, "Critics are saying that Americans, in prosperity, have become soft. They

find people turning more and more to *pleasure-seeking* and *profits*—AWAY FROM HARD WORK and the high standards of the past."

Several years ago, while traveling in South America, Dr. Benjamin Rea and I heard an interesting comparison from a businessman in Bogotá, Colombia. He said, "Ask a Briton about his product and he immediately launches into a long discussion on why his product is the *best*. Ask an American, and he sends you a huge catalog. Ask a Frenchman, he haughtily refuses to answer. Ask a German, and two Germans show up immediately, saying 'Where do we put it?'"

Today, European consumers are turning *against* American-made goods. Morris J. Gottlieb, Vice-President of Market Facts, said the findings came as "*quite a shock!*"

"The findings were certainly not what we expected," he said. But he said they felt the findings to be valid because the reports were *consistent* from one country to another. Europeans felt the "made in U.S.A." brand conveyed the thought of POOR WORKMANSHIP, and little durability!

Yes, *phlegmatism, apathy, lethargy, laziness*—a *soft, coddled, pampered, overindulgent* and COMPLETELY SPOILED race of indolent people are on a greased toboggan slide toward their own national OBLIVION!

It's time you WOKE UP to the fact that America and Britain have begun to go the way of ancient ROME! With HORRIFYING problems to face—*terrible* crime waves, *frightening* moral and spiritual decay, *sickening* racial confusion and hatred, *confusing* religious disagreement, and AWESOME stockpiling of weapons—WE THINK IT'S TIME TO PLAY!

Jesus said, "As it was in the days of NOAH, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man!" (Luke 17:26). He referred to MAN'S PERVERTED WAYS—his evil and *wrong marriages*, his complete MORAL depravity and CRIME, his *violence!* But He *also* referred to his COMPLETE UNCONCERN IN THE FACE OF IMPENDING CALAMITOUS DANGER!

Jesus said, "Remember LOT'S wife" (Luke 17:32). Why? Because, plucked from the prospect of being burned to a



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Tempers flare as unemployment continues. Here a patrolman has to stop an unemployed worker from breaking through a picket line.

crisp in a seething vortex of flame, Lot's wife looked longingly back toward the OLD WAYS — toward the perverted PLEASURES—toward the lazy, indolent, FLESHLY LUSTS of Sodom! She was *destroyed* because of her LUST for the ways of the world!

The handwriting is on the wall for America and Britain! OUR pagan orgy is about to end! OUR "Decline and Fall" is an ever-sharpening reality! OUR "Armageddon" is at the door!

But YOU can change. YOU can begin to *work hard*—and *hardest of all* on the MOST IMPORTANT JOB ON EARTH TODAY—that of performing the very work Christ started.

Be sure to write for our free booklet, *The Seven Laws of Success*, and the article, "How to Get and Hold a Good Job."

Keep reading *The PLAIN TRUTH*, and EVERY piece of literature you hear announced over the air, or mentioned in the pages of this magazine!

Keep listening to EVERY WORLD TOMORROW program you can. Remember, God says, "WORK out your own salvation with fear and trembling!"

EVOLUTION

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Scientists know that when they place a small drop of dye in a glass of water, this dye quickly spreads all through the water. They have proved that the rapid movement of tiny, unseen atoms is what causes this dye to scatter so quickly throughout the entire glass of water.

Likewise, even if you were to place in the ocean all the complex organic molecules found in a living cell, the chemical reactions that would immediately begin to take place would be exactly the opposite to the chemical reactions which take place in the living cell.

Instead of *coming together* to form protoplasm and then performing the impossible miracle of springing spontaneously into a living organism, these molecules would *immediately become diluted*, made weaker, and even eventually become scattered to the ends of the earth. Many scientists admit they understand these facts.

Many scientists now realize that the reactions that take place in a cell are so fantastically complex that they can take place only in the carefully controlled, already prepared environment of the cell itself.

Scientists Disprove Each Other

Even though many evolutionists of the Western world acknowledge that A. I. Oparin is the father of modern theories of evolution, many other Western scientists are unwilling to accept a Communist as their source of truth. Organic chemists of the Western world have demonstrated that protoplasm could not have evolved as Oparin claimed—gradually, step by step, from simple compounds to more complex compounds, until they became living. They have proved that protoplasm would oxidize in a short time in an atmosphere containing oxygen and that it would return to inorganic dust in a few years (Sol Tax and Charles Callender, Editors, *Issues in Evolution*, pp. 90-92, University of Chicago Press, 1960).

Scientists report "the present oxygen-rich atmosphere would quickly break

down the complex materials that then were forming" (*Christian Science Monitor*, Sept. 3, 1959).

Thus they proved that Oparin's theory that life evolved step by step is *false!*

That is why this startling confession was made at the Darwin Centennial, held at the University of Chicago in 1959. Notice it! "Under present conditions on earth, we should not expect life to evolve a second time SPONTANEOUSLY, once what is now living has been destroyed" (*Issues in Evolution*, p. 91).

More Myths Needed to Explain Evolution

This late discovery that oxygen would oxidize evolving protoplasm left the evolutionists who wished to be followers of Oparin with only one possible solution. They had to invent a primitive atmosphere *that didn't contain any oxygen*, or else admit evolution could not take place.

So *invent* one they did!

In order to prove the only possibility left to explain how life spontaneously evolved, Dr. Stanley Miller sent an electric spark through a mixture of gases containing hydrogen, water vapor, ammonia and methane. He reported that the reaction between these gases and the electric spark produced organic compounds (*Issues in Evolution*, pp. 76-77).

Newspapermen eagerly reported that Dr. Stanley L. Miller, biochemist of Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons, said, "Lightning flashing through deadly gases could have sparked the beginning of life on the earth" (A. P. Release).

What the newspaper accounts failed to mention was that the *methane* which Dr. Miller used in his experiment *IS an organic compound*. Webster's New Unabridged Dictionary states that methane occurs "naturally as a product of decomposition of organic matter in marshes and mines, and is produced artificially by dry distillation of many organic substances."

You can readily see that this experiment did not show how the first life originated from dead, inorganic matter. Dr. Miller merely showed how molecules of existing compounds can be recombined to form other compounds—

something which chemists have been doing for years.

Scientists themselves admitted that Dr. Miller's experiment did not create life. "These substances formed were *quite dead*" (*Issues in Evolution*, p. 78).

What Evolutionists Don't Tell

Evolutionists do not tell a gullible public the truth that even if brilliant scientists could arrange the complex organic molecules of life into a paramecium or an amoeba, there is no possible way to give this organism *life*. It would still be dead, and would soon *decay into dust*. One of the most easily proven laws of nature is the LAW OF BIOGENESIS—that *life can come only from life*.

Many scientists have long admitted that they *can't* change the dead, inorganic compounds into the true organic compounds. *They know* that the miracle of converting the dead, inorganic compounds to living, *organic* compounds has only been performed by *living plants* through the process of photosynthesis. Plants can take the low-energy-level, inorganic minerals from the soil, and combine them with carbon dioxide from the air—changing them into high-energy-level, organic compounds.

Evolutionists don't bother to tell these truths when they palm off their amazing theories—yes, even weird, unbelievable theories on the origin of life—on an unsuspecting public.

The Dilemma

Evolutionists were faced with two problems they cannot solve. How could the great quantities of matter found in this universe spring forth from nothing? And how did the first life begin? The first problem *they ignore*.

Scientists have proved there had to be a time when life first began, for scientific evidence began to accumulate which proved that the earth has not always existed, there has been no past eternity of matter.

Notice the proof.

Scientists discovered that uranium goes through a process of radioactive disintegration, shooting off various particles from the nucleus of the uranium atom. They soon saw that if the earth had existed forever, radium would long ago

have lost its electrons by radiation and be completely decomposed into lead. But scientists quickly recognized the fact there is uranium in existence on this earth as positive proof that matter has not always existed.

Scholars everywhere recognized there had to be a time when the earth came into existence. It was also obvious that since the earth had to have a beginning, then all life also had to have a beginning.

Evolutionists do not try to explain it. They ignore the problem of how all the huge quantities of matter evolved out of nothing into this enormous universe.

Because evolutionists refuse to acknowledge the existence of a Creator God, they are forced to begin with the assumption that the first simple, single-celled life form sprang forth spontaneously from dead matter. *The fact that all their theories so far have been proven false doesn't stop them from hoping in blind faith that some day some scientist will think up a hypothesis no one can disprove!*

A panel of scientists admitted at the Darwin Centennial in 1959, "The ASSUMPTION that life originated from non-living matter MUST BE MADE by the modern scientist if he believes that the question 'What is life?' belongs in natural sciences at all" (*Issues in Evolution*, p. 75, University of Chicago Press).

Life's Complexity Disproves Evolution

The world-famous, Nobel Prize-winning chemist of the University of California, Dr. Harold C. Urey, recently said, "All of us who study the origin of life find that the more we look into it, the more we feel it is TOO COMPLEX TO HAVE EVOLVED ANYWHERE."

And yet he admitted, "We all believe as an article of FAITH that life evolved from dead matter on this planet" (*Christian Science Monitor*, Jan. 5, 1962).

Because the theory that the amoeba was the first life to spring forth from dead matter has been so often discredited, some college professors now prefer to substitute *algae* for the amoeba. Their students never think to question these theories!

That's because most students aren't taught HOW to think—only WHAT to think!

When another professor theorizes the first life was the paramecium, his students unquestioningly accept *his* unscientific guess.

Two British scientists recently succeeded in gaining an admiring group of followers by claiming the first life to spring forth from the dead earth was a pogonophore (*Denver Post*).

Other college students blindly follow Dr. Lawrence S. Dillon, of Texas A&M College, who recently theorized that "all animals are in reality a type of highly modified plant life, derived a billion years or so ago from a common ancestry with the brown seaweed" (*Mirror News*, Los Angeles, Dec. 27, 1957).

More Nebulous Myths

Even though it is common knowledge that scientists have discovered that the gradual disintegration of uranium by radiation has proved that the earth and all the universe had to have a beginning, some evolutionists deliberately palm off the theory that life might have drifted in from outer space. *They really know better—but a gullible public doesn't!*

THEY KNOW that the latest information obtained from space flights proves that the lethal action of ultraviolet rays would kill all microorganisms. *They also know* that the extreme cold found in outer space would destroy all life.

Even though evolutionists realize that all theories of how life could originate on this earth have been discarded, they still won't give up the theory of evolution. They have concocted the absurd hypothesis that *space travelers* (where did THEY originate?) may have visited a sterile, barren earth a billion or so years ago and left a rotten tomato which had bacteria on it. These evolutionists theorized these bacteria would multiply rapidly and evolve into all the forms of life we now have (*Press Democrat*, Santa Rosa, California, Dec. 10, 1961).

These evolutionists know any bacteria would have died quickly after the tomato rotted and there was *no more food to eat*. After all, how often do space tourists leave rotten tomatoes lying around?

Evolutionists also know that scientists have kept bacteria cultures for years,



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Professor A. I. Oparin, one of the Soviet Union's leading biochemists and a strong believer in the theory of evolution.

long enough for bacteria to reproduce by cell division through THOUSANDS OF GENERATIONS, *and yet not once have they ever found bacteria producing anything but BACTERIA!*

Willingly Ignorant

Of course they know better!

But evolution is incomplete without the theory of spontaneous generation, for if the first simple, one-celled creature could not have sprung from the non-living matter, then the gradual evolution of all life could not have occurred either. For if there was no first simple life to evolve, then evolution could not take place.

Every time the latest theory of the origin of life has been disproved, the evolutionists insist on concocting *yet another theory*.

Do you realize why the evolutionists prefer to believe the theory of evolution rather than the simple truth that "In the beginning God created?"

The truth is shocking! If they admit there is a God, these brilliant scholars will have to admit there is a *power superior to themselves*—a power that demands obedience. Whether they real-

ize it or not, they DO NOT WANT TO OBEY GOD!

By deceiving the world into believing the theory of evolution, they set *themselves* up as authorities—to be BELIEVED and FOLLOWED in the place of God!

Because evolutionists have a theory to support—regardless of what the evidence proves, when they are stopped on one point they immediately concoct a new theory. *They blindly stick to their theory of spontaneous generation from the non-living, regardless of the proven facts!*

Why Theory of Evolution

The only reason the theory of evolution even exists is that the teachers and preachers of this world haven't taught that the Creator God created the earth, just as He said He did in the first chapter of Genesis, in one week, in seven days.

They haven't taught that the Bible is God's revelation to man. They haven't taught the world that the Bible tells us how to live a happy, abundant life.

The ministers of this world haven't taught that the Bible means just what it says, that it is logical and easy to understand.

Even yet, if this world's leaders would repent and teach the truth that God is Creator and Ruler, that God in the Bible has revealed to man the way to peace, to happiness, and to prosperity, and to eternal life in the very Kingdom of God—then Communism, atheism and modernism would all disappear from the face of the earth.

Atheism in all its forms and the Gospel of Jesus Christ—the Gospel of the Kingdom of God—CANNOT SURVIVE SIDE BY SIDE. One or the other must disappear from the face of the earth.

Very soon, Christ will come to set up His rule and His Government to bring peace to the earth, to keep man from exterminating himself in hydrogen bomb warfare, and to restore truth to the earth. He will force every man to confess openly that he knows a Creator God exists. The knowledge of the TRUTH of God will destroy atheism and make evolution the laughingstock of thinking men!

What our READERS SAY

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cline, as you pointed out in the article 'Mad Craze for Pleasure.' I agree that something needs to be done, but I don't agree with your method. People are getting too smart to be motivated by fear of God. Sunday Christians pay only lip service to Him and go about their business the rest of the week as if He didn't exist. I'm not sure what the answer is, but it may be necessary to completely re-adjust our thinking. Something must be done to implant values and morals INSIDE people. People should be made to *want* to live morally, not out of fear of punishment. People have to believe in something. Maybe they can be taught to believe in the human race and themselves."

"An atheist," Texas

• *Are you sure you've been reading carefully? If you had, you would be sure of the answer by now.*

Finding Himself

"Thank you for answering my request—the booklets make me realize how very little I know about the Bible. I am a convicted felon who, for 32 years, has lived a life that is deplorable. Officially I am known as quite a storyteller with a 'big shot' complex. To be honest, I have to admit that this is true. Recently a prison official suggested that I should go to a psychologist to get to know myself. I cannot accept this, for I believe that in God and the Bible I can truly find myself and become the decent citizen I should be."

Raymond S., Michigan

The Ambassador Spirit

"On Tuesday, my wife and I visited Ambassador College after having our interest aroused in the college by listening to the broadcasts and reading *The PLAIN TRUTH*. It was a great pleasure to us to walk around the campus and to inspect the facilities. They are all we had been led to expect and more, the grounds so beautiful, the buildings and equipment so neat and so clean and efficient. Most of all we were impressed

by the lovely spirit of Ambassador College, everyone was so pleasant and helpful."

William K., California

First with the Most

"Concerning your magazine, it seems that it is always out front. Even the *U. S. News and World Report* seems to almost be history."

Kerry K., Texas

Favorite Writer

"Mr. Lynn Torrance's articles always manage to crash through the barrier of my cold old heart. He sounds very compassionate and kind. I always look hopefully each time a magazine comes in, to see if his name is above one of the articles."

Woman from Canada

• *You sound anything but old and cold!*

Pakistan Student

"I read your international magazine. In a poor country like Pakistan, students can avail of this opportunity reading it free. I am a student in West Pakistan Agricultural University, situated at Lyallpur and run by aid of the U.S.A. Many Americans are deans, heads and lecturers of different departments. Thank you very much for this kindness."

West Pakistan

From Lebanese Village

"I am thrilled to know more about Bible prophecy and *The PLAIN TRUTH*. Please forward your booklets to me in Lebanon. I am a Lebanese in a little summer village called Kaframay."

Lebanon

Bins Overflowing

"Two years ago we were in a terrible drought area. There just was nothing. Shortly after this I was led to the Truth. My wife and I began to study our Bible with every broadcast of *The WORLD TOMORROW* and the Bible Correspondence Course. I prayed earnestly to God that He would give us crops till we were out of debt. We began tithing and obeying God. The next year after the drought we had a beautiful crop. It was just as God had promised. Our bins were overflowing. This year our crops are coming lovely. We have had plenty

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The Bible Story

by Basil Wolverton

CHAPTER FIFTY-NINE

SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS ENDANGERS ISRAEL

NOW THAT Canaan was subdued, Joshua announced a pleasant surprise for the soldiers of the tribe of Reuben, the tribe of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh: "You have been faithful in remaining to work and fight with the rest of the Israelite army these six years, even though your families have been only a few miles east of Jordan.

"Now that Canaan is ours, you are dismissed from service with the army of Israel." (Joshua 22:1-7.) "You have obtained great wealth from the enemy, and now you should return to share these flocks, gold, silver, brass, iron and clothing with your brethren who stayed behind to care for your families. May the blessings of our God go with you and to your families, and may you serve God diligently by keeping all His commandments." (Verse 8.)

War-Weary Soldiers Head Homeward

The happy thousands of warriors moved eastward from Shiloh with the cheers of their fellow Israelites ringing in their ears. (Verse 9.) They couldn't march as an army, however, because their share of the flocks, herds and loaded pack-animals taken from their enemies had to be herded along in a very long caravan. In fact, their soldier friends remaining at Shiloh good-naturedly made fun of them by loudly addressing them as shepherders and cattle rustlers.

At Joshua's suggestion, some Israelite officers accompanied the soldiers as far as the Jordan river. At that time the river was not as deep and swollen as it had been when the Israelites had passed over westward six years before. It was no great problem, therefore, to ford the river at a shallow point where the pack-animals could wade

across. As for the smaller animals, it was as easy for them to cross the river as it was for the soldiers, what with animals being natural swimmers and generally not too afraid of water.

On their second or third night after leaving Shiloh, the soldiers of Reuben, Manasseh and Gad camped on the east side of the Jordan. The Israelites who had accompanied them camped on the west side of the river before starting their return to Shiloh the next day.

At dawn the Israelites on the west side of the river prepared to leave for Shiloh after a planned last salute to their brothers. Then someone noticed a peculiar thing. The soldiers across the river were working hard to haul stones and earth to form a swiftly growing box-like stack of stones which they were filling with earth. Instead of setting out for Shiloh, the Israelites on the west side of the river stayed to see what was going on. They were increasingly perplexed to note that the heap, in the course of the day, was developed into a large altar that was made after the pattern of God's altar in Shiloh. (Joshua 22:10, 28.)

"This is very strange," said one of Joshua's officers to the others. "It appears to me that our brothers are building a huge altar." Then these men began to draw hasty conclusions.

"Our God hasn't told us to build such an altar," another officer spoke out. "Perhaps our brothers are building this altar with the intention of sacrificing to idols!"

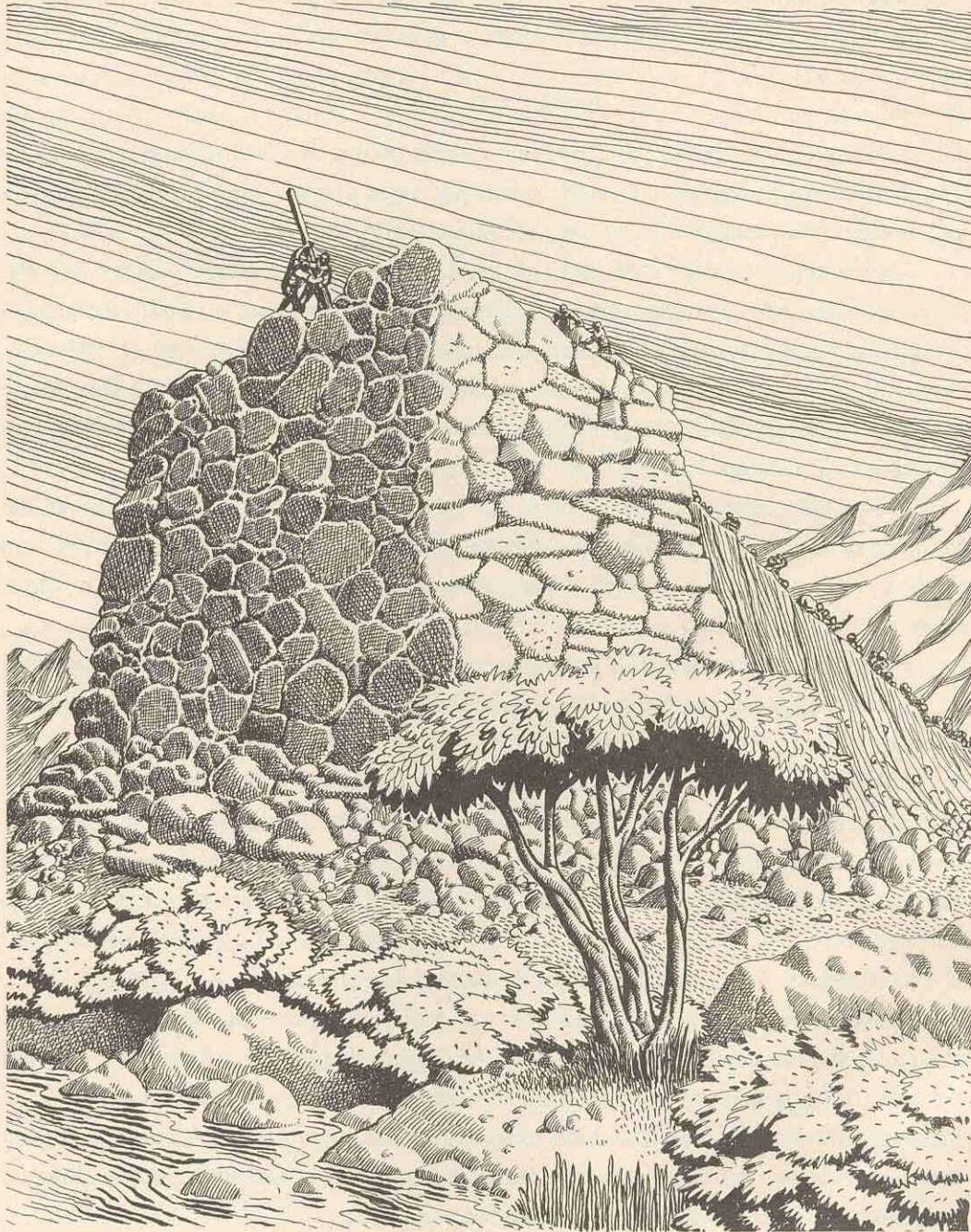
Is This REALLY Idolatry?

"If that's even a possibility, then we should report to Joshua at once," one of the men said. Rather than immediately find out what their brother tribes were doing, these men began to imagine things, and came to conclusions that *seemed* right to them. (Proverbs 16:25.)

It was only hours later that Joshua was told about these things. Unfortunately, word of these events, as these men *interpreted* them, also leaked out to the whole congregation of Israel. Reports became so repeated and exaggerated that it quickly became a common belief that the soldiers from the tribes east of the Jordan had suddenly fallen away from the true God, and were starting a new system of pagan worship in their own territory. A huge, murmuring crowd gathered near the tabernacle and around Joshua's tent. Some of the people from this crowd began to loudly criticize the tribes east of the Jordan.

"We should at once send troops across the Jordan to forcefully remind our idol-worshipping brothers that they must stop this terrible idolatry immediately!" one man yelled.

Great cheers followed his remark. For a people who had been disobedient in so many ways for so many years, it seemed somewhat extreme to demonstrate such a



The main body of Israelites camping at Shiloh were shocked to learn that their brothers east of the Jordan were building what appeared to be a huge altar!

spirit of supposedly spiritual criticism, that seemed to indicate a great love for God.

"We must clear up this matter now, even if it takes all the soldiers we have here at Shiloh!" another bellowed. "If we don't do this, our brothers to the east may all become pagans and turn against us!" (Joshua 22:11-12.)

Joshua Acts Wisely

Joshua was dismayed at the conduct of some of the people almost as much as he was at the unhappy report. After all, it had not been proved just what this altar was for, though it was something that required looking into immediately.

"No troops should go now and risk starting a civil war in Israel," Joshua told the people. "If the tribes to the east are doing something contrary to God's will, then someone should be sent to point out their sins. Instead of soldiers, I am sending Phinehas, the priest, the son of Eleazar, and the heads of the ten tribes west of the Jordan. These men can determine what is happening and how to deal with any who are possibly falling into idolatry." (Verses 13-14.)

Hours later Phinehas, the heads of the ten tribes and their aides arrived at the west side of the Jordan at a spot opposite the altar. The soldiers of Gad, Manasseh and Reuben were surprised to see such a distinguished group, and hastily helped them across the river.

"Why are we honored with your presence?" smiling officers inquired of them.

Phinehas, spokesman for the group, pointed gravely to the huge altar of rocks filled with earth.

"The people of Israel at Shiloh have heard of this great altar you have built," Phinehas declared in a loud voice that could be heard by all the assembled officers of the armies of the three tribes east of the Jordan. "They feel that you have erected this thing as a sudden move to depart from God and become idol-worshippers. If this is true, can you do such a thing and still recall how close our God came to destroying all of Israel for such a sin in the Baal-Peor idolatry and in Achan's curse?" (Joshua 22:15-17, 20; Numbers 25:1-9; Deuteronomy 4:1-6; Joshua 7:1-5.) "Do you realize that all of Israel suffers tomorrow for the sins of a few committed today?" (Joshua 22:18.) "If you feel that this land east of the Jordan is not right for you or that the pagan influences here are too great for you, don't rebel against God by building a pagan altar, but come over west of the Jordan and we'll make room for you and your people closer to the tabernacle where God's altar is located." (Verse 19.)

The Simple Truth

The officers of the armies of Reuben, Gad and Manasseh lost their happy smiles

before Phinehas finished speaking. They appeared troubled, but not guilty. Their spokesman came out at once with an answer.

"There has been a misunderstanding," he explained. "Our God knows that rebelling against Him by building an altar to any other god is something that hasn't even entered our minds. We know that God wants sacrifices made only on the altar He has directed to be made in front of His Tabernacle, and we didn't build this altar for offering sacrifice. If this is not true, may God destroy us today. We didn't build the altar for any religious functions, but rather as a duplicate of God's altar, to serve as a monument to the fact that our people east of the Jordan and your people west of the Jordan are one people bound together by the sacred laws of God. This altar, being patterned after God's altar, will be a constant reminder that we serve the same God you serve. We hope that it will remain a monument for a long time so that we may point it out for what it means for many generations to come." (Joshua 22:21-29.)

There were moments of silence before anyone spoke. This truthful explanation from the soldiers of Gad, Manasseh and Reuben was as surprising as it was pleasing to Phinehas and the ten tribal heads.

"You have shown us just now that God is with all of us," Phinehas finally spoke out. "We at first feared that you were falling into idolatry and that God would deal harshly with all of Israel because of what we thought you had done. Now we know what you were intending to do, that you are loyal to God and that your righteous actions have spared us from any punishment God otherwise would have put on us."

After delaying farewells, Phinehas, the heads of the ten tribes and their aides set out for Shiloh. When they arrived there with news of what had happened, those who had been most concerned about their east-of-Jordan brothers going astray were happy to learn that matters were not as they had imagined. Many of the people felt so relieved that they held a celebration in which God was loudly praised for keeping Israel together. (Verses 30-34.)

Although there were some among the Israelites who were too hastily inclined to point to their brothers east of the Jordan as being sinners, the real concern among most of the Israelites was that a part of them might break away and fall into idolatry.

Joshua was well aware of the kind of people who were always quick to point to the shortcomings of others so that they might seem more righteous by comparison—which is really *self*-righteousness. Those were the ones he didn't like having any part in the somewhat feverish proposal that one part of Israel should take up arms against another part. In trying to make themselves look more righteous, those people can do great harm.

People who feel that they are next to perfect are often as evil in God's sight as those

who feel just the opposite. Such people are generally unable to recognize their own shortcomings. Otherwise they wouldn't have a feeling of self-righteousness and near-perfection.

There is an interesting true story in the Bible about such a man, and at this point it might be well to temporarily leave the Israelites in Canaan and flash back a few hundred years to the time just after the famine in Egypt.

The main character of this story of the ancient past wrote the eighteenth book of the Old Testament. It was titled *The Book of Job*, because Job was the man's name. (Job 1:1.)

Who Was Job?

Regardless of what some historians have written about him, Job wasn't an Arabian who ruled a domain close to the Euphrates river. He has often been referred to as "The Wizard of Oz," the title of a well-known children's book written a few decades ago. This land called "Oz" is called Uz in the Bible. It was the region of Seir, a western part of Arabia, south and southeast of the Dead Sea. The Israelites passed through this territory twice on their long trip from Egypt to Canaan. In those days the ruler of Seir had dominion as far westward as Goshen, the area of lower Egypt, near the Mediterranean, given to the Israelite shepherds in Joseph's time.

As for being a wizard, Job wasn't exactly that. Probably he earned that title because he was a very wise man and a skilled engineer. During Joseph's governorship in Egypt, Job, though not an Egyptian, was one of the several kings who ruled parts of lower Egypt. (Job 3:11-15; Job 29:21-25.) Being king, Job was the greatest man in that eastern land. (Job 1:3.)

The outstanding thing about Job was that he followed God's laws and used his power to protect the helpless. (Job 29:7-17.) While he was a ruler in Egypt he exerted his influence in favor of the one true God, at the same time working to destroy belief in the pagan gods of the Egyptians. (Job 29:20-22, 25.)

Job's active career during and after Joseph's time in office in Egypt was marked by a very outstanding accomplishment. Job planned, designed and superintended the building of the Great Pyramid of Cheops at Gizeh, Egypt. In fact, Job *was* Cheops. The Great Pyramid is still the most massive man-made structure in the world, though there are buildings that are much taller. Its huge mass isn't the only quality that makes it outstanding.

King Job's Greatness

The precision workmanship in the massive stones is a marvel. These segments

of the pyramid were so accurately fitted together that present-day engineers wonder how it could have been done. However it was accomplished, it required the skill and effort of thousands of laborers, working three months a year during which the Nile river overflowed and kept them from their regular work. It took them twenty years to build such an outstanding structure. As the planner and builder, Job naturally received great honor and prestige in the nations in all directions.

The part of Job's life related in Scripture had to do with the time after his great engineering feat in Egypt. He had become a more famous and respected man than he had been before. He was wealthier than ever, what with owning seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, a thousand oxen and five hundred donkeys. Job owned many buildings, and much land for his animals' grazing. He also had a very fine home, and buildings and tents in which his servants, hired hands and shepherds lived. (Job 1:3.)

Job's greatest treasure, however, was his ten grown children—seven sons and three daughters. They had comfortable homes of their own in which they often gathered to hold dinner parties and birthday banquets. Job noted that they indulged so much in this pastime that he felt they might be sinning. Therefore he often made sacrifices in their behalf. His constant prayers to God were that the Creator would be merciful to his family. (Job 1:4-5.)

People have long been erroneously taught that there is a constant desperate, frenzied battle between the forces of good and the forces of evil, with God as the champion of good and Satan as the champion of evil. Thus it would seem to be a long war between God and Satan, with each one taking turns at reeling under powerful blows from the other, and this process repeated century after century until God finally strikes a final, victorious blow that causes everything to turn out right.

God Limits Satan's Power

That isn't the situation. God is Ruler of the universe and everything in it. (Daniel 4:17, 25, 32; Job 38:1-19.) Satan is the god or prince of this world. (Ephesians 2:2.) He is under God's power and authority. He can do only what God allows him to do. In other words, God can and does allow evil to occur by giving Satan permission to tempt people who need to learn lessons, but God lets Satan go only so far in doing certain things.

God keeps an eye on all the angels, including the fallen ones, or demons. If He calls them before Him to report, they must obey, including Satan.

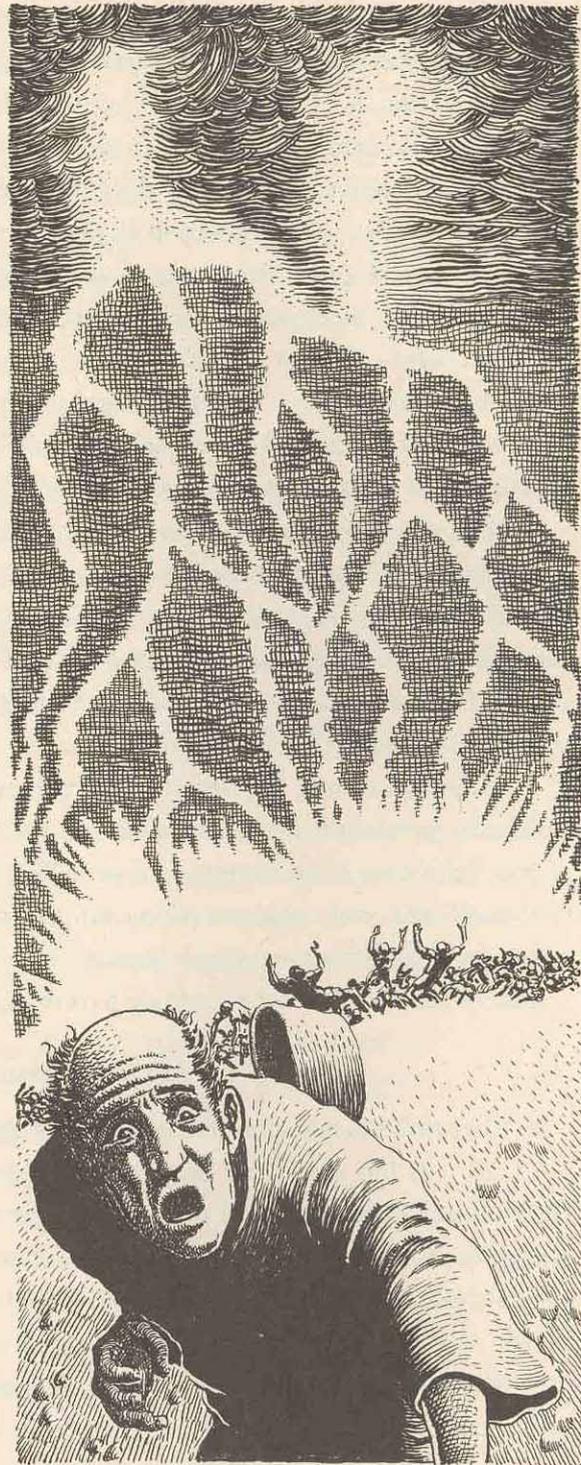
At a time during Job's life after he built the Great Pyramid, Satan came with other angels to report to God, and was asked what he had been doing. His answer was that he had been roaming the Earth. He couldn't successfully lie to God. Roaming was

what he had been doing for a long time with his demons, looking for opportunities to separate men from God. (Job 1:6-7.)

"If you have been everywhere on Earth, then you must have noticed that a man by the name of Job is one of my most obedient servants," God said to Satan. "What do you think of him?"

"I know the man," Satan replied. "I am aware that you have given him great ability, power and wealth. At the same time you have protected him and his family from trouble, disease and death. He knows that these blessings have come from you, so he works at being faithful to you. But take this prosperity and comfort away from him, and he will turn away from you. In fact, he will curse you!" (Job 1:8-11.) Notice how Satan admitted God is all-powerful and fully able to protect Job from him.

"You would like to destroy this man's faith," God remarked. "I'm going to give you the opportunity to test him. Deal with him as you choose, but don't do him any bodily harm." (Verse 12.) Notice how God set a limit on Satan's evil, and let him go only so far in tempting Job. What Satan didn't know was that God was using him to teach Job a much-needed lesson. But Satan thought he was getting a chance to



Bolts of lightning wiped out all of Job's seven thousand sheep and all of his shepherds except one.

destroy one of God's servants. Satan departed, anxious to bring trouble to one of God's most faithful followers. It wasn't much later that Job, examining a part of his orchard, was startled by the noisy approach of one of his plowmen.

Sudden Destruction Came

"We were plowing your fields on the east border," the man panted excitedly, "when suddenly a band of mounted Sabeans rushed at us! They killed all the men except me, took all the oxen and all the donkeys that were grazing nearby!"

Before the shocked Job could express himself, another of his men wearily ran up to blurt out that a series of tremendous lightning bolts had struck where all the sheep and shepherders had been gathered, that all the sheep had been killed and that he was the only man to escape.

This second man hadn't finished giving his discouraging news when a third man staggered toward Job, waving his arms and shouting.

"Three bands of Chaldeans attacked the camel grazing grounds!" the man panted. "They killed your men, then took all three thousand camels! I managed to escape to report to you!" (Job 1:13-17.)

These three reports left Job in stunned silence. He could scarcely believe that such a great loss could come so suddenly. Slowly and dazedly he sat down with his back to a tree trunk. Abruptly he was aware that a fourth man was standing over him, talking and gesturing wildly.

Job shuddered at the thought that shot into his mind. With all his livestock gone, any other evil report would have to concern his family!

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What our READERS SAY

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of rain, the sloughs are full of water."
Saskatchewan, Canada

- Read Amos 4:6-8!

Seems That Way

"I enjoyed very much reading the booklet *1975 in Prophecy* and *The PLAIN TRUTH*. I have checked into the passages you referred to and they really make sense. It seems to me the Radio Church of God is the *only* organization today that really preaches the Bible."

William M., Pennsylvania

Remedy for Ailing Marriages

"I am requesting your booklet, *Di-*

vorce and Remarriage. For the second time in less than two years, my husband and I are getting a divorce. Possibly this book can be of some assistance to us."

Norma K., Michigan

- *We hope and pray it will—and that you can avoid making such a serious mistake.*

Management's Prerogative

"I am curious to know why your change from KGO. But all the religious programs that came on from 8 to 10 P.M. also are missing, so I suspect KGO management of preferring liquor, cigarettes, tobacco and other uneducational matter to real worthwhile programs."

B. M. H., Oregon.

- *You're close. KGO changed its entire broadcasting format—canceling all religious programs. See the Radio Log*

in this issue for a good station as a substitute.

A Real Puzzle

"I don't know why a person trying to understand the real Word is thought to be mad or worse. If I keep on listening to you, they say, I won't believe anything. But thank God I know more about Him than I did. I thank you very much for everything you have taught me."

Ruth M., Tennessee

Rush Details

"I was helping to distribute some magazines to our patients here in this hospital and I came across your magazine. I was amazed at the truths I read and, well, I am just overwhelmed. Please rush me the details concerning this magazine and your courses."

(Minister), Pennsylvania

Economic Crash

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vivors and disability pensions, relief, unemployment benefits—skyrocketed from \$6.9 billion in 1953 to over 20 billion in 1961. Welfare now absorbs about 20 cents of every dollar the Government spends. Year after year more and more people are tucked under the welfare blanket. WHO IS GOING TO PAY FOR ALL OF THIS?

Relief costs alone are threatening to overwhelm strained coffers of some cities and states where chronic unemployment persists. Thirty-two states already have set up state income taxes to help meet rising costs. Even so, the picture continues to worsen. In 1946, 47 of the (then) 48 states operated within their incomes. By 1958, 32 states were spending more than they were collecting.

Now perhaps you can realize why you, the average American working man or woman, have to work 2½ hours a day just to earn enough to pay all of your taxes.

"Historically, whenever any nation has taxed its people more than 25% of their income, that nation has . . . headed for economic decay," reported noted news analyst Paul Harvey back in 1958. "Already our taxes are devouring

more than a third [now upwards of 35%] of every income dollar."

No nation can take this type of financial beating for more than a few short years!

Private Debt Enormous

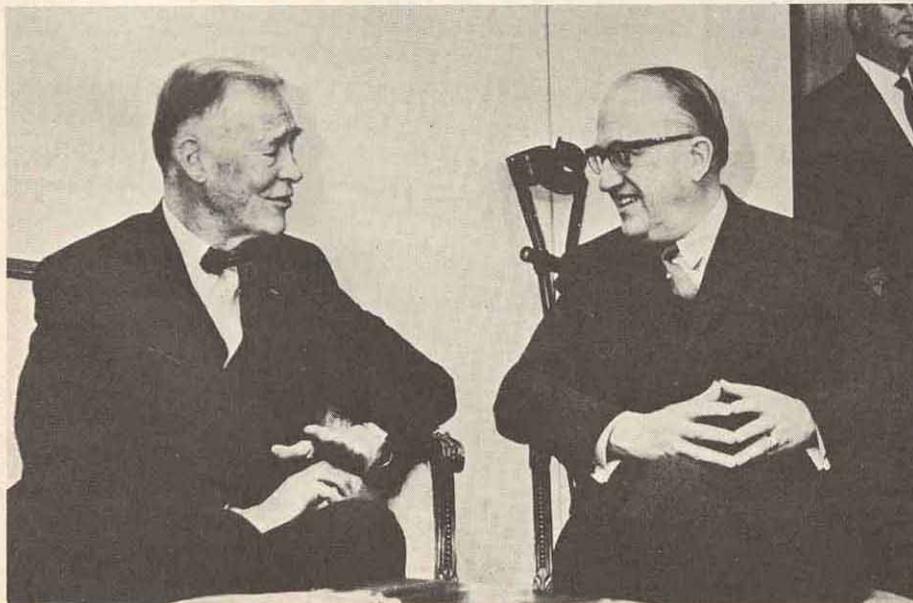
Instead of being shocked at the fiscal folly of his elected officials, the average John Q. Public has committed the same mistakes in his own personal life. With his lust for material goods easily satisfied via the credit card, the charge-a-plate and the "friendly" loan, he and 100,000,000 other Americans are wallowing in the midst of a glittering buy-now, pay- (or repossess) later binge unparalleled in the nation's history.

"Consumer credit—the key to the rise in private debt—has increased over 550 per cent since 1940. In the last 10 years it has more than doubled" (*Buy Now, Pay Later*, by Hillel Black). By 1970, experts predict consumer credit will total \$107 billion, nearly double the present \$56 billion.

The situation has become so outrageous in "prosperous" America that a person is almost considered a traitor to the nation if he is not up to his neck in debt. Without the huge debtor class, "the nation's great industries would slow to a crawl, and the price of almost everything would soar" (*Newsweek*, January 8, 1962).

Christian A. Herter, special United States trade negotiator, chats with Walter Hallstein, Chairman of the European Common Market Commission. The EEC has just refused to lower tariffs on imported American poultry. The United States is considering reprisals.

Wide World Photo



Do you know what the immediate effect would be if Americans no longer bought automobiles on time? "First of all, there would be at least a 50 per cent reduction in the number of cars manufactured. In turn, this would mean America would produce 8 per cent less steel, 24 per cent less malleable iron . . . and 31 per cent less synthetic rubber.

"In terms of jobs it could mean unemployment for 370,000 wage-earners who make motor vehicles and parts. The work force of 2,000,000 people engaged in automotive sales and servicing might be cut by a third. Probably 100,000 petroleum workers would no longer have jobs. [All totaled, the number of unemployed from this one major cut-back could reach over 1,100,000!] Finally, the havoc that would result in our economy in general would make any of the post-Second World War recessions appear as years of almost unbounded prosperity" (*Buy Now, Pay Later*).

Just as in the case of the overstuffed defense industry, we can't put up with the Great American Debtor much longer—but we can't do without him. *What a dilemma!*

This great "pillar" of the American economy is already beginning to crumble under its crushing burden. "During the fiscal year of 1959 nearly 89,000 families failed financially, a 300 per cent increase over the last decade and MORE THAN THE TOTAL NUMBER OF BANKRUPTCIES [personal plus business] FILED DURING THE HEIGHT OF THE DEPRESSION OF THE THIRTIES" (*Buy Now, Pay Later*).

It can't go on much longer!

Threat from Without

As if these overawing internal problems were not enough, America now faces the prospect of an ugly trade war with our bought-and-paid-for "allies" in Europe. The beginning skirmishes have already been fought—with the U.S. the loser. Many industries have already felt the pressure from foreign competition—steel, hand and machine tools, heavy machinery, clothing and sporting goods—to name but a few.

The profit squeeze in business—due in large part to industry's desire to hold down prices on internationally competitive goods—has reduced the profit margins of the nation's leading 100 corpora-

tions 20 per cent in the last decade.

If you are a chicken farmer, you KNOW first-hand what is happening to your export market in Europe. 70% of U.S. poultry exports to the Common Market have been whacked off just in the last year, shut out by a rising tariff wall. The entire \$1.1 billion agricultural market in Europe is in danger! The loss of this farm market, reported Senator George D. Aiken of Vermont, could be enough in itself to trigger a depression.

"Later Than We Think"

In a very sobering dispatch from Washington this past May, news analyst Andrew Tully reported: "The time is later than most Americans think. AMERICAN BUSINESS . . . ALREADY HAS STARTED TO FIGHT FOR ITS LIFE against European competition. . . ."

"The individual worker will have to forsake a wage boost here, the manufacturer an extra profit there. [But who is willing to take the first healthy slice?]

"It will be a painful time for almost everybody. But it is going to have to be faced because THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE EXCEPT A MASSIVE DEPRESSION."

Exit the Dollar

It is no wonder, after all that we have seen, that the once-impregnable dollar is in such a shaky position, coming under suspicion throughout the free world.

About 70 foreign countries are keeping gold in numbered cages 85 feet below street level in the Federal Reserve vault in New York City. Each week a few millions more worth of gold bullion is transferred there from the U.S. Assay Office five blocks away—a constant, steady hemorrhage of our economic life-blood!

Moreover, not one red cent of the remaining 15.7 billion is really America's, either. Foreign claims against U.S. gold now total 23 billion! There is practically no latitude of movement, should our creditors put on the pressure!

Will this happen? Will the screws ever be tightened? How long will confidence in the plummeting dollar remain? Notice this alarming quote from Warren W. Butler, publisher of the Lakewood, California, HERALD-AMERICAN. On May 23, 1963 he wrote:

"The position we have enjoyed since

World War I, more than 45 years ago, as the leading financial power of the world has *evaporated*. . . . Today control of world finance is on the continent of Europe. The Yankee dollar is under an ominous cloud. European central banks in such countries as France, West Germany, Switzerland and Italy are now calling the financial shots in the Free World; it is becoming more evident as each day passes. The American dollar has gotten into the position where *their sympathy and consideration is essential to its survival in world trade*. . . ."

Imagine! Once-mighty America now finds herself in economic subjection to nations who lay prostrate at her feet just 18 short years ago!

"These banks have been patient for only one reason," continued Mr. Butler. "They know that if they tightened up on our credit without some real financial reforms within the United States at the same time *the resulting crash in this country would dwarf what occurred in 1929 and would be so great that it would engulf them all*."

"It's about time that we put the brakes on the government hand-out, both within our country and on an international scale. . . . *We must begin to put our house in order or the European central banks will be forced to begin closing in on us . . . for their own protection from the chaos of COMPLETE FISCAL BANKRUPTCY.*"

No Way of Escape!

The tragic thing is that the nation as a whole is not showing any indication of correcting itself. Instead, signs point to more taxes, increased spending, bigger bombs, deeper debt, more competition and a continued loss of gold—all culminating in a fantastic wash-out. You, however, can escape this impending peril, if you will put *your* house in order. You need not suffer the punishment God is allowing to fall upon our heedless peoples, who have rejected every right way of His and have sunk into the mire of materialistic depravity.

Just before the 1929 crash, those who saw what was coming were able to juggle their finances and weather the storm. When the final depression comes, NO amount of financial "wheeling and dealing" will help. No businesses, no corpo-



London Express News and Feature Photo
Here is where some of your tax dollars go. A Titan missile soars aloft from Cape Canaveral, its brief life to come to a halt 6000 miles down the Atlantic missile range. Even more complex and expensive arms are seen for the future.

rations, no banks (even with "deposit insurance") are going to limp past the "Big Bust," as many did after "Black Thursday."

No hoard of salted-away "greenbacks" is going to save anyone either. With all the gold gone, a dollar bill will be as worthless as a moldy rag. "On the day of God's anger, WEALTH IS OF NO AVAIL: goodness [obedience to God's laws] alone saves man from death. . . . He who relies on his wealth shall wither" (Prov. 11:4, 28, Moffatt trans.).

God prophesies of our people: "*They shall cast their silver in the streets [money will be worthless] and THEIR GOLD SHALL BE REMOVED: their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the Lord; they shall not satisfy their souls, neither fill their bowels: [you can't eat money or credit] because it [money, the lust for material things] is the stumbling block of their iniquity*" (Ezek. 7:19).

God is our Rock, our Refuge. Obedience to Him and reliance upon His protection is the only answer!

One reason that this nation is in such dire economic straits is that our people have not followed the immutable financial laws that God has set in motion for our own good. In Malachi, the third chapter, God thunders to modern-day



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(Above) All is not well in the American economy. A lady and her family in New York City are shown here receiving food from federal surplus stores.

(Center) During the depression of the 30's surplus potatoes were distributed to relief recipients. Wide World Photo

(Below) Hundreds more go on relief monthly. Welfare and relief costs have climbed alarmingly in the last decade. Wide World Photo



Jacob or Israel—our English-speaking lands today—"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? *In tithes and offerings.* Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, *even this whole nation*" (verses 8, 9).

If our people had obeyed even this *one* law, the nation wouldn't be in such trouble.

Protection Offered to YOU

Even if the nation as a whole won't repent, you as an individual can repent of your disobedience against your Creator. Read Ezekiel 18:21-23. God gets no pleasure in seeing you suffer. Also, you need to get in harmony with God's financial laws. When you do, you will come to know God, that He is real, that He blesses those who put their trust in Him, who make Him—the Super-quadrillionaire of the Universe—their financial partner. To discover in detail what these financial principles of God



are, write for Mr. Armstrong's free booklet, *Ending Your Financial Worries*, and also the article, "How to Get Out of Debt."

By seeking first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness (Mat. 6:33), by serving God, not mammon (money and the things money will buy, which will soon perish), your heart will be increasingly centered in the work of God and His coming Kingdom—the only things of concrete, lasting value in the turbulent years ahead. "For where your treasure is, there will your *heart* be also" (Matt. 6:21). You will be laying up real treasure in heaven where no "crash" is going to wipe out its value.

The soundest investment for your dollar today? GOD! "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and *prove me now herewith*, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Mal. 3:10).

Take God up on His challenge!

"Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, *I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation (tribulation)* which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth" (Rev. 3:10).

Yes, you can have supernatural PROTECTION when the "Big Bust" comes!

Autobiography

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well qualified to teach English.

And then Mrs. Martin really surprised me.

"Perhaps I had not made it clear to you before," she said, "but I happen to have degrees in music just as high as the former teacher—and I can make them higher by going on, during summer vacations, to complete work at Juilliard, in New York (America's highest-ranking musical college), for my Master's degree in music. I'll be happy to take over the music department if you'd like, besides teaching English and being Librarian."

And so we started the second year of Ambassador College on half-schedule, with classes only three days a week. It was that or let the college die.

Three New Students Arrive

No effort had been made to recruit any additional students, due to this situation. However, one student showed up—a fellow from Wisconsin, named Kenneth C. Herrmann.

He seemed, however, to be more from Missouri than Wisconsin. When I first met him, in the reception room of the Library, he spoke with extreme candor.

"Mr. Armstrong," he said, "I won't beat around the bush. I'll tell you why I came here. I came here to check up on you. What you say on the air is so startling, I can't accept it without proof. You're going to have to PROVE it, if I believe it. And I've come to check up on you, personally, too."

"Well, that's fair enough," I smiled. "Glad to welcome you to Ambassador College."

Today, fifteen years later, Mr. Herrmann is still with us—a man whom I often say I regard as the best college Registrar in America!

A very few weeks after the 1948-49 school year had started, the front doorbell of our home rang one morning while I was shaving. My wife told me that two young radio listeners from Arkansas were there to see me. I hurried down.

They introduced themselves as Marion and Raymond McNair. They had been

working in the apple harvest up in Washington, but wanted to swing by Pasadena and see me on the way home.

We had a nice talk, and I was surprised to learn how much they knew about the Bible. I was intensely interested in hearing of their experience leading to this Biblical knowledge, and how they came to listen to *The WORLD TOMORROW*.

When they were twelve and eleven, respectively, they had become slightly "mad at" their grandmother, who apparently had had occasion to discipline them somewhat. So the two boys "made a wish." They wished she would die!

It so happened that she did die very shortly thereafter. This frightened the boys and gave their consciences nightmares. They cried, and went off together and prayed, and made a vow to God. If He would forgive them, they promised to purchase Bibles and to read and study their Bibles every day.

True to their promise, they saved every cent they could, and later sent an order by mail to Sears, Roebuck & Company for two Bibles. Apparently the right amount had not been enclosed in the remittance, and the company returned the order and money order, asking them to send the correct amount.

But this letter was intercepted by their father. He could not see the need of TWO Bibles. He said the two boys could order one Bible, and study that one together.

These boys had not had Sunday-school or other *religious* training. They had never been taught anything about immortal souls, or going to heaven when one dies. Their very *first* religious training began when this Bible arrived from the mail-order house. They studied it daily.

Some years later, they happened to hear a religious broadcast on the radio. "Why," they exclaimed in surprise, "that fellow is not preaching what's in the Bible! He's telling people just the *opposite* of what the Bible says!"

This aroused them to tune to other religious programs on their radio set. They were astonished and disillusioned! It seemed that all the "radio preachers" were preaching a "Christianity" that was very contrary to the Christianity of Christ, of Paul, and of the Apostles

which they had been receiving out of their Bible!

Then one day they heard a program coming in from a Mexican station. They were startled in happy surprise.

"Why," they exclaimed, "*that* fellow is preaching exactly what we have been getting out of the Bible!" That program was *The WORLD TOMORROW!* They became steady listeners.

This experience was just one more example of what I have always said: give a Bible to someone who has never had any religious teaching, and let him study it diligently, without any of the popular teachings of "Christianity," and he will believe precisely what is proclaimed on *The WORLD TOMORROW*. Yet those who *do* believe and proclaim the PLAIN TRUTHS of the BIBLE will be branded today as "false prophets."

"Well I hope you boys will come to Ambassador College when you've finished high school," I said.

"Oh, we're older than we look!" came the quick answer. "We've already graduated from high school."

"Well, how does it happen you're not in Ambassador College, then?" I asked.

"Well, we supposed we couldn't afford it," they replied.

"Well, look!" I said. "This is Friday morning. Can you boys find a part-time job before tonight?" I explained that college was in session only three days a week.

"Yes, Sir, we can," came the immediate and decisive answer.

"Well, you go find that job, and report to Ambassador College Monday morning," I said.

They left. And they did find jobs.

Today Mr. Raymond F. McNair is Vice-Chancellor of Ambassador College in England, and an ordained Minister in charge of all the ministry of God's Work in Britain. And Mr. Marion McNair is back in college, after having graduated in 1953, doing graduate work toward higher degrees.

Our biggest troubles in getting the college established were yet ahead of us. They were now mounting to their grand climax. I will have to reserve for the October number the really exciting story of how that greatest crisis of all was met.

Archaeology PROVES Bible TRUE!

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expeditions cut into many of the most impressive ones. Hoards of private and public documents were discovered—most of them lying to this day untranslated in the basements of European museums. A few, however, were translated. A multitude of undreamed-of facts was disclosed for the first time. Many clay tablets and inscriptions—positively dated *before* Moses' time—revealed a very advanced culture, with students doing math problems in cube root and learning very advanced, complicated grammars—in addition to confirming many Old Testament accounts. For decades this archaeological confirmation of the Old Testament has progressed remarkably. Earlier claims of German rationalists and higher critics were exploded with every new excavation in Palestine and the Middle East. There again confronting the theologians was the frightening spectre of the AUTHORITY of Scripture—which they thought they had banished from the classrooms a century ago.

Biblical archaeology became such a fad—and evidence confirming the Bible piled up so rapidly—that critics were soon forced to adopt a new approach in their attack on the Bible. Here, helping dig up Ashdod, a famous old Philistine city (I Sam. 5), I am witnessing this modern approach to Bible criticism.

Today men can no longer get away with rejecting the Bible outright. But they still refuse to accept the Bible as the basis from which to begin their studies. Instead, they *interpret* the Bible by facts that they have to arrange to fit their concept of what the Bible should say. While they *pretend* they are searching for evidence to *support* the Bible, they are in reality hoping to find evidence that can be *interpreted* to say the Bible is inaccurate—which would in turn be interpreted to mean the Bible is not a divinely inspired book. Then they can say God's laws are just a part of a book of fables and need not be obeyed.

Today a framework of isolated and often unrelated facts unearthed by archaeology is built into an elaborate

house of cards. Then the Bible is *judged* by this fictitious interpretation of history. When a difference appears, it is the Bible which is judged to be wrong! Yet the Bible is the ONLY authentic, ancient, and well-organized framework in which to fit *all* the facts. No secular source contains such a vast array of historical fact from which to interpret the myriads of tiny unrelated details of archaeology.

How Facts of Archaeology Are Rejected

What men dig up are facts. Facts are fine. But it is the THEORY of how facts are to be understood that is in error. They go to the Philistines to understand the Bible, not to the Bible to understand the remains left by the Philistines.

I am finding that out here first-hand!

What really is the purpose of excavation in Biblical sites today? Is it to find the truth? To confirm and to illuminate the Bible?

"The answer is not so straightforward as it might seem," replies Franken in his book *A Primer of Old Testament Archaeology*, page 141. On page 142 he writes, "A further trend has been to concentrate on the pre-history of Palestine rather than Old Testament times . . . because it saves the archaeologist the laborious problems of trying to fit archaeology and Biblical evidence together without either losing professional integrity or giving offense to colleagues."

Notice he admits that more and more archaeologists are shying away from excavating anything that might tend to confirm the Bible. Why? Because excavation only results in further confirming the already-established unimpeachability of the Bible. They would rather work with non-Biblical matter so the Bible will not continuously prove them in error.

To justify their preconceived dislike of anything "Biblical," archaeologists have had to discard or gloss over literally thousands of ancient texts and clay tablets—explain away or deny

the plain evidence before them—actually falsify the original on-the-spot accounts of the digging.

Rejected records include not only carefully preserved annals, but eyewitness accounts of every major Biblical event, including the building of the Tower of Babel and the Exodus!

Eyewitness Account of Building of Babel

The most complete secular record of the building of the Tower at Babel is found in the Akkadian creation epic. This account, like most from ancient pagan sources, is encrusted with myth. But that does not nullify the basic historical evidence contained in the epic. Following are extracts, freely translated, from *Ancient Near Eastern Texts*, by James B. Pritchard, pages 68-69:

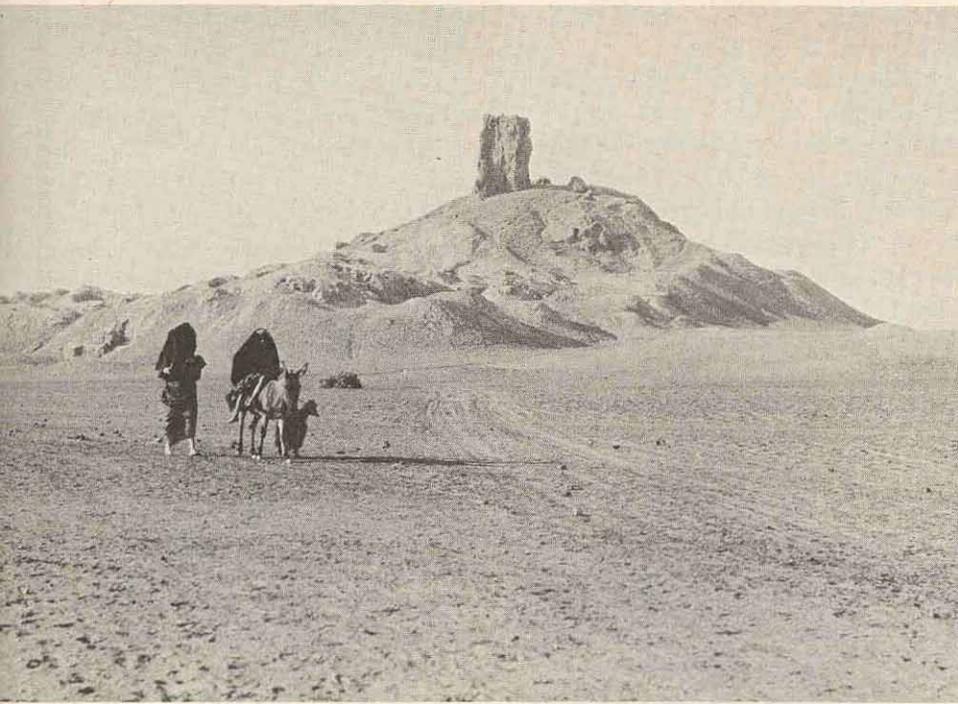
"Now, O Lord, thou who hast caused our deliverance, what shall be our homage to thee? Let us build a shrine. . . . Brightly glowed his features, like the day: 'Like that of lofty Babylon, whose building you have requested. Let its brickwork be fashioned. You shall name it "The Sanctuary."' For one whole year they molded the bricks. When the second year arrived, they raised high the shrine equaling a great height. Having built a stage-tower a great height, they set up in it an abode for Marduk, Enlil, and Ea [pagan gods of the Babylonians]. This is Babylon, the place that is your home. . . ."

The account in Genesis describes exactly what is given here—due to the early deception and subsequent wor-

A typical house in the village of Ashdod. This man's house consists of a courtyard surrounded by several large rooms. These people, descendants of Ishmael, received a share in the blessing promised to Abraham (Gen. 21: 13, 18).

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Birs Nimrud, said by ancient Arabic tradition to be the Tower of Babel—mute testimony to man's rebellion against his Creator.

ship of pagan gods—the building of a Tower, or religious edifice, and of a city. But as soon as this account was translated, the literary critics seized the opportunity. The Babylonian accounts of creation, the Flood, and the Tower of Babel were interpreted as the originals from which the Genesis account was taken. Then they claimed Moses patterned the law after the set of laws King Hammurabi enacted.

No one questioned whether Hammurabi lived *before* or *after* Moses. Or whether Genesis was written before, rather than after, the idolatrous Mesopotamian accounts of creation, the Flood, and the Tower of Babel. A long list of Mesopotamian kings—placed one after another in time order by archaeologists—supposedly proved these Babylonian accounts were as old as claimed. Then came an astounding discovery. Business documents, public monuments, and literary classics were translated, giving proof that certain kings who were supposedly hundreds of years apart were in actuality living at the same time, ruling neighboring city-states, and carrying on trade and diplomatic relations with one another. What were the historians to do? They were trapped by their own misinterpretations!

Wrote Leon Legrain in 1922: "The

problem of parallel dynasties is one of the most troublesome for Babylonian chronologists" (Publication of Babylonian Section of University of Pennsylvania, XIII, 17). Weidner of Austria forced the historical world to recognize the problem despite themselves. His famous articles, pointing out that several successive dynasties were in fact contemporary, appeared in 1923 in *Archiv fuer Kielschriftforschung* (I, 95), and in 1926 in *Archiv fuer Orientforschung* (III, 198).

Saul and David in Archaeology

But the strongest evidence against the modern interpretation of archaeology was discovered by the French at Mari on the Euphrates River. There it was discovered that during the lifetime of Hammurabi—who was mistakenly dated by historians in the time of Abraham—the *Benjamites* were in control of Palestine and men like *David* were famous! (See Werner Keller's *The Bible as History*, pages 49-52).

From the tablets found at Mari, we read these clear words: "The year in which Iahdulim went to Hen and laid hands upon the territory of the Benjamites," and "The year that Zimrilim killed the Davidum of the Benjamites."

Of course! Under King Saul, a Benjamite, the tribe of Benjamin was dominant. Gentile nations regarded all Palestine as the land of the Benjamites. And David was the greatest of all the generals of the Benjamites (I Samuel 18:7; 21:11). David's fame spread so far and wide that the Gentiles called all the generals of Israel Davidum, or "Davids"—men like David—just as the world's "great" Roman *Caesars* gave their name to the Kaisers of Germany and the *Czars* of Russia.

How were the historians and archaeologists to interpret these astounding discoveries? Were they to date Hammurabi properly to the time of Saul and David? Not at all! Rather, they cleverly assumed that Benjamites were in Palestine long before Benjamin was born—that the name of David was famous for nearly a thousand years before David was born! They hoped thereby to keep their interpretations of the king lists and reject the Bible. Human reasoning was used to escape the AUTHORITY vested in the *laws* of the Bible!

Scholars even claimed Abraham and his ancestors were merely legends.

It is time such nonsense were banished from archaeology and education. It is time that the *truth* is made *plain*.

The Ancestors of Abraham!

During the years 1934 to 1939 excavations were methodically conducted at ancient Mari (on the southwestern bank of the Euphrates River near the border of present-day Iraq). *What do you suppose they found?*

Ancient towns and cities in Mesopotamia were *named after every one* of the patriarchs—ancestors of Abraham—who lived this side of the Flood!

Recently unearthed records of 3,000 years ago speak of the "city of Nahor" (named after the Old Testament patriarch Nahor) mentioned in Genesis 24:10. It was located near the city of Haran which still exists to this very day! Who said those men are legends?

"Beside the definite location of the patriarchal cities of HARAN and NAHOR in northwestern Mesopotamia, hardly less clear indications of Hebrew residence in this region appear in the names of Abraham's forefathers, which correspond to the names of *towns near*

Haran: SERUG (Assyrian *Sarugi*), Terah (*Til Turakhi*, 'Mound of Terah,' in Assyrian times) . . . REU also corresponds to later names of towns in the Middle Euphrates valley. PELEG, for example, recalls later Paliga on the Euphrates just above the mouth of the Habur" (from Unger's *Archéology and the Old Testament*).

Let the scoffers laugh at these records. Let them call the Bible a book of legends. Their time of *reckoning* is around the corner and fast approaching! The Bible does *not* lie.

The Million Men That Disappeared

The skeptics have laughed at the Biblical account of the one-million-man army that perished to the last man (II Chron. 14:8-15). Did real miracles ever actually occur? Has God ever delivered a nation who relied only on Him instead of on their own military strength and scientific armaments?

"And Asa had an army that bare targets and spears, out of Judah three hundred thousand; and out of Benjamin . . . two hundred and fourscore thousand. . . . And there came out against them Zerah the Ethiopian with an host of a thousand thousand [one million troops], and three hundred chariots; and came unto Mareshah. Then Asa went out against him And Asa cried unto the Lord his God, and said, 'Lord, it is nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power: help us, O Lord our God; for we rest on thee, and in thy name we go against this multitude. O Lord, THOU ART OUR GOD; let not man prevail against thee.'

"So the Lord smote the Ethiopians before Asa, and before Judah; and the Ethiopians fled. And Asa and the people that were with him pursued them unto Gerar: and the Ethiopians were overthrown, that they could not recover themselves; for they were destroyed before the Lord, and before his host; and they [Judah] carried away very much spoil."

Did this really occur?

One would hardly expect to discover the full truth of such a catastrophic defeat engraved on the monuments of the defeated. Perchance the defeat is glossed over and made to appear a vic-

tory. What do the monuments of Egypt silently utter of this battle?

In Egypt Amenhotpe II was reigning. His authority extended south beyond Napata in Ethiopia (*Ancient Records*, by Breasted, vol. II, sect. 797). At the beginning of his seventh year the king set out on a grand expedition into Palestine. The Memphis Stela reads: "Year 7, 1st month of the third season, day 25 . . . His majesty proceeded to Retenu (Palestine) . . . His majesty reached Shamash-Edom." On the Karnak Stela the next move is also dated: "1st month of the third season, day 26. His majesty's crossing the ford of the Yerset on this day."

Egyptologists, without any authority, alter the text at this point. They substitute "Orontes" for "Yerset" because they think the king had already reached Syria! But he had advanced only one day's march from Edom. He could not possibly have reached the Orontes in North Syria. The text is absolutely correct. One day's march from Shamash-Edom northward would have brought the army to the valley of Zephath, which extends from near Hebron to Azotus (Ashdod, which we are now excavating) on the coast.

This is the very geographic area in which the Bible places Zerah. In the valley are located the sites of ancient Mareshah and Moresheth-gath (Micah 1:14). The word Moresheth is the Hebrew equivalent of Amenhotpe's "ford," or "waters of the Yerset." The "Mo-" of Moresheth signifies "waters" and "-resheth" is derived from the Hebrew root "Yereshah" (see Young's Concordance), of which the Egyptian "Yerset" is the equivalent.

Think what this means. At the time and the place the Bible records Zerah in the Zephath valley, the Egyptian records reveal Amenhotpe II was crossing the same valley's stream, the Yerset. Amenhotpe II is Zerah. Herodotus designates him "king of Ethiopia" in his *Persian Wars*, book III, 21ff.

But what of the annihilation of the king's army? Let the Memphis Stela relate what befell the Ethiopians: "His majesty crossed the Yerset on dangerous waters"—or, as Drioton translated it: "waters shaking with fury."

"Then he turned about to watch his

rear, and he saw a few Asiatics. . . ." Now carefully observe the next line: "Not a single one was with his majesty, except for himself with his valiant arm . . . He returned thence" to Egypt.

Why were the waters of the valley shaking with fury? God was intervening! The king "turned about to watch his rear" because he was *terrified* at the presence of God. Before the battle was over he was left fleeing alone. His entire army was wiped out to the last man!

To facilitate his escape, he later pounced upon an unsuspecting Asiatic, killed him, took his horses, chariot and possessions, then hurried to Egypt two weeks later in pretended triumph! His claimed booty is found on the Karnak Stela: "List of that which his majesty captured on this day: his horses, 2; chariots, 1; a coat of mail; 2 bows; a quiver full of arrows; a corselet." (Consult Pritchard's *Ancient Near Eastern Texts*, page 245, and footnotes 8 and 9; also Breasted's translation of the Karnak Stela, section 784.)

A striking confirmation of the Biblical record! Amenhotpe II was utterly vanquished by the supernatural intervention of the Almighty. A million troops vanished in the holocaust. Not one remained alive to accompany the king back to Egypt. The Bible is true!

Yes, the Bible Is Supernatural!

You need to know—and *know that you know*—that the Bible is of God. This world *does not know!* This world has been willingly deceived by religious and secular leaders—themselves willingly deceived (Rom. 1:21-22)—posing as men of highest education. They are scoffers who teach that the Bible is the work of men—that the Flood and other miracles didn't really happen (II Pet. 3:3-5)—that at best the Bible is only *partly* true, mixed with error and therefore unreliable. You need to know that it is this false education which has brought the authority of the Bible into question and promulgated the doubt that grips the world today.

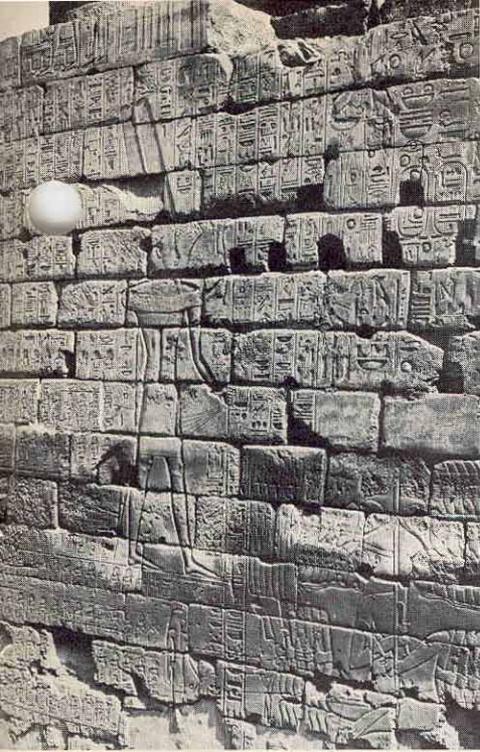
It's time you knew that God's Word cannot be broken (John 10:35)—that God's laws stand fast forever and ever (I Pet. 1:23, 25). It's time this world stood aghast at the awesome AUTHORITY of *every* word of God (Mat. 4:4).

Can History Be Correctly Understood?



Dr. Herman L. Hoeh, Dean of the faculty at Ambassador College, is studying at the Hebrew Union College this summer—analyzing the archaeological remains at Ashdod.

Why are archaeologists and historians *baffled* by each new discovery they make? Why is there a **SEEMING CONTRADICTION** between the historical portions of the Bible and the facts recorded in history? Read the surprising answers in Dr. Hoeh's article on page 7, "Archaeology Proves The Bible Is True."

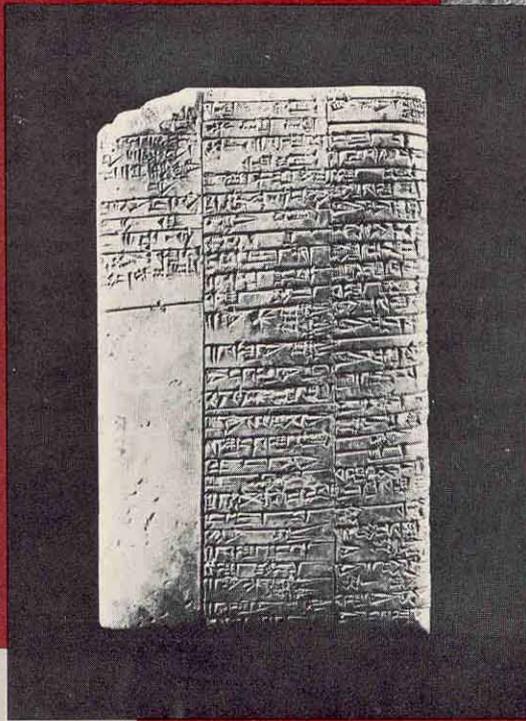
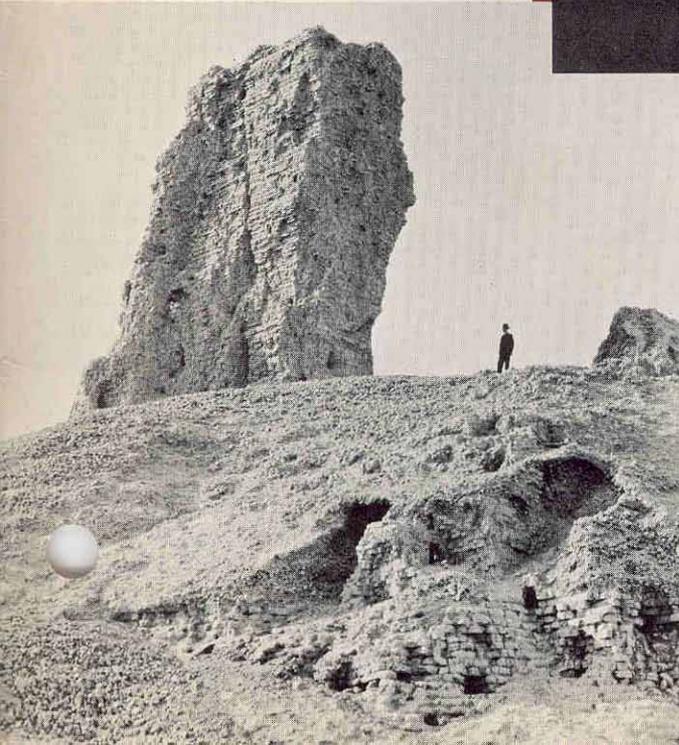


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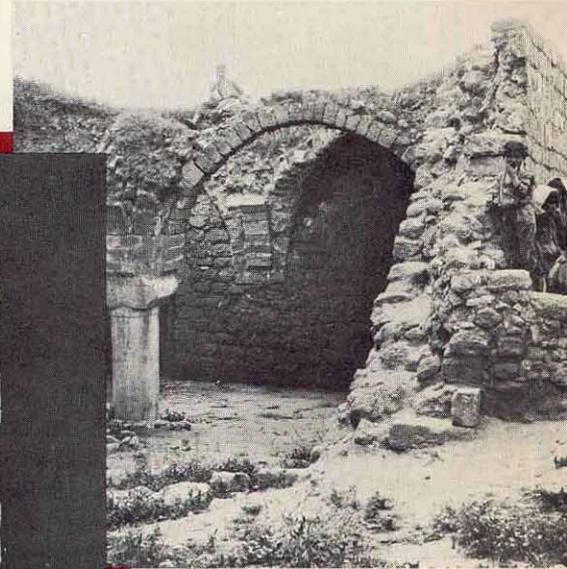
This hieroglyphic writing on the wall of the temple of Ramses III in Egypt commemorates Shishak's victory over Rehoboam. The **FACTS** related on this wall—and the chronology—agree **PERFECTLY** with the Biblical account.

Birs Nimrud, the supposed Tower of Babel. All history since the Flood can accurately be calculated and pinpointed back to the occurrences at the Tower of Babel. But historians and archaeologists have **REJECTED THE FACTS!**

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Ruins of an earlier Ashdod, a stronghold of the Philistines. Every new archaeological discovery should—and **does**—uphold the veracity of Biblical history. Because the history of the Bible has been rejected, men have been **unable** to successfully reconstruct world history.

Sumerian clay tablet discovered during excavations in Iraq. Many such tablets contain **VITAL KEYS** which help to unlock secrets of history.

A well preserved mummy found by Egyptian archaeologists at Luxor, Egypt. Can each new discovery be placed properly in history?

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