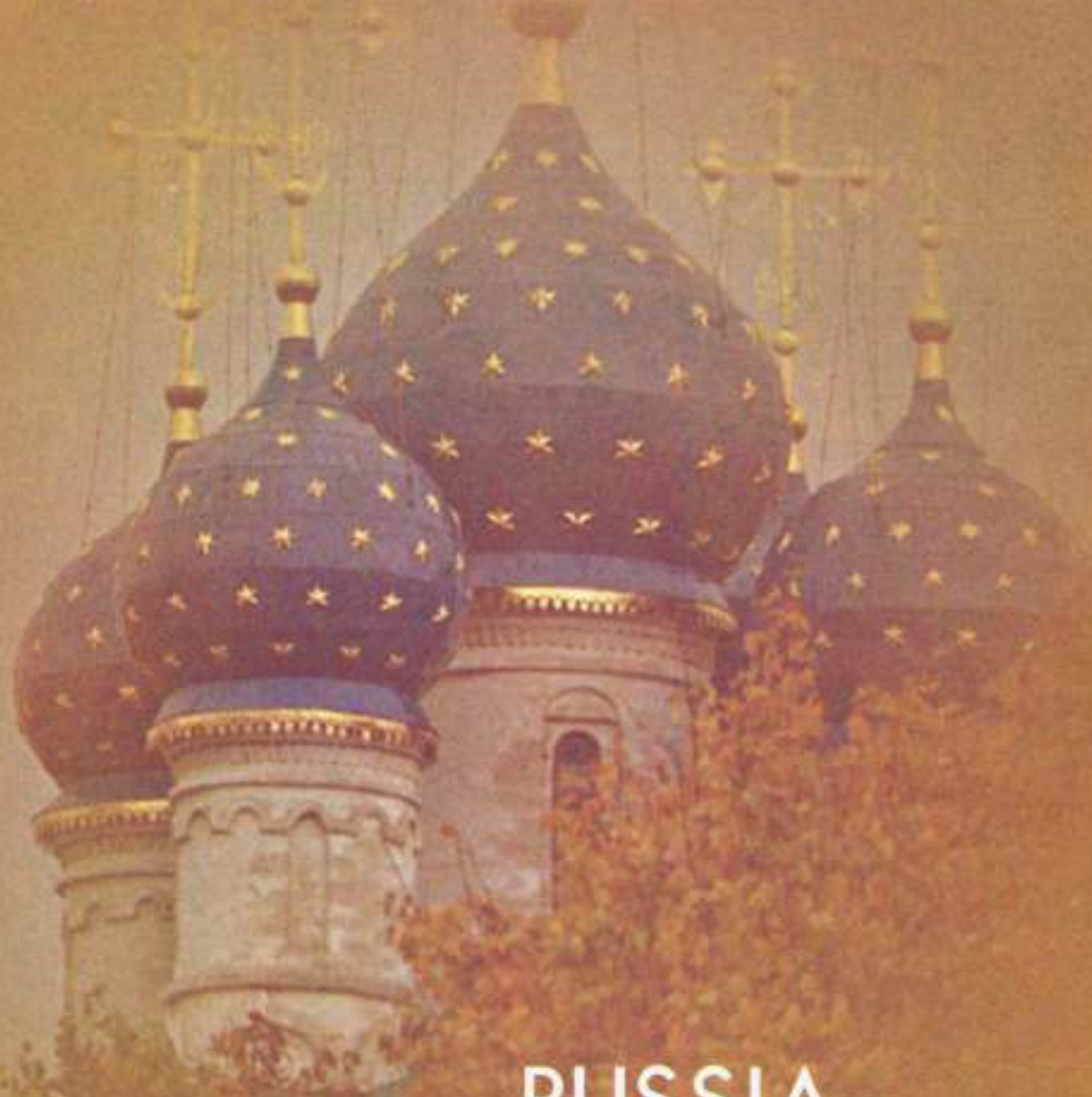


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RUSSIA—
An Old Dream Being Fulfilled

What Our Readers Say

Animal Brain vs. Human Mind

With the greatest of interest I am following your series, "The vast difference between animal brain and the human mind," of which I have already read two parts, in the January and February editions of *The PLAIN TRUTH*. In my opinion the theme is of outstanding importance, and would be very valuable in form of a booklet. I have been waiting for articles like these for some time. Please keep on sending me your magazines. The contents of them could not possibly be valued in money.

Hans B.,
West Germany

With respect to your article on Animal Brain and Human Mind I am not at all worried or interested in Human Mind or Animal Brain. I am satisfied if God Almighty is satisfied with His creation. Why should we bother our brain about the differences? We can't alter them. All I know is that mankind has made an utter mess of the brains that God gave him whereby he could live peacefully on this Earth. We humans are a perfect insult to our Creator today, compared to the animals.

S. W. H.,
Chesham, Buckinghamshire, England

The Silent Epidemic

The article in *The PLAIN TRUTH* of January 1972 "The Silent Epidemic" by Donald D. Schroeder was an excellent one and we informed our people through our monthly bulletin to order that issue and read it. Mr. Armstrong, you will do a great favor to our nation if you will publish this very important article in a booklet as you did for hippies and drugs, so this will reach all families of our nation and save millions of ignorant parents and children. I gave that issue to some parents and teens and they read the article and were deeply shocked by the truth. . . . So please publish it in a booklet and let it reach all American families and all families throughout the world.

P. A. F.,
Pastor, Greek Orthodox Church,
Wichita, Kansas

• We have made this article into a reprint and will be happy to send a free copy to anyone desiring it. Just ask for the reprint article on "The Silent Epidemic."

So You're a Housewife

Your article "So You're A Housewife" by Paul W. Kroll is truly a lifesaver to my personal fulfillment and also

the happiness of our home. *The PLAIN TRUTH* is helping me to fill the unanswered gaps in my life. No words could ever express what it has done for me.

Mrs. R.,
College Park, Georgia

I look forward eagerly to *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine. Many times I have found the answers to my problems and concerns in your magazine. Your articles are so relevant to today's needs. This month, I particularly enjoyed "So You're A Housewife" since I recently retired to stay home with my teen-agers. I admit it's been a frustrating life wondering whether to work or not to work. We will probably have less, but will enjoy it more.

Mrs. John P.,
Charlotte, North Carolina

Welcome Back Garner Ted!

How wonderful to hear Garner Ted again! I cannot clearly express my thoughts, but I know there is a greater humility and love in his messages.

Z. B.,
Waterford, California

I try not to miss a single broadcast since I started listening twelve days ago. No other so-called Biblical programme outclasses *The World Tomorrow* broadcast in any way.

Mr. Daniel F.,
Bontcheuvel, Cape Town

Try It, You'll Like It!

The more I give you the more I get — that's economics!

P. P. S.,
Lancaster University, England

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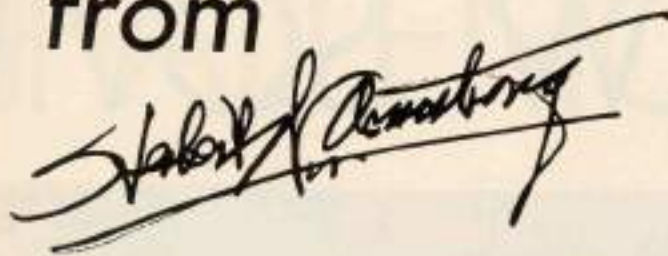
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Personal from



He Can Who Thinks He Can

THE OTHER DAY my personal assistant and Managing Editor of *The PLAIN TRUTH*, Arthur A. Ferdig, handed me a copy of a book that had exerted influence on my life as a young man many years ago — probably about 1910.

It was one of those "inspiration books" designed to inspire young men with ambition, desire to succeed, and confidence. This particular book was titled *He Can Who Thinks He Can*. It was one of many such inspirational or "success" books authored by Orison Swett Marden.

It had occurred to me, about eight or ten years ago, that we ought to have that book in the Ambassador College library. As I remember, our library staff found that the book was out of print, and they searched the second-hand book stores until they found a copy.

Seeing a copy of it brought back memories. It seems that either there is no demand for such books today, or there are no authors with the inspiration and ability to write them. I am sure that this particular book contributed its portion of ambition, inspiration, confidence. Yet, reviewing it now, after more than 60 years, brings the realization that in all those years I have learned a few things I didn't know then.

The book has no preface — no introduction. It begins with Chapter 1: "I promised my God I would do it." In September, 1862, when Lincoln issued the preliminary emancipation proclamation, the sublime act of the nineteenth century, he made this entry in his diary — "I promised my God I would do it." Does any one doubt that such a mighty resolution added power to this marvelous man; or that it nerved him to accomplish what he had undertaken?

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ABOUT OUR COVER

Through autumn leaves rise the cupolas of the Cathedral of the Assumption at Zagorsk, north of Moscow. Zagorsk was the religious center of czarist Russia. Though atheism dominates today's Soviet thinking, present-day Soviet leadership is actively pursuing an age-old goal of the Russian czars — world preeminence. The U.S.S.R. has already achieved, as its first goal, a rough balance in strategic weapons with the United States and is moving on to counter American world influence in other fields. Behind Mr. Nixon's Peking and Moscow summits lies this growing challenge from the Kremlin.

America Confronts

THE NEW SOVIET



CHALLENGE

Now revealed — the U. S. master plan for the seventies. And the Soviet counter effort to knock out the U. S. as the world's leading power.

by Gene H. Hogberg

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THE CRITICAL year 1972 may well go down in history as the Year of the Summit.

In a period of less than four months, Richard M. Nixon scaled the lofty peaks of Peking and Moscow in pursuit of his much-desired "generation of peace."

A New Relationship

"Mount Moscow," it is now clear, was the ultimate objective, after all. The President's earlier, and largely symbolic, "side trip" to the People's Republic of China — Russia's Communist archrival in the world — served primarily to unlatch the imposing gate of the Kremlin. And the ultra-cautious Soviet leadership, suspicious of a Washington-Peking understanding, considered Mr. Nixon's trip so vital to its own national interest that it kept the door open despite stepped-up U. S. military action in North Vietnam.

When Mr. Nixon returned from his Moscow trip with a bundle of treaties and agreements, he proclaimed a "new relationship between the two most powerful nations in the world."

The most important area of agreement, of course, covers the mutual limitation of strategic weapons. As a

result of the arms treaties, an apparent rough balance has been achieved between the two superpowers. Balancing the Soviet Union's numerical superiority in missiles (see box) is a greater number of U. S. warheads coupled with a present American lead in nuclear weapons technology. Mr. Nixon's chief foreign policy choreographer, Henry Kissinger, told American newsmen in the President's Moscow entourage that "no agreement [on nuclear weapons] that brings disadvantage to either side can possibly last."

Why the Trip Was Necessary

Behind the President's intense "working summit," as he called it, was a sober realization. Unless something was done quickly and decisively, the United States could fall almost irretrievably behind the Soviet Union in raw military power.

The Soviet Union, unrecognized in full by most Americans, had been adding to its offensive nuclear arsenal at a prodigious rate. The Soviets, according to a recent count, had been constructing about 250 land-based intercontinental ballistic missiles a year, along with submarine projectiles at a

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STRUGGLE ON HOME FRONT TO CATCH UP WITH U. S.

The Soviet Union, so its leaders believe, has now achieved equality with the United States as a military superpower. As these pictures and those on subsequent pages reveal, much effort still needs to be expended before the U.S.S.R. can catch up with the U. S. in other factors of national power, notably in the fields of agriculture and industry.

That the Soviets are making progress in these fields, is borne out by a fact that should surprise many Americans: In 1971, the Soviet steel industry outproduced that of the United States — something no other country has ever done, and something Soviet economic planners have dreamed of accomplishing for decades.



ONE WAY TO BEAT THE SYSTEM. This ingenious gentleman is assembling his own car in the backyard of an old house. He would otherwise have to wait more than 4 years for a new car (left).

Women have not yet been liberated from hard manual work in the Soviet Union. The tremendously heavy losses of manpower during the Second World War is the principal reason for scenes like this (right).

The farmers on the Kolkhozes (Soviet collective farms) are permitted to cultivate a small piece of land for their own use — and keep a cow if they wish. Soviet society is dependent upon the produce from these small private plots for about one third of the nation's entire food output (below).





FIRST GRADERS in the U.S.S.R. start their first day of school (left). They're eager to learn as are youths everywhere. However, there are few books waiting for them — and there is even a shortage of pencils.

Soviet farming (right) faces chronic shortages as well. In an attempt to greatly improve livestock, the Soviets have arranged for huge purchases of surplus U. S. feed grains.



rate of 128 a year. The most disturbing trend of all, to American strategists, was the fairly rapid replacement of older Russian missiles with the huge SS-9's, with their walloping 25-megaton payload capability — far heavier than the U.S. Minuteman ICBM. There have even been reports of newer and bigger missiles of an awesome 50-megaton capacity.

Meanwhile, for five years, the United States had added nothing to its land-based offensive missile force, except some technological improvements. Only the mobile submarine task force, equipped with "Polaris" missiles, and now the newer "Poseidon" missiles, had been steadily improved. This development was coupled with the beginning of a limited antiballistic missile (ABM) system.

The massive Russian buildup led U.S. Vice Admiral Hyman Rickover to state that "there has not been an arms race — the Soviets have been running at full speed all by themselves." Ominously, Rickover added before a New York audience: "The blunt situation facing us is that Soviet Russia is doing all the things a nation would do if it wanted to be the number one military power with clear, unequivocal superiority."

Obviously something had to be done — but what? Mr. Nixon revealed in his speech before the combined houses of Congress on June 1, immediately after his Moscow trip, that he had "studied the strategic balance in great detail" with his senior advisers for "more than three years." The Chief Executive further added why getting the Soviets to agree to a slowdown in the nuclear missile race was so important:

"From the standpoint of the United States, when we consider what the strategic balance would have looked like, later in the 70's if there had been no arms limitation, it is clear that the agreements forestall a major spiraling of the arms race — one which would have worked to our disadvantage."

Shocking Panel Report

As early as 1969, President Nixon had appointed a 16-man panel of leading *private* citizens — to avoid any entrenched Pentagon influence — to assess America's security position. Their lengthy report, issued March, 1971, warned that "the convergence of a number of trends indicates significant military balance against the United States and in favor of the Soviet Union. . . . If these observable trends continue, the U.S. will become a second-rate power incapable of assuring the future security and freedom of its people."

Perhaps most significant of the committee's observations was this: "Neither the facts concerning these trends nor the ultimate danger is generally understood by the public, which for the most part remains uninformed and hence apathetic."

The more the President and his chief foreign affairs adviser, Henry Kissinger, studied the national security issue, the more the only choice confronting them became obvious. It was to tie down the Soviet government to an arms limitation agreement, and in addition to this primary point, to attempt to bind the Soviets in so many directions to the U.S. — increased trade, joint space ventures, combined scientific, health and ecological research, among others — that Moscow would find it extremely difficult not to cooperate with the United States.

Given the bitter Vietnam experience, the American populace was clearly in no mood to accept a costly, rapid buildup in strategic weapons to meet the Soviet challenge head-on. Besides, the general public had been lulled into a false sense of security by the so-called mutual overkill syndrome and the belief that the nation's roving missile-equipped submarines were all that was necessary to deter a preemptive attack.

Mr. Nixon and his advisers, however, knew better. Through detailed intelligence, they realized that the po-

tential enemy was steadily gearing up to the position where it could, *if it wanted to* — assuming the very worst in the Soviet motivation — strike first with a massive nuclear blow. Then it could protect its key positions from a counterattack through a sophisticated antiballistic missile defense network — and still have enough firepower left to administer a final coup de grace against a virtually defenseless United States.

At the very least, the Soviets, were they to become the predominant military power, would be able to render the United States diplomatically impotent on the world scene. The respected Center for Strategic Studies in Washington, D.C. revealed in an intensive study that "achieving U.S. recognition of Soviet superiority would permit the U.S.S.R. to pursue a more aggressive foreign policy, to demand concessions from the United States on many issues long in contention, to inhibit U.S. resistance to communist inspired or exploited wars of liberation, to fracture Western alliances, to achieve more dominant control over the international communist movement and to attain greater support from the unaligned third world."

In such a superior position, the Soviets could have their own selfish way virtually anywhere in the world — without having to back down before a superior United States, as they did in the Cuban missile crisis a decade ago. (In fact, the Havana humiliation marked the moment when the Soviets finally determined to catch up with American military power. At that time, only ten years ago, the United States enjoyed a two to one missile superiority and an overwhelming naval ascendancy on the high seas.)

Since the American public was in no mood to buy an alarmist message in the early seventies, the President took what he felt was the only other alternative — to go directly to the Soviet Union and attempt to engineer a halt, or at least a slowdown, in the runaway Soviet missile buildup. It

was felt that the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks, begun 2½ years ago at the behest of Washington, would buy, meanwhile, precious time for the United States — time to exploit America's present technological lead over its formidable foe, while putting the brakes on newer and more powerful Soviet missile emplacements.

Struggle for World Supremacy

In his June 1 speech before Congress, televised nationwide, President Nixon assured the American people that, as a result of SALT, and continuing American vigilance, "no power on earth is stronger than the United States of America today. And none will be stronger than the United States of America in the future."

But the mood of America is definitely changing. The nation's desire to be "number one" and to be the flagbearer for freedom in a largely totalitarian world is vanishing. Twenty-seven years of cold war with a surly, patient competitor has left its mark on the mass American psyche. The growing appeal to turn the nation inward to solve its mounting domestic crises is the most dramatic manifestation of America's political temperature today. The increasing trend within the United States to "drop out" of the world does not change the unpleasant facts of life in today's war-threatened world.

It has never been the habit of Americans, so blessed with their fabulous national riches, to think very much about such concepts as "power politics" or "the balance of power." These are thought to be age-old "European" ideas, harkening back to the time of the czars, and Bismarck.

Whether the United States likes it or not, it is still in a life-or-death competition with the Soviet Union.

The Soviets are determined to achieve equality with the United States in education, industry, welfare and per capita wealth; in outer space, sea power and land power. They suffer from a severe inferiority complex.

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The Nuclear Score Sheet

THE MOST important area of agreement reached at the Moscow Summit involved the mutual limitation of strategic weapons. One treaty limits both the United States and the Soviet Union to 200 antiballistic missiles — 100 missiles at each of two sites. Each nation will be permitted to defend its national capital plus one of its land-based offensive missile-launching sites.

Along with the ABM accord, an accompanying "executive agreement" freezes further development of offensive ballistic missiles — both land-based and sea-based — for five years. This agreement, which guarantees a three to two missile ratio in favor of the Soviets, dismayed the President's more conservative critics. The U. S. missile arsenal is frozen at the level it reached five years ago — 1,054 land-based ICBMs plus 656 submarine-launched ballistic missiles — a total of 1,710 missiles. The Soviet Union will be allowed to complete missiles now under construction, giving the Russians ultimately a total of about 2,350 missiles (over 1,600 ICBMs plus around 740 SLBMs).

Offsetting the numerical Russian advantage, however, is the fact that the United States will continue to maintain more than twice as many deliverable nuclear warheads as the Russians — 5,700 to 2,500. Because of its early headstart in the development of the MIRV — "multiple independently targeted re-entry vehicle" (meaning several separately targeted warheads atop each missile) — the United States is believed to

possess a two- to five-year lead in nuclear weapon technology over the U.S.S.R.

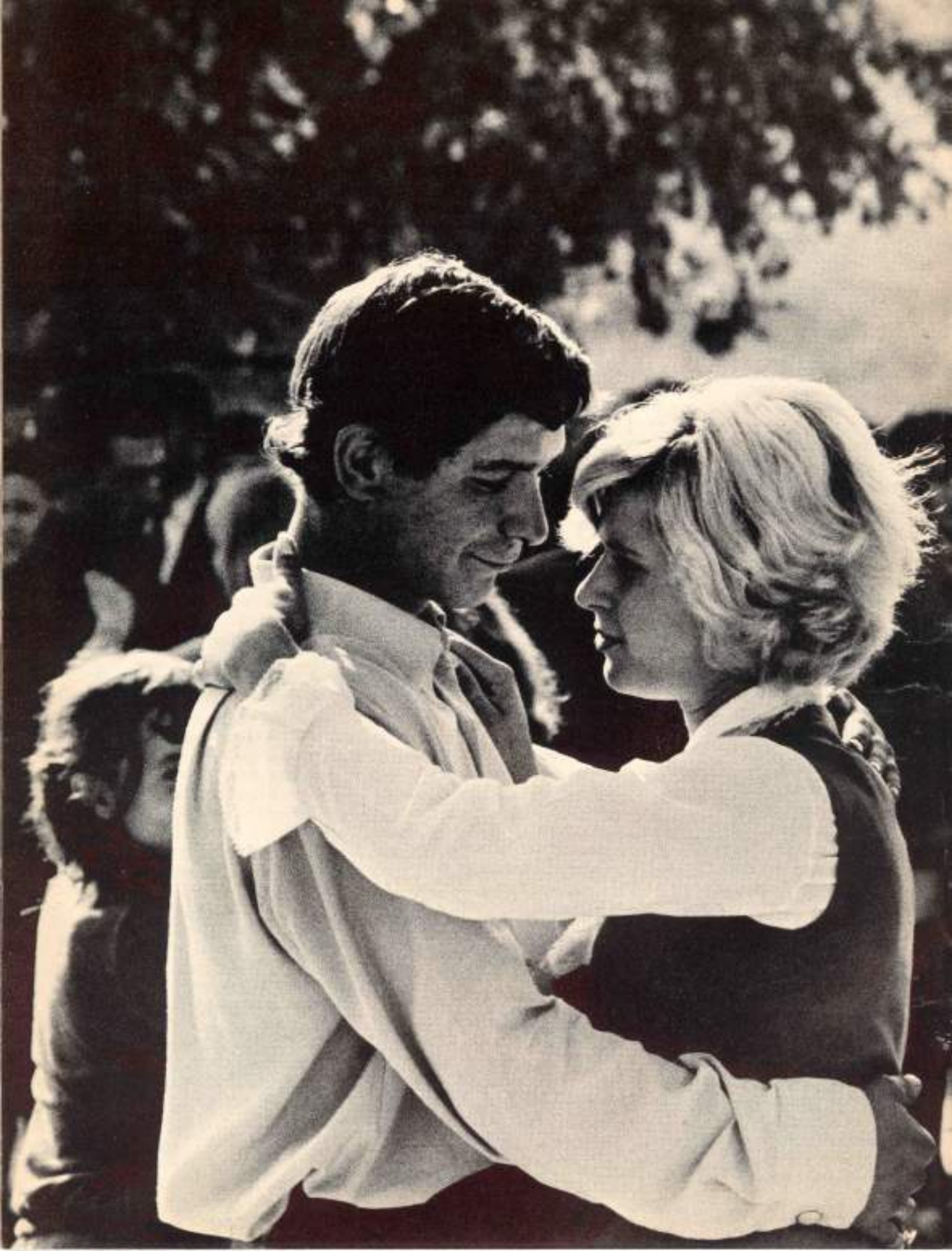
The position of U. S. strategic arms advisors is this: Since the United States presently enjoys a virtual monopoly on the highly sophisticated MIRV systems, it can afford, for the moment, to let the Soviets have more missile launchers and even more total megatonnage — and in sheer megatonnage, the U.S.S.R. presently has at least a 3 to 1 edge over the United States! Also, the United States outnumbers the Soviets in long-range strategic bombers, 530 to 140.

Thus the question of which superpower at the present time is in the lead in the arms race, or who "won" or who "lost" in the first round of the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks is rather academic.

The arms race has slowed down — or rather shifted course. *Qualitative* improvement of the strategic arms permitted on both sides is not covered by the arms agreements. Neither is the development of wholly new weapons systems — such as lasers.

The United States will attempt to maintain its lead in technology and weapons development — against growing internal pressure to cut back military expenditures, including those for research and development.

The Soviet Union, now officially recognized by the United States as its nuclear equal, will be pushing ahead rapidly to close the technology gap.





THE SOVIET WORKER'S lot has steadily improved. He now works a five-day, 41-hour week with an average vacation of one month. The average monthly factory wage is 127 rubles — about \$154 (right).



Love, Soviet style has its unique complications, the most serious one being the country's severe housing shortage. Young couples have to wait for at least 5 years for an apartment of their own. Many marriages break up for lack of privacy (left).

Leisure with a purpose. Probably no other government in the world spends as much money on the arts and culture. The emphasis is strictly on organized leisure — activities approved by the state rather than individualized pleasures so common to societies of the free world (below).



Aging Soviet leaders, most of them having had personal involvements in the early years of the Russian Revolution, are still very much imbued with the belief that Communism is the inevitable "wave of the future" — that it will ultimately triumph over "decadent capitalist powers" such as the United States.

Based on his face-to-face talks with the Soviet leaders, Mr. Nixon observed that "there still are deep philosophical differences" between the two superpowers. These differences are not likely ever to be bridged, given the closed, regulated society of the Soviet Union.

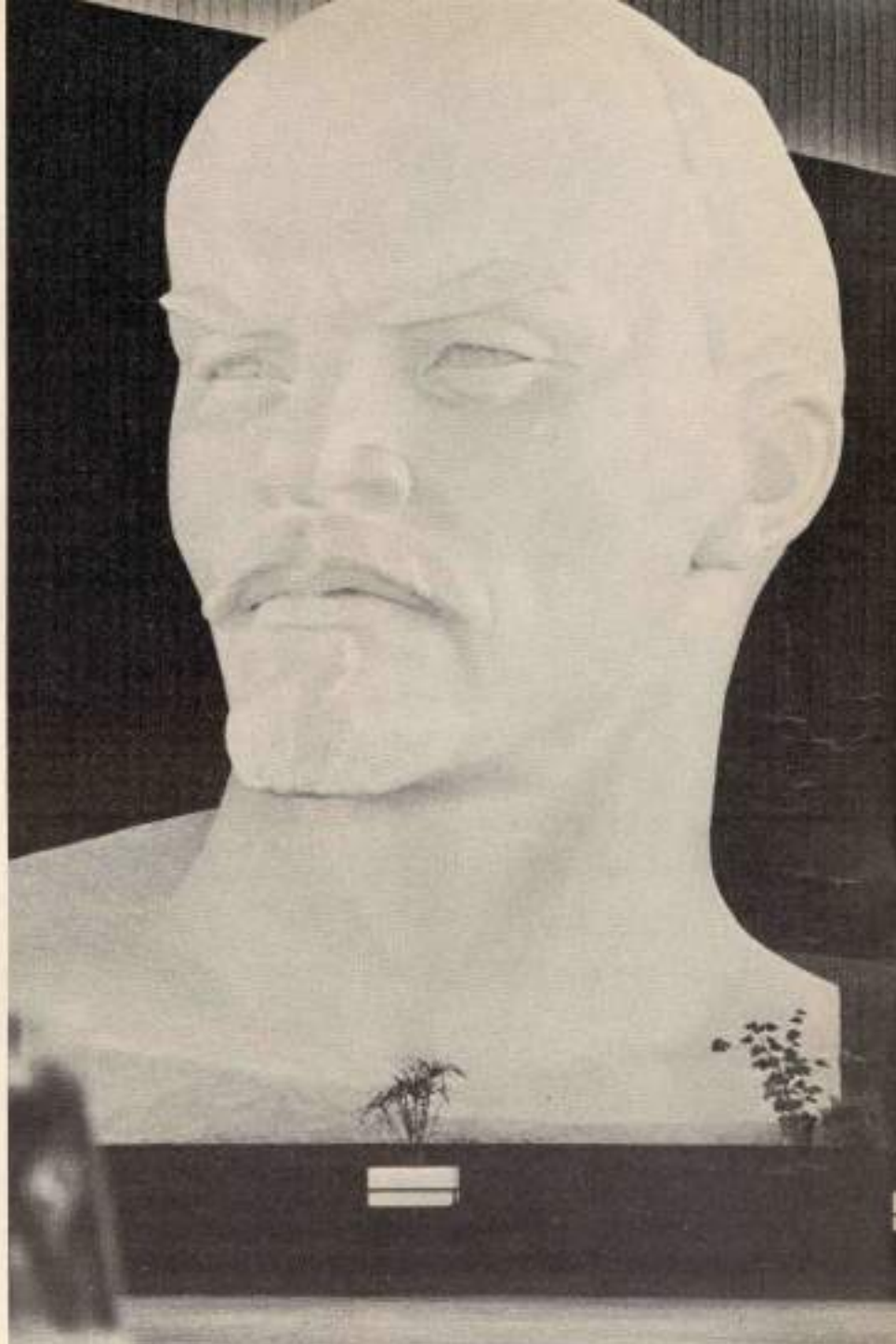
These facts represent the reality of today's complex international situation. And despite the desire on the part of many Americans that their nation should no longer be the "world's policeman," the fact is, in this harsh world of today, the unasked-for responsibility for world peace still rests upon weary U. S. shoulders.

The Technology Race

Whether the Soviets, contrary to their past history, remain faithful to the terms of the new arms limitation agreements is yet to be proved. But assuming they remain true to their word, the whole area of qualitative, technological improvement of nuclear forces on both sides takes center stage. Improved nuclear technology is in no way proscribed by the SALT Treaty and agreement.

The present leaders of the United States would not have signed the SALT pacts if they had not been confident that the U.S.A. could maintain its technological superiority over the Russians. But strangely, the technological race is where the United States could ultimately come out on the short end. America's present two-to-five-year technology lead over the USSR could vanish quickly.

The publication *Aviation Week and Space Technology* reports that the "Soviet Union is pushing to achieve a clear technological-military superiority over the U. S. by 1974-75."



Little wonder that famous nuclear physicist Dr. Edward Teller recently proclaimed that "today we are not in an arms race... we are in a technological race."

The Soviets will never be satisfied unless or until they catch up with the United States in "MIRVs" — multiple independently targeted re-entry vehicles. And MIRVs atop the already vastly more powerful Soviet missiles would mean a distinct military advantage for Moscow — unless U. S. scien-

tists break into entirely new fields of weapons development.

Compounding America's problem, however, is the growing backlash against technology in general in the United States. Whereas technology is greatly respected in the Soviet Union, both science and technology are being blamed for much of America's domestic ills, from pollution to the dehumanizing of life. Many American scientists fear a dramatic curtailment of both private and public funds for

FATHER OF THE REVOLUTION. An enormous sculpture of Lenin at the recent Exhibit of Socialistic Progress in Minsk. Many consumer products were on display. Yet, only a fraction of them will appear in Russian store windows.



research and development is in the near offing. Joseph C. Harsch of the *Christian Science Monitor* puts the whole technology issue in its proper perspective:

"Obviously, the weapons agreement would be a military disaster for the United States if the Russians used the next five years to go ahead in weaponry while the United States did nothing or little. But the United States will have the best of the bargain if five years from now it has kept

the advantage it has now by continuing to move ahead in quality."

The question is, will the U.S.A. determine to keep that advantage?

Temporary Peace

This age, which has experienced more than 50 major conflicts since the Second World War, is experiencing a temporary but highly illusory peace.

The "new relationship" between the Soviets and the Americans means that international relations will perhaps, for the next two to three years, shift out of the icy cold-war atmosphere into the avenues of more classic international diplomacy.

The focus of world affairs will consequently and steadily shift back to Europe from Asia, with the exception of the growing role played by Japan.

Immediately after the Moscow Summit, talk was revived of early hopes for convening the much-discussed "European Security Conference," a Soviet dream for nearly two decades to solidify their hold on Eastern Europe and expand their influence in the West. With the West German government's ratification of its nonaggression treaties with Poland and the Soviet Union, the new Four-Power Agreement on Berlin, and now the Moscow Summit agreements, the trend toward an East-West detente in Europe is definitely a diplomatic wave of the future.

Frustrated Europe

The Moscow Summit had a profound impact upon the nations in Western Europe. While dutifully applauding any moves toward a relaxation of tensions between Washington and Moscow, the most general true reaction among influential leaders of Western Europe toward the Summit was one of political frustration.

The political weakness of Western Europe was again pointedly displayed. Agents of the two superpowers negotiated over the heads of the Europeans in attempting to achieve what one observer called "a more stable and secure balance of terror."

The fact remains, said one source, "that Europe cannot determine its future for itself."

One of Europe's most prominent statesmen, Belgium's Paul-Henri Spaak, commented on the Nixon visit: "What is obvious is that Europe is more and more absent from the international scene. This means that its future might be determined one day without her having anything to say about it."

The Moscow Summit may well provide the impetus for Western Europe to make determined efforts to achieve unity and renew its strength in the economic, political and defense fields.

The Challenge of Our Age

As the world heads into a new time of uncertainty, it is certain that the United States, as it concludes the second century of its nationhood, will be meeting the most severe challenge ever to its world position.

The challenge will come from all fields, notably militarily and ideologically from the Soviet Union, and increasingly in the economic field from Western Europe and Japan.

Germany's "Iron Chancellor" Bismarck, a balance-of-power activist in his heyday of power a century ago, looked somewhat enviously at the wealth and growing power of the United States, and its "splendid isolation" from the turmoil of the European scene. In one rather cryptic observation, he proclaimed that "God looks over drunkards, infants — and the United States of America."

Despite this sarcasm, Bismarck wasn't far from the truth.

Long-time readers of this magazine have known that Americans truly *could*, if they only understood their national heritage, rely upon Almighty God for their national protection.

Our free book *The United States and British Commonwealth in Prophecy* explains how the United States acquired its fabulous wealth and power — and why this position is now threatened as never before. ■

WHY WERE YOU BORN?

Is there any PURPOSE for human life? Does life, after all, have real MEANING you have never realized? You need to know!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

SYNOPSIS OF PART I

LAST MONTH we compared the two possibilities of origins. Either humanity was created by an intelligent and Almighty Creator for a definite PURPOSE — or human life developed by the process of evolution.

We discovered that biologists and proponents of the doctrine of evolution fail to show any definite purpose for the presence of the human family on this planet. Neither do they tell us why man is *as he is* — possessing awesome intellectual powers, yet utterly helpless before the onslaught of world problems.

Nor, for that matter, have the world's religions so far given any satisfactory explanation.

We discovered that the book called the Holy Bible claims to be the revelation of basic, necessary knowledge for man. In the first two chapters of this book, we discovered that the Creator tells us clearly and emphatically that man is neither an animal nor an immortal soul and that man was created to be governed by mind, not instinct.

We discovered how the first human beings made the very first scientific experiment — they took to themselves the prerogatives of deciding what is GOOD, and what is EVIL.

In so doing, they rejected the God-centered way of God's spiritual Law, which would have led to a world of peace, prosperity and happiness. They rejected the vital missing dimension in human knowledge.

PART II

THERE IS much vital, basic and important knowledge BEYOND THE POWERS OF MAN TO DISCOVER! Such important knowledge as what man IS, WHY man IS — WHY he was put on earth and for what PURPOSE.

And if there is PURPOSE, what is that purpose? And HOW may we attain it?

What is THE WAY TO PEACE? All nations seek and strive for peace — yet none find it — they have war!

What are the TRUE VALUES in life? This world pursues the FALSE!

Those are the most basic and important things man needs to KNOW. Yet he may search for the answers in vain. He CAN KNOW them ONLY through revelation.

Such questions as: How the earth came; when it came — how old it is; how old is human life upon it — the mystery of origins — absorb the time, thought, research and thinking of scientists, philosophers, historians — yet

they can come up only with *guesses, theories, hypotheses* — but NO PROOF — the definite knowledge they could know ONLY by revelation.

In taking to themselves the forbidden fruit, the first humans *took to themselves* the determination of what is GOOD and what is EVIL. I repeat — in so doing, they rejected the fact that God's living, inexorable spiritual Law IS THE WAY OF GOOD — the CAUSE of all GOOD — and its transgression THE WAY OF EVIL — the CAUSE of all evil. Since they and humanity in general after them have taken to *themselves* the determination of what is GOOD, they of necessity have followed THE WAY contrary to God's Law. They have followed the way that has produced all the vast mountain of EVILS that has descended on this *sick, sick* world!

They made themselves competitors of the living GOD. That is why it is written in Romans 8:7: "The carnal mind is enmity [hostile] against God: for it is not subject to THE LAW OF GOD, neither indeed can be."

What IS the Missing Dimension?

So what, then, is the missing dimension in all knowledge? *It is revelation from GOD!*

For even though rejected by the first humans — even though rejected

by mankind in general — God did bequeath to mankind His *revelation of basic knowledge*. We have it IN WRITING! The Holy Bible is that revelation. It contains history, instruction, revelation of basic knowledge, and prophecy.

It does NOT contain ALL knowledge. It contains that basic, foundational knowledge *otherwise inaccessible to man!*

What, then, is WRONG with knowledge production today? The most vital dimension is missing! I have said that error generally comes from *assuming* a false premise, taken carelessly for granted without proof, and building on that premise. And when the basic hypothesis or premise is false, the entire structure built upon it topples with it!

I have said that the tools of modern science are *observation, experimentation, and reason*. Are those tools wrong? NOT AT ALL! The error comes from *rejection* of revelation. For revelation is the true starting premise. When man substitutes his own false hypothesis, the most vital dimension in the knowledge production is missing!

God's Word — His Instruction Manual for mankind — is the FOUNDATION of ALL knowledge. It is NOT the sum total of knowledge. It is the foundation — the true premise — the starting point — the concept that directs the approach to the acquisition of further knowledge.

Man SHOULD Produce Knowledge

God INTENDED for man to *produce additional knowledge*. He gave us the basis — the foundation — the premise — the concept. But He also provided us with eyes with which to observe, with hands and feet to explore and measure, with means to produce laboratories, test tubes, and means of EXPERIMENTATION. He gave us awesome MINDS with which to THINK.

God intended man to use observation, experimentation, and human reason. He supplied us with the basis

— the foundation — *the start* in the right direction, with the right concept. But our first parents rejected the most vital dimension in all knowledge. And mankind has continued to reject the very FOUNDATION of all knowledge. Knowledge production has been operating with a foundation — based on false premises and erroneous hypotheses.

That is the reason human knowledge production has failed to solve humanity's problems, and to cure the world's ills.

Manufacturers of mechanical or electrical appliances send along an instruction manual with their product. The Bible is our Maker's Instruction Manual which He has sent along with the product of His making — humanity.

Six thousand years of human misery, unhappiness and evils ought to provide sufficient PROOF for those willing to see, that humanity, starting with our first parents, rejected the most vital dimension.

Compelled to Choose

Now remember, I said CREATION IS STILL GOING ON. Adam was freely offered eternal life. He was compelled to make a choice. Had he (and of course Eve) made the choice to BELIEVE God — accept knowledge from God, instead of taking to themselves the determination of the knowledge of what is good and what is evil — he and Eve could have taken of the tree of life.

That tree symbolically represented the Holy Spirit of God. Taking it would have impregnated within them GOD-life — SPIRIT-life. Then Adam's creation would have been completed within his lifetime. He would have been *changed* from mortal to immortal — from physical, material composition even as God is!

But the first humans rejected basic revelation of knowledge from God — just as humanity has done ever since. They rejected THE WAY God set in motion to CAUSE peace, prosperity, happiness and joy. They limited the

acquisition of knowledge to their HUMAN minds.

The CAUSE of All Evils

And ever since man has tried to go his own way — governing himself — living the "GET" way, with unconcern for the good of others. And man's way has resulted in all the mountain of evils that has befallen this world.

Therein is the explanation of all the illiteracy, the poverty, the disease, the filth and squalor of the world's majority.

Therein is the explanation of the EVILS that exist in the "more advanced" and "developed" areas of the world. They have education — but with its great, vast missing dimension! Education with no knowledge of the PURPOSE of life. Education that can produce computers, fly men to the moon and back, but cannot solve man's problems.

And why? Because the problems are SPIRITUAL and man has rejected the knowledge of God's SPIRITUAL LAW — the WAY of life that would CAUSE peace and universal GOOD!

But has God left stricken humanity to its fate?

By no means.

God's SPIRITUAL CREATION is still in progress.

The True Answer to These Questions

The real answer was brought out by Job. "If a man die, shall he live again?" Job asked — and answered: "All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my *change* come. Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee: *thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands*" (Job 14:14-15).

The latter part of his quotation, most often overlooked, is the key to this whole riddle. Read it again!

"*Thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands!*"

Study that! Job knew he was merely the work of God's hands, merely a piece of divine workmanship in the hands of the Creator, merely a

piece of plastic *clay* in the hands of the Master Potter.

We Are God's Workmanship

The prophet Isaiah explains this also: "But now, O Lord, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand" (Isa. 64:8).

And in calling us forth from the grave, in the resurrection, God is having a *desire* to finish the work of His hands. The model, from which the finished spiritual product is to be molded, is material substance — human clay.

In the creation of Genesis 1, God formed and shaped man physically, into God's image. But we do not, as humans, have the spiritual CHARACTER of the perfect God. During this lifetime, for those whom God calls, if they yield and respond, God begins to re-form and shape us spiritually, while we become more and more like Him in spiritual character.

For this grand and glorious purpose, God has marked out a duration of seven thousand years. Each 24-hour day of the Genesis 1 creation was a type of the seven millennial days of the spiritual creation.

Except for those whom God specially and individually calls during the first six millennial days, God leaves man to write his lesson in human experience. Man made the CHOICE of relying on himself under the sway and influence of Satan. God is allowing man to DEMONSTRATE beyond question his helplessness — without God's Holy Spirit — to live in a way that produces peace, happiness, and universal abundance.

Or, the parallel: God is allowing Satan the six millennial days for his labor of deception and evil. And on that seventh millennial day, he shall not be allowed to do *any* of his evil work. He shall be imprisoned, while the living Christ brings TRUTH and SALVATION to the world.

What Is Redemption?

So now let's look briefly at redemption. What is it?

"By *grace* are ye saved through faith... for we are his *workmanship*, CREATED in Christ Jesus *unto* GOOD WORKS, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (Eph. 2:8-10). Notice, there are *good works* to salvation.

The "we" in New Testament language always means Christians — those truly converted. We, then, are God's *workmanship*. Yes! "Created" — *now being* created — to what objective — to what purpose? Note it! "Unto good works"! Unto perfect spiritual character!

Now Paul here is not speaking of Adam's creation, six thousand years ago. He is speaking of Christians, NOW, *being* created — *unto good works*. We are His *workmanship* — the Creator is *still* creating. He is molding, fashioning, changing us, transforming us to His own noble, righteous, holy, spiritual character. Yes, creating *in us* this perfect character.

Salvation, then, *is a process!*

The Purpose of Our Living

But how "the god of this world" (II Cor. 4:4) would blind your eyes to that! He tries to deceive you into thinking all there is to it is just "accepting Christ" — with "no works" — and presto-chango, you're pronounced "saved."

But the Bible reveals that: "He that shall endure unto the end, the same *shall be* saved" (Matt. 24:13).

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature" (II Cor. 5:17). Yes, a NEW CREATION!

"And be *renewed* in the spirit of your MIND, and that ye put on the new man, which after GOD is [being] CREATED in *righteousness* and *true holiness*" (Eph. 4:23-24).

It all begins in the mind. Repentance, the first step in salvation, is a change of mind. We believe in the mind. The receiving and indwelling

of the Holy Spirit is a *renewing of the mind*. Gradually, through Bible study, learning to live by "every Word of God," being continually corrected, keeping in constant prayer, the very mind of God is placed within the yielded man. And thus the new man — a holy, spiritual character — is *being* created in righteousness and in true holiness.

Born Again... HOW?

In this new creation God works in man, the man must be "born again."

God made Adam solely out of matter. Jesus said to Nicodemus, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh!" Then He explained we must be born *again* to enter into the Kingdom of God, not again of the flesh — not entering our mother's womb, as Nicodemus thought He meant — but born of the Spirit — *born of God*. As we were born of the flesh from a fleshly human father, so now we must be born of the Spirit by God, the heavenly spiritual Father.

(For a more detailed and technical exposition of this process, write for our free booklet *Just What Do You Mean — Born Again?*)

And this process is brought about, in God's great purpose, by a man first coming to see how wrong are the ways of mortal humans, thinking and living contrary to the revealed laws of God. The first stage is repentance. *Surrender* to Almighty God!

But we now are the "clay models," in the hands of the Master Potter.

If in this life our thinking, our ways, are changed until we really do become — in spiritual character — *new creatures* in Christ Jesus, conformed to His will, then that clay model, worked over, fashioned and shaped as God would have it, is finally turned into the finished spiritual creation.

Begins and Ends in Christ

This entire creation begins in Christ, and is finished by Him.

God created all things by Jesus Christ (Eph. 3:9). Jesus was the work-

man, then, who created the original Adam. But *our spiritual* creation begins in Him, too. He it is who became our living example — who came into the world to lead the way — and became the *firstborn* from among the dead (Romans 8:29) — the *first* completed, perfected spiritual man.

Christ Is Alive

Now come to the ultimate purpose of human life on the earth.

It is stupendous, beyond the capacity, perhaps, for many to grasp. But see it, with your own eyes, in your own Bible!

Each year, on the Sunday called "Easter," millions celebrate the resurrection of Christ. But do they really believe that He rose from the dead? For that matter, how many believe He really *was* dead at all? The Bible says He rose *from the dead!*

But how many believe He has been *alive* ever since? How many believe the very Christ who *died* is alive today? How many know what He has been doing these past 1900 years?

DO YOU?

The entire book of Hebrews is devoted to telling us what He has been doing, what He is doing now, and what He will do in the future.

Read it in your Bible. Expect shocking surprises — HAPPY surprises.

Begin at the beginning of Hebrews — chapter 1, verse 1: "God, who at sundry times and in diverse manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds..."

The "all things" refers to the ENTIRE UNIVERSE! It is so translated in the Moffatt translation.

Continuing the same sentence,

"... who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person..." Moffatt translates that "express image" as "stamped with God's own character." Continue: "... and upholding all things by the word of his power..." (verse 3).

Moffatt translates that as "sustains the universe with his word of power."

In other words, God Almighty, the Father of the Kingdom of God — which is the divine FAMILY of God — has appointed the resurrected, living Christ, His Son, as Chief Executive in the administration of the Government of God *over the entire vast universe!*

Several times, in the Bible, converted Christians, in whom is God's Holy Spirit, are called heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Jesus Christ (Rom. 8:17; Gal. 3:29, 4:7; Titus 3:7, etc.). Now could that mean we are appointed to SHARE that rulership of the entire vast universe with Christ?

Begin now with Hebrews 2:6, quoting from Psalms 8:4-6. The question is asked, "What is man, that thou art mindful of him?"

Yes, what is there about sinning, mortal man that God should be concerned about him?

What are YOU — *that God should be concerned about YOU?*

Note well the incredible answer.

The Transcendent Purpose

"Thou madest him a little lower than the angels" (Heb. 2:7). Yes, now, much higher than animals, but still lower than angels who are composed of spirit (see Hebrews 1:5-7, 13-14).

Continue, verses 7-8: "... thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands: thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him."

In chapter 1, quoted above, "all things" is also translated "the uni-

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verse." Could it mean God has put the entire vast universe under man? That has been too utterly fantastic for even theologians to believe! But notice the last sentence in that verse: "But now we see not yet all things put under him."

Inheriting the Universe

That explains it. God has *not yet* put the vastness of the universe under man's control and governing. Not while we are still human! Man has so far proved he is incapable of even governing *himself*, here on the earth! No, we don't see man *yet* in such fantastic power.

But what do we see, now?

Notice the ninth verse: "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels . . ." — mortal, like we are now — ". . . for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour . . ." — as explained in the first chapter — CROWNED — the executive RULER over the universe — ". . . that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things . . ." — God created everything *BY* Jesus Christ (Eph. 3:9) — ". . . in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings" (verse 10).

Do you grasp what that says?

"In bringing many sons unto glory." We humans who repent, come to BELIEVE God — believe what He says — believe what He reveals — believe the KNOWLEDGE He reveals to us, now, through the Bible — instead of rejecting knowledge from Him as Adam and Eve did — as most in science and higher education do — we become God's SONS when He puts within us His Holy Spirit. We are the SONS He is bringing to this supreme GLORY!

How Christ Was Made Perfect

Now grasp this: ". . . to make the CAPTAIN of their salvation . . ."

Christ is the Captain of our salvation. Or, that may be translated also as the "pioneer," who has gone on ahead, before us, into this matchless GLORY. He already has *inherited* all things — the universe!

But notice further: "to make the captain of their salvation PERFECT" — HOW? How was even Christ made perfect? — "THROUGH SUFFERINGS!"

And notice, in verse 11: ". . . He is not ashamed to call them brethren." Christ, in GLORY, is not ashamed to call us — who have His Spirit — who rely on and obey Him — BROTHERS!

"Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; and being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him" (Heb. 5:8-9).

There it is again. Jesus is the *author* of our salvation. He wrote that salvation by His experience, and that was the first writing of it. He was the *first* human ever to achieve it — to be perfected, finished as a perfect character!

Jesus learned! He suffered! But out of it came perfection.

Do you begin to understand?

Satan did not upset God's plan. All that has happened, God foreknew and *permitted* — for a purpose. Redemption is not a repairing of the damage — not a restoring to a condition "just as good" as Adam before the "fall." No, that was merely the *beginning* — the *material* creation. Redemption is the great spiritual creation. In it, God is creating in us something infinitely superior to Adam before he sinned.

Do you see now what God is creating, in you and me?

He is creating something higher than angels or archangels. He is creating the supreme masterpiece of all God's creation — holy, perfect spiritual character.

And what is character?

What Spiritual Righteous Character Is

Perfect character, such as God is creating in us, is a person finally made immortal, who is a separate entity from God, who, *through independent*

free choice has come to know, and to *choose*, and to *do*, what is *right*. And that means to believe and know that what God instructs is what is *RIGHT*.

Inanimate rock will roll downhill by the power of gravity. Water runs in its channels through creeks and rivers into oceans. Great planets, some many times larger than the earth, *must* travel in God's ordained course. These things are marvelous examples of the creative power of God. Yet these things are inanimate — they have no mind, no free choice, no character.

Dumb animals do not sin. They do not know enough to sin. They act by instinct, or according to the training of others. They do not have character.

Character is the possession and practice of love, patience, mercy, faith, kindness, gentleness, meekness, temperance, self-restraint, and right self-direction. Character involves knowledge, wisdom, purpose, ability — all properly controlled and developed, through independent choice.

Holy, righteous character is something that is developed *only through* experience. Experience requires time and circumstances. And so God creates time and God creates circumstances which produce character.

And so God first formed out of the dust — out of matter — the flesh-and-blood man, in the *image* of God (and "image" means form or shape, not composition). And through seven thousand years of experience, God is taking the human family through a process, the results of which, even "as we have borne the image of the earthy [mortal Adam], *we shall also bear the image of the heavenly*" — Christ Jesus immortal, the "second" Adam — (1 Cor. 15:49).

Yes, once fashioned, shaped, and molded according to God's purpose, even we "shall be *LIKE HIM, for we shall see him as he is*" (1 John 3:1-2).

WHY All This Human Suffering?

There are just two broad principles of life — God's Way, or God's Law,

summed up in the Ten Commandments, and Satan's way of competition, greed, vanity.

All suffering — all unhappiness, fear, misery, and death — has come from the *transgression* of God's Law. *Living* by that great Law of love, then, is the only way to peace, happiness, and joy.

God placed man on this planet to learn that lesson — to learn it through generations of experience.

Yes, we, too, learn by suffering. God has revealed the true way — His revelation always has been available to man. But man, given the right of free choice, always has turned his back on God, and God's true way. And even though man as a whole still refuses to see or learn the lesson, he has written this lesson indelibly in the history of human experience.

We learn through experience and through suffering. This, then, is the very stuff of which character is made.

What We Shall Be Like

Once this godly CHARACTER is developed in us, what shall we be like *in the resurrection?*

Already, *now*, in this life, the truly converted Christian, having God's Holy Spirit dwelling within, being led by God's Spirit, is a SON of God. In prayer he addresses God as "Father."

Notice it in your Bible: "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be..." (1 John 3:2). What we shall be is not now apparent — does not NOW APPEAR — is not yet seen. Continue, "... but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall [then] see him as he is." Our appearance, then, will be like that of Christ *now*.

And what does Christ look like, now?

His appearance is described in Revelation 1:14-16: "His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; and his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace;

and his voice as the sound of many waters... and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength."

But once actually born of God — entering into His Kingdom — His FAMILY — by the resurrection, we shall be *composed of spirit*. We shall be *like* God, and *like* Christ now is, completely sinless. "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him, and *he cannot sin*, because he is born of God" (1 John 3:9).

As Christ was born of God by His resurrection (Romans 1:3-4), so shall we be. "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn of many brethren" (Rom. 8:29).

At that time we shall be changed from mortal to immortal. "For our... [citizenship] is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ; who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body..." (Phil. 3:20-21, marginal reading).

Do you begin to comprehend why you were born?

One religion believes that the final end result of human life is to be total extinction of individual consciousness. How glorious is the truth — promising the very opposite extreme!

Now Understand Why You Were Born!

The purpose of life is that in us God is really re-creating *His own kind* — *reproducing Himself after His own kind* — for we are, upon real conversion, actually *begotten* as sons (yet unborn) of God. Then through study of God's revelation in His Word, living by His every Word, constant prayer, daily experience with trials and testings, we grow spiritually more and more like God, until, at the time of the resurrection, we shall be instantaneously changed from mortal into *immortal* — composed of spirit. We shall then be *born* of God — actually born into the God FAMILY!

For, remember, the word "God" in Genesis 1:1 comes to us from the Hebrew word *Elohim*. *Elohim* means ONE GOD — not many gods. But that ONE GOD is a divine FAMILY — a KINGDOM. There is but one true Church — one Church, but many members (1 Cor. 12:20).

So it is with God.

As an illustration, there is the mineral kingdom, the plant kingdom, the animal kingdom, the human kingdom, in this material world. Spiritually, there is the angel kingdom, and, high above all, the Kingdom of God. A human — flesh and blood — cannot enter into the Kingdom of God (John 3:6; 1 Cor. 15:50), but one *born* of God can.

The Fantastic, Incredible Potential

Do you really grasp it? The purpose of your being alive is that finally you be born into the Kingdom of God, which is the divine FAMILY of God.

When you fully grasp this tremendous, wonderful truth, your mind will be filled with transcendent joy. It gives a new meaning to life so wonderful you'll never comprehend the full heights of its splendor.

It means, of course, total renunciation and denial of those injurious things and ways which have falsely *seemed* so bright and alluring to this world.

But your eyes will be open at last to the great deception — the scales will fall from your blinded vision — you'll see the *meaning* of life, its great *purpose*, as you never dreamed it could be. Giving up this world's evils, temptations and pitfalls — its snares and delusions which have glittered and then ended only in sorrow and suffering — is but emerging from gross darkness into the splendor of true light, and of happiness and joy forever!

In the words of 1 Peter 1:8, you will "rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of GLORY!" ■

advance news

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

● **Asia's "North Sea"**

With the oil-rich Middle East staggering along in its predictably unstable manner, some nations are looking for new oil sources closer to home. Foremost among these is Japan, which currently depends on the volatile Middle East for some 90 percent of its petroleum needs.

Of late, the search has taken the Japanese to the Senkaku (or Tiaoyutai) Islands, a group of eight tiny islets located some 150 miles northeast of Taiwan in the East China Sea and 205 miles off the Chinese mainland. Petroleum geologists say these uninhabited islands and the seabed surrounding them have the potential of becoming one of the ten major oil-producing centers in the world.

The Senkakus could thus become Asia's "North Sea." In the actual North Sea, of course, several European nations have already begun to tap large reserves of oil and natural gas.

Rival claims to the Senkakus are complicating the whole issue — and slowing down exploration. As Senator George Aiken of Vermont has pointed out, "Wherever you find oil, you find all kinds of political and military implications." The Senkakus are a dramatic case in point.

The Japanese consider the Senkakus to be part of the Ryukyu chain. The Nationalist Chinese government on Taiwan, however, also claims sovereignty over the islands. Further complicating the issue, the Chinese Communists on the mainland agree the Senkakus belong to China — but to *their* China, not to the Nationalists.

In mid-1970 Taiwan granted a concession for oil exploration to Gulf Oil. Japan meanwhile turned over drilling rights to the Japan Oil Development Corporation.

In 1970, the Communist New China News Agency announced that "any attempt of the Japanese militarists to occupy the islands will be considered aggression against Chinese territory."

For the present the Japanese have chosen to take Peking's warning at face value and to lie low. But the future might bring an agreement between Japan and mainland China — with Taiwan protesting, of course — over joint development of the Senkaku oil reserves. Even a compromise on the sovereignty issue might be worth it to Japa-

nese industry, presently dependent on the Middle East for this most vital fuel source.

● **New Ties to Europe**

Construction is now underway on two marvels of engineering destined to more closely link Britain and a good portion of Asia to the growing world economic power hub of Europe.

The first project — a long-sought-for tunnel under the English Channel — is described as the most staggering engineering feat of the century. And at the other end of Europe, construction is progressing on a giant suspension bridge — the fourth largest in the world — designed to link Asia to Europe across the Bosphorus Strait for the first time in 2,500 years. The Bosphorus divides the Turkish metropolis of Istanbul into European and Asian sectors.

The long-planned and oft-postponed Channel Tunnel project is scheduled for completion in the late 1970's at an estimated cost of some \$900 million. The Channel Tunnel, extending from Folkestone in southeastern England to Calais on the northwest coast of France, will facilitate rapidly expanding travel and trade between Britain and the other members of the enlarged Common Market.

At the opposite end of the Continent, the Bosphorus Bridge will be the longest suspension bridge in Europe or Asia when it is completed in late 1973. The mile-long span will be the first linking of Asia to Europe since King Darius of Persia made a "bridge" of rafts in 513 B.C.

A bridge across the Bosphorus has become an economic necessity. Overworked 50-year-old ferries presently provide the only link for motorists across the strait, resulting in congestion of traffic and trade. The new span will carry six lanes for traffic and two pedestrian walkways, and link Turkey's major European and Asian road networks.

Eastward from Turkey extends a major international highway system throughout much of Asia, now largely complete. And to the west are already well-developed road and rail networks — partially across Communist soil — extending into the heart of Europe. The new bridge could make Turkey a major world crossroads in the future.

— Gene H. Hogberg

EUROPE - Supergiant of the Seventies?

The European Common Market is emerging to shake the world — economically and politically. Here is the dramatic story behind Europe's return to power.

by Ray Kosanke

WHO WOULD have believed it possible, in the late 1940's, that a United Europe would emerge less than three decades removed from the ruin of World War II? And only 15 years after the signing of the Treaty of Rome.

Most would have thought it impossible.

Yet it has happened, and is happening, just as this magazine has long predicted.

Today, the European Common Market stands on the threshold of unparalleled world power. Its presence is increasingly felt in international circles — financial and political. Before the end of this decade, it may well become the most powerful economic bloc in history.

The next leap forward? On January 1, 1973, if all goes according to plan,

Britain, Ireland, Norway and Denmark will officially join with the Six*, and the Ten will capture a whopping one third of all intra-European and world trade.

The war-torn, disunited Western Europe of 1945 is emerging as a SUPERGIANT in the 1970's.

Europe's Remarkable Story

Europe in 1914 was the most influential continent in the world. But by 1945 many of its cities had been twice reduced to massive heaps of rubble, devastated by two world wars.

On September 19, 1946 in Zurich, Switzerland, Winston Churchill proclaimed: "We must build a kind of United States of Europe." Reflecting on what happened in Europe, Churchill later said: "This noble continent is the origin of most of the culture, arts, philosophy and science of both ancient and modern times. If Europe were once united in the shar-

ing of its common inheritance, there would be no limit to the happiness, to the prosperity and glory which its three-to-four hundred million people would enjoy."

Then, referring to the hatred and militancy that have long divided Europe, Churchill prophesied: "All this could be ended at a single stroke ... the peoples of Europe have only got to wake up one morning and resolve to be happy and free by becoming one family of nations, banded together from the Atlantic to the Black Sea for mutual aid and protection. One spasm of resolve!"

For Churchill, the beginning of such a family of nations had to be reconciliation between two age-long enemies: "I am now going to say something that will astonish you. The first step in the re-creation of the European family must be a partnership between France and Germany."

Europeans who caught a glimpse

*The 6's are West Germany, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Belgium, and Luxembourg.

of Churchill's vision and subsequently shared it with him, knew that Europe — the cradle of modern civilization — had to change.

But first Europe, with the massive aid of the U. S. Marshall Plan, had to face a more important challenge — the immense struggle of resurrecting the industrial might of the continent so that the wheels of a vibrant industry could turn once again!

The economic question for those visionaries was inextricably tied to the political concern: how to prevent future wars on the continent of Europe. Europe had to overcome the old hatreds bred by nationalism, which had taught "me first" and "my country — right or wrong." Especially, Europe had to find ways to bury the age-long enmity between France and Germany.

The limitations of national sovereignty were historically obvious — European unity was a must.

False Starts to Real Progress

A number of attempts to achieve unity were made in the immediate years after World War II, but they met with little success. Notable among these was the Council of Europe, established in 1949 in Strasbourg, France. The Council of Europe failed to bring about political unity in Europe because it was invested with no real powers. Its meetings became inconclusive and frustrating diplomatic conferences.

Drawing from the failure of such earlier attempts, a completely new approach was developed. The new idea, largely the work of Jean Monnet, the "father of the Common Market," was to transfer to a single organization real powers over a limited field.

On May 9, 1950 with Monnet at his side, French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman announced to Europe a revolutionary idea: "My government proposes to place the whole of the production of coal and steel in France and Germany under a common high authority in an organization open to the participation of the other countries of Europe. . . .

"It will change the destiny of these regions which for so long have been used for making the weapons of war of which they have been most frequently the victims. The solidarity . . . established by joint production will show that a war between France and Germany becomes not only unthinkable but materially impossible."

The Schuman Declaration led to the signing of the Paris Treaty on April 18, 1951 by France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg. The Paris Treaty formally established the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC) which began in July of 1952. This was the first European organization to be given supranational powers by each of the Six. It possessed the power to operate under a single high authority, apart from any of the national governments of the Six.

The immediate success of the European Coal and Steel Community led to other attempts in the early 1950's to form European defense and political communities. But the old nemesis of nationalism halted progress.

Europeans again fell back on the original Monnet idea of increased powers in a limited area. At a conference in June 1955 in Messina, Italy, it was proposed that efforts be made toward possible economic union and joint development of the peaceful uses of atomic energy.

On the strength of a lengthy study and report by the committee set up at the Messina Conference and led by Belgian Foreign Minister Paul-Henri Spaak, the six nations of the ECSC met in Rome on March 25, 1957 to sign two new treaties. These, together, became known as the "Treaty of Rome." These treaties brought into effect, as of January 1, 1958, both the European Atomic Energy Community (known as EURATOM) and the European Economic Community (the EEC or Common Market).

The Common Market Today

Descriptions of the EEC run from its being a "supergiant" to a "robot

with six hands" to "very little more than a machine for making words." A critical appraisal appearing in the British weekly, *The Economist*, stated that "its first myth is to call itself Europe when it is in reality a self-centered customs union; plus a self-centered farm policy, put together by increasingly self-centered individual governments."

There is a bit of truth in all of these claims. What cannot be denied, however, is that the watching world today is seeing in Europe's economic miracle only a beginning! We have said for years, in the pages of *The PLAIN TRUTH*, that Europe will become equally strong politically and militarily — or Europe would cease to exist as more than a defunct and inward-looking group of second rate, bickering nations.

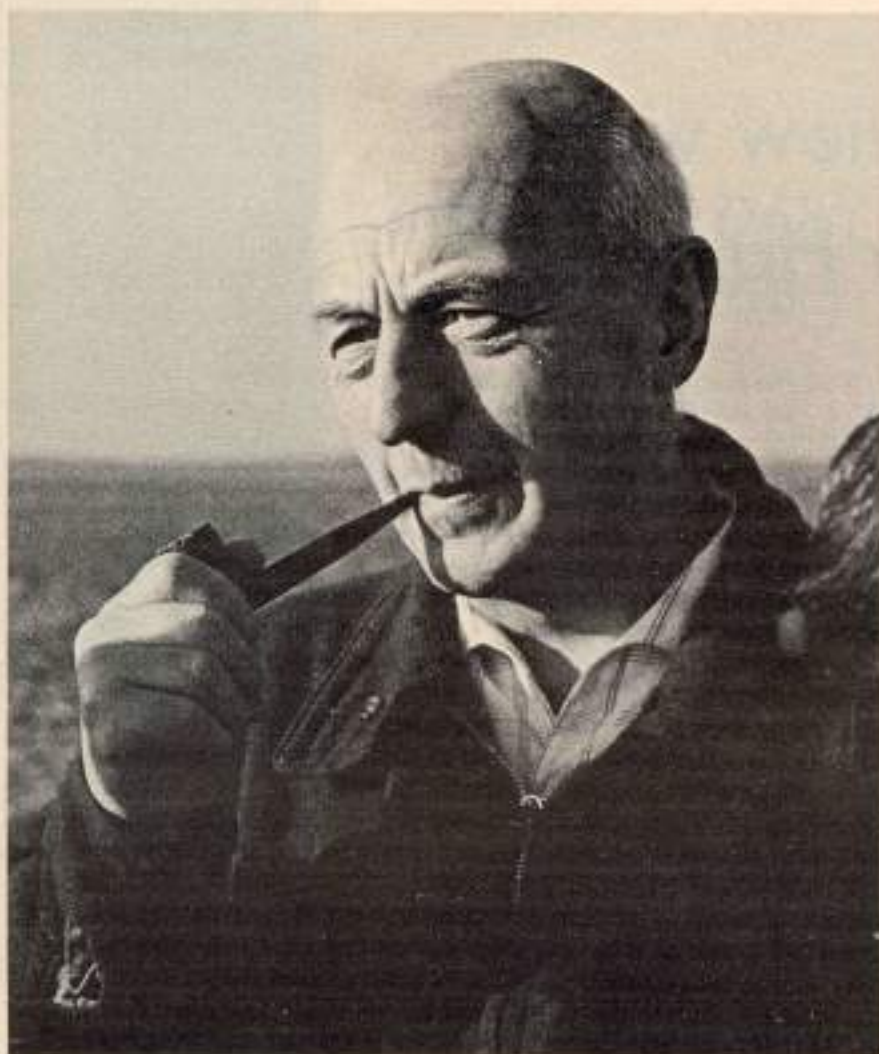
Norman MacRae, deputy editor of *The Economist* recognizes this fact, too: "A huge thing is happening in Europe. They are hammering out the constitution under which more than 400 million of us are likely to be governed before the end of this century. And they are hammering it out while we all pretend that they are doing no such thing."

The eventual goal: political union. Already the Community of Six is the world's leading trading power, with 20% of the world's imports and exports crossing its frontiers. (This figure does not include intra-Community trade.)

An Event of Historical Significance

The EEC represents a revolutionary accomplishment on a vast scale. Historian Arnold Toynbee writes in *European Community* magazine:

"Voluntary associations between sovereign states are rare enough to be historic, and this is particularly true of Western Europe. . . . The creation, in the nineteenth century, of a united Italy and a united Germany were epoch-making events in European history; but the Community even within its original confines, exceeds all



Commission of European Communities

"THE UNITED STATES IS ON THE DOWNWARD PATH and it will be extremely difficult to save them from total collapse." So said President of the European Community's Executive Commission, Sjoeco Mansholt of the Netherlands, on February 9, 1972.

Mansholt further asserted that only the strengthening of the Common Market would enable it to come to grips with the modern world and its problems of overpopulation, industrialization, and pollution. Mansholt added that, if a stronger Europe could not show the world some way out of the dilemma, the cause would be lost since "the United States does not possess the necessary political strength to guide the world toward the solution of this major problem." The conclusion of the outspoken Mansholt: "Europe has a mission to accomplish!"

previous voluntary European unions in a scale to a degree that amounts to a difference in kind."

Why is the EEC considered such a huge achievement? Most directly because it has induced the governments of six independent nations to each give up a small degree of sovereignty — that is, a small amount of decision-making power. Nations, like individ-

uals, tend to clutch very tightly to themselves whatever vestiges of power they individually hold.

The six nations have not given up their sovereignty to the EEC because of a feeling of outgoing concern for their fellowmen. Rather, it's a question of their own internal survival. The world is dominated by two superpowers, the U. S. and the U.S.S.R.

Individually, the small European nations have little chance of being heard. Collectively, they become part of a greater whole, able to make themselves heard in a larger sounding board and able to be secure in the comfort of being a member of an international organization.

A nation's or a multinational bloc's influence is based on its economic strength, on its rate of technical growth, and on the stimulus of a large home market. But it also needs a strong central government.

Former president of the EEC Executive Commission, Jean Rey, explained it in an interview with this writer. The greatest difficulty the Community faces today is the fact that it does not have a strong central government, and achieving it seems far in the future.

What the nations of Europe want are the benefits of being a single union, while at the same time retaining the individual (and often nationalistic) freedom to rule themselves as they see fit. In other words, they want the fruits of being a giant economic bloc, but are not yet willing to merge their nations into one solid unit and accept the group responsibility that prosperity and economic power bring.

Why No Single Government Yet Possible

A single government over a United States of Europe is still too much for present-day European leaders to accept. As President Georges Pompidou of France said in a news conference, "The problem lies in knowing on what bases, by what methods and in what forms we shall achieve this government."

For President Pompidou, the present EEC Commission structure cannot be the answer: "Such a government of Europe would arise not out of the Commission, but only out of national governments joining together to make decisions that were valid for all."

In effect, this is a reiteration of the

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Interview with Walter Hallstein

PROFESSOR Walter Hallstein is a former president of the European Commission (January 1958 until July 1967). He is currently the president of the European Movement, dedicated to maintaining the dynamism of the European idea. The position gives him a platform to continue his efforts toward European integration and unity.

QUESTION: Has European integration been progressing fast enough in your opinion?

ANSWER: Never fast enough in my opinion, I'm a militant European and I would like to see it done completely. That means not what one calls economic integration only, but political integration. But it's only fair to state that it has moved rather well, despite some periods in which we had a slowdown.

Q. Do you feel that the integration has been successful as far as it's gone?

A. Indeed, because what we wanted to do was to merge some parts of political sovereignty of the member states. That means replacing national policies by common policies, European policies.

Q. One of your most widely quoted statements is: "We are not in business. . . ."

A. I said it at Harvard.

Q. At Harvard you said, "We are not in business at all. We are in politics." Now is full political unity a distant objective or is it nearing reality?

A. It is already half of the reality we are aiming at. What we are merging by this phenomenon which we call "economic integration" is not economy, because it's not businessmen who merge, not firms, not corporations. It's not a cooperative of consumers, or, let's say a European union of workers. It is the putting together, the merger of policies in these fields. But it's not yet complete, because the idea of the final state of this unification of Europe was — as it has been said by Winston Churchill for instance, or Robert Schuman — to merge also the fields of foreign policy and defense policy. If this merger is added and if the structure of our European communities is widened and re-enforced, strengthened to a degree that we can really speak of a federal state, then we have reached our goal.

Q. What major problems and obstacles still lie in the path of political union?

A. Habits are our main difficulty. Just the fact that governments and the governmental services are not ready, not willing, or not easily brought to a point where they give up competences they have now. This fact we have to fight, and for this reason we have this difficulty.

Q. What is the organization that you now head, called the "European Movement"? What is that organization doing to promote the cause of European unity?

A. Well, being unpleasant with the governments when they are moving too slow, alerting public opinion if



anything which should be done in our view has not been done. Maintaining the dynamism of this European idea, gaining over for support of the youth for the realization of European unity.

Q. Do you think it will ever be possible to completely subordinate national interests to common community interests?

A. I don't think that is the real aim of what we are doing, because we are not heading for a central state. We are heading for a federation. And this necessarily means that the composing states of the federation do not disappear. That again means that there are still areas, even wide areas, of competence of these states. Let's remember the situation in the United States of America, the states' rights discussion. Let's remember the cantons of Switzerland which are extremely eager to maintain their rights against the central power. Let's speak of Germany where the composing states have still a wide area of competence. So the problem is not to replace completely state and national state competence by common European competence. It is to replace it where this is necessary, and this is enough for these common European institutions to give them a most important charge.

Q. Will it be possible to sublimate national interests enough so that Europe can speak with one voice?

A. I'm sure it can be done. The fact that we have reached in the last 20 years as much as we have is proof of the fact that it is possible to do so. Great economic and other interests which had been taken care of on a national level so far have already been subordinated to common competence. Agricultural policies are only one example of many.

Q. Critics of the Common Market claim that it is inwardly oriented and protectionist. Is that true?

A. It is not true at all. It's an old

reproach and complaint. But if I may just give one example of the fact that we are outward looking and that we are doing our best to lead a liberal policy with the outside world. What I mean is the Kennedy round. With our American friends we negotiated tariff reductions really unheard of in the history of world trade and to the profit of everybody we did so.

But there is one grain of truth, I would say, in this idea that the mere creation of something like the European Community has a very important consequence for persons inside this Community. They are treated differently from facts and persons outside. But this is like with a marriage. You belong together and this is something which cannot be a sufficient reason for those outside to say we have discriminated against them.

Q. What will be the impact upon the world of an expanded community?

A. If we take the program as a whole, including its last aims, including political integration, foreign policy, defense policy, then it really means a change in the system of equilibrium of the actual world. I wouldn't say another third superpower besides the United States of America and the Soviet Union. But something comparable to that will be created, and this we think is very good in order to contribute to that central goal which we are following with the whole construction, namely peace in the world.

Q. Looking into the future, is the Community destined to become a third force in the world?

A. Certainly not. The meaning behind this expression "a third force," by the people who use the term, is something between the Democratic world and the Communist world. We belong absolutely and without any reservations, any restrictions to the free world. So the result of it under the aspect of the relationship between East and West will certainly be a

strengthening of the Democratic half of the world.

Q. Relations between the Community and the United States are strained at the moment. What is needed to increase harmony between both sides of the Atlantic?

A. Sitting together, talking together and finding out that we are linked together by much more than we have in common than by the points of friction in economic affairs. And let's not forget one thing. Let's not look at all these matters of great economic interest only from a standpoint of material interest. Let's see the political element in these things, in these discussions between the European Community and our American friends.

Q. The Common Market has acquired enormous economic power already. It's by far the world's largest trading unit, yet the ultimate goal of the Community remains political union. Are there safeguards within the Community structure to make certain that no superman could come along and direct the resources of a United Europe to the detriment of other nations?

A. The European solution is almost a platonic idea of a system of checks and balances. As I said already, the idea is not to create a central state. The idea is to create a federation. This would mean the survival of a certain number of tensions which characterized the actual situation, tensions between the different member states, because they go on having their own interest. And there will always be a certain tension between the central power, the Community power, the European power and the power of the particular entities which are included by this European system. This in my view is an absolute guarantee against the possibility that one superman can come and make out of this great and powerful entity a weapon to achieve what he wants to do personally.

Institutions of The European Economic Community

The daily work of running the European Economic Community (EEC) is handled by Community institutions which include a Council of Ministers and, as its executive branch, a permanent Commission sitting in Brussels. The ministers, who represent their respective governments, gather in Brussels as occasions demand. They alone are empowered to make important policy decisions. The nine-man Commission drafts or initiates policy. It then implements the Council of Ministers' decisions. These decisions are binding on all six member nations.

The EEC also has a Court of Justice, located in Luxembourg, and a European Parliament of 142 members from the national parliaments of the Six. The European Parliament meets in Strasbourg, France. For the time being, the Parliament has no real powers over the Community budget (although this is being reconsidered). It is not allowed to veto decisions of the Council of Ministers.

The language barrier is one problem the Community institutions constantly face. It is a reflection of

the various differing cultures represented in the EEC. There are four official languages — French, German, Dutch and Italian — in which the Spokesman Group is constantly churning out translations to keep the people of the six nations abreast of Community activities. If the four candidate countries do enter the EEC as scheduled on January 1, 1973, this problem will be further compounded. The English language will, to a large extent, dominate the new member nations because of the large number of Scandinavians who speak it.

Another problem has been the fact that the Community institutions have not had the conventional, accustomed prestige and authority of a national government. A single national government (in most cases) has one defined set of cultural values to work with. It has organizations and institutions that are long standing and recognized by the whole nation. The institutions of the EEC have had to gingerly feel their way along, hoping not to tread on these tender or sensitive national feelings en route.

accept instructions from national governments. It is being placed in second position to the Council of Ministers, who are directly responsible to their national governments.

Clearly then, a strong central government for Europe is yet future.

But the Common Market is fast reaching a point where, by the very nature of its size and economic power, more and more questions are arising of an increasingly political nature. These must be faced and overcome if the EEC is to survive and if the nations of Europe are to continue

enjoying the increased prosperity the Common Market has produced.

Unity Coming Step by Step

This is in fact what men like Robert Schuman and Jean Monnet foresaw many years ago. Said Schuman in 1950: "Europe will not be built all at once, or through a single comprehensive plan. It will be built through concrete achievements, which will first create a 'de facto' solidarity. . . . These proposals will build the first solid foundations of the European federation which is indispensable to the preservation of peace."

Yet even Monnet's federation is not on the immediate horizon. Words flow endlessly about the needs, but the political will has not yet appeared. As Jean Rey wrote in *Vision* magazine: "What the Community is really suffering from today is a lack of leadership. Its institutions do not enable it to meet its responsibilities. It is the world's largest trading bloc, the largest importer of agricultural products from the developing countries. It has territory, laws, common policies and interests. It should therefore be governed as any of our countries is governed, by a decision-making political authority."

But up to the present time, the Six have not shown the desire or felt the need to create a "political authority." Even the invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968 and the international monetary crisis of 1971 have not been enough to force the Six to form a central political authority. The lesson to be drawn from the monetary crisis — and all the crises the Six have experienced up to now — is that no member state is as yet willing to sacrifice any interest it considers vital. They are unwilling to give authority to a supranational government.

EEC officials themselves take pride in the fact that they are not involved in matters of defense and that they are the first international grouping in history to operate only in the field of economics and not in the field of political coercion or military align-

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position the late Charles de Gaulle took while boycotting the Community for 7 months in 1965. De Gaulle saw the EEC and first Commission President Walter Hallstein as moving too rapidly toward federation. In deference to De Gaulle and France, Germany withdrew its support for Hallstein and Jean Rey succeeded him as President of the Commission.

The supranational EEC Commission is not directly responsible to individual national governments — and is, in fact, expressly forbidden to

ments. As one EEC official stated to this writer: "We represent cooperation without dependency."

While this reflects what the Common Market has done up to this point, it does not provide for the future in a world dominated by military might where "peace" is only tenuously maintained by balances of power.

The Rome Treaty itself is very generally worded and does not go into the question of defense. In fact, with the completion of the customs union and the common agriculture policy, the Treaty of Rome is, to a large extent, fulfilled. Nevertheless, it has set up institutions so that the Community might — as one writer stated — "go on inventing itself." French Defense Minister Michel Debre noted that the Community must continue toward integration if it is not to wither away. It has no choice. To survive it must become a superstate.

The foundation has been laid. The framework, the institutions, the channels of communication, the manpower — all are there. The single lack is the crucial spark of life — the vital ingredient of a *political will*. It is that intangible substance Churchill referred to so vividly as that "spasm of resolve" — the intangible yet real force that would transform a group of men into a strong governing body.

Unfortunately when such decisions are not taken in times of peace, they must come about in times of crisis when judgment is often deficient.

Crises in All Spheres

Right now, the Six (with the four candidate nations as well) are moving toward one or more summit conferences of vital importance. There the heads of government will gather to resolve major problems now facing the European Economic Community. These include: (1) the process of enlargement; (2) the solving of internal problems of member states; (3) the completion of economic and monetary union; and (4) the need for unified defense and foreign policies.

Defense questions raise the very touchy problem of armies and nuclear weapons. One member of the nine-man EEC Executive Commission, Jean Francois Deniau, wrote in *Le Monde*: "To envisage a European [defense] contribution which will be only the classic army, with the nuclear power remaining with the United States only, is an outlook that has already been condemned. But to envisage a European atomic weapon would create more problems than we could hope to solve."

Yet these various issues must be solved.

The Middle East Enigma

One crucial problem Europe will have to face is the Middle East — vital to all Europe for the oil which keeps the wheels of industry rolling. Russia's military presence in the Mediterranean and her political influence in the Arab world will certainly have to be countered, lest oil be cut off at Russia's will.

Libya's nationalization of the British Petroleum Company was seen here in Europe as a precedent-setting political move. Iraq broke off diplomatic relations with Britain because of the latter's failure to halt Iranian troops from taking over three strategically important Arab islands in the Persian Gulf.

And in Cairo, it was hinted that the Arabs might curtail their oil production "in order to harass West Europe's and America's economy." While the U. S. receives only some 4% of its oil resources from the Middle East, Western Europe receives over 85% of her oil resources from the Middle East and North Africa! By 1975, the EEC Commission expected that figure to go to 92%!

This writer asked Heer Paul Baer, a member of the Spokesman Group of the EEC covering foreign affairs, what would happen if the Arab nations severed Europe's oil supply or if that supply were cut off because of war in the Middle East.

He replied unequivocally, "We would be lost!"

"A Spasm of Resolve!"

At some point in the near future, the European Economic Community is going to be forced to make a gigantic lunge forward. It will have to override the problems of individual national interests while protecting the overall prosperity of Western Europe.

It will have to solve the problem of defense in the presence of NATO. The United States monopoly on nuclear arms within that organization cannot be ignored. To do so, it will have to move with a swiftness and assurance that will stun the world. *The New York Times* summed it up: "How rapidly all these will evolve into a true United States of Europe cannot be predicted, except that the new entity is likely to surprise the world by its leadership and by its speed more than by its delays."

The world is taking little note of the European *super-giant*.

But *The PLAIN TRUTH* dares to predict that the rest of the world will stand in awe in the not too distant future as a giant economic, political, military and religious *union* is finally born! It will be composed of ten nations or blocs of nations — but not necessarily the present ten. It will last for only a short time. What powers it will exercise during that brief period will astound the world. These events will climax in the crisis at the close of human civilization when the wonderful World Tomorrow will be born. That will be the dawn of a new day — eclipsing everything man has attempted to achieve in 6,000 years of human misrule! ■

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Tapping Your Inner Powers Is NOT Enough!

There is an OUTSIDE FORCE available which very few know of — and even fewer utilize. This article makes plain what that power is and how it can be exercised in YOUR LIFE!

by Roderick C. Meredith

THIS GENERATION does have a rendezvous with destiny. Never at any time in human history have man's powers and abilities seemed greater.

Yet, paradoxically, man's future was never more clouded. The prospects for universal famine, for national and racial wars, and for human annihilation were never greater.

In spite of man's apparent technical and mechanical powers, his ultimate failure in solving the real problems of life was never more evident.

Yet there is hope!

Man's True Hope

Men today have become so obsessed with their technical and scientific abilities that they imagine God is either "dead" or is certainly far off in heaven somewhere, virtually powerless to intervene in human world affairs.

You may not have thought about

it in those terms, but haven't you felt that way about God? Be honest!

The "fruits" — the actions and results — in the lives of nearly all professing Christians graphically demonstrate that man is unaware and unconcerned with the power of His Creator. Public admissions by countless pastors, priests and laymen prove this statement true.

But I tell you by authority that this generation is destined to come alive and awake to the Creator's power!

Unless you are cut off by premature death, the vast majority of you now reading this article are going to be shocked and stunned by the most fantastic display of supernatural power in human history. You are going to see — with your own eyes — gigantic upsets in the weather, which will lead to terrible floods and famine, mass starvation, earthquakes and huge tidal waves such as have never been

dreamed of by modern, "educated" men. You will see awesome displays of supernatural power in the very heavens — culminating in the dramatic return of the very Creator to His Creation in the person of the living Jesus Christ!

It will be in this generation!

Finally, you will live into another world — the World Tomorrow — where the great power of God will be regularly used to keep and enforce peace, to change human lives and attitudes, and to remove the vicious nature from even wild animals! It will be used to heal the sick, to control the weather, and to bless human beings as long as they serve and obey their Creator.

These events are certain.

Understand and Use God's Power

True Christians today are in training to become kings and priests in

the soon-coming World Tomorrow (Revelation 5:10). We must learn lessons of character and faith in God's wisdom and power so we can qualify to judge (or "manage," Moffatt translation) angels in the World Tomorrow (I Corinthians 6:2-3).

You probably have been told nothing of this awesome responsibility. But you should have been.

There it is, right in your own New Testament. Your future job is to exercise great power and authority in the Kingdom of God to be set up on this earth.

Jesus showed that His disciples would literally rule over the twelve tribes of Israel in the World Tomorrow (Luke 22:28-30). He described how those faithful Christians who overcome and serve most in this life will have authority over ten cities, and how those who have made good but not outstanding progress will be over five cities (Luke 19:17-19).

Where will you fit into this picture?

Some may sneer and scoff, but not for long. For these plans and prophecies of God are very real. They are already beginning to happen!

Start taking a good big-city newspaper. Start comparing what you read in it — honestly and carefully — with what you read in the prophetic articles in *The PLAIN TRUTH*. Then see these happenings unfold before your very eyes!

How, then, can you become more aware of the fantastic reality and power of God — and better prepare to utilize that power as an instrument in His hands?

To have the spiritual strength and impact you need in this life and to prepare yourself to serve as a powerful instrument in Christ's government, which will soon be set up on earth, learn and use the key of exercising God's power. Here are three basic steps you need to take:

I. Proper Fear of God

Should you fear God as some sort of monster?

No! Not at all.

But we human beings tend not to respect our parents, teachers, policemen, government officials — or anyone else — unless we become impressed with their closeness and their power.

Let me illustrate.

As a grade-school child, I attended a school that had a woman principal. This principal was, I am sure, a very fine lady. But she had been allowed to continue beyond retirement age and was somewhat senile and slow moving.

Like God probably seems to most of you reading this, she seemed far off, out of touch, venerable but passive, and almost helpless to really do anything about explosive daily problems.

The point is, we did not fear this elderly lady principal or her office. Yet we should have!

The kind of "fear" I am discussing is the sense of awe, deep respect, and appreciation of active POWER. That is the kind of fear we ought to have — and eventually must have — for Almighty God!

An Example of Proper Fear

In my final year or two of grade school, this lady principal, described above, died. She was replaced by a fairly young, alert, masculine fellow who immediately took charge of the situation.

And how I remember!

On the second or third day after Mr. Antle became principal, a large group of students was coming in from the playground. As we lined up, there was the usual pushing, shoving and pulling of the girls' pigtails by us "bad little boys." There was constant giggling and scuffling — few paying any attention to the admonitions and warnings of the women teachers.

Suddenly, I heard a strange sound just behind me. I quickly turned to see a shocked boy being jerked off his feet, propelled through the air, and landing across the new principal's knee!

A sort of muffled moan of fear and awe emanated from the group of children witnessing this fearsome spectacle. Clutched in the principal's hand, a large wooden paddle streaked down and landed with a fierce "whop" on its appointed target. A yowl of shock and fear came from the boy's lips — quickly giving way to real cries of pain and penitence.

Standing aghast at this strange sight, I stiffened with fear and awe. All the children were similarly affected. Immediately, all scuffling and misbehavior stopped! Great peace and tranquillity descended upon West Central Grade School!

To us, the new principal stood ten feet tall and seemed to be always nearby, alert and powerful. Yet, he was fair and friendly — as well as firm when necessary. We soon came to admire and respect the new principal even more than the old. He inspired us to strength, manhood and accomplishment.

But we knew he would not tolerate misbehavior. There was to be no "monkey business" while he was principal. We respected and feared his determination and power to enforce his standard of behavior. His "presence" was always felt with a certain awe and respect.

The Spiritual Analogy

The great God who created the heavens and the earth is soon going to have to intervene — as our new principal did — and show His power to a self-indulgent and rebellious race of men. He is going to show such awesome and powerful signs that men will stand in fear and awe of His majesty and His office. Then — and only then — will there be peace in this war-torn world!

Since God has allowed man to go his own way for six thousand years, men have begun to assume that their very Creator is "dead," impotent, or "way off" somewhere. They have ceased to realize He is nearby and very available for help. They have ceased praying to the true God. They have

ceased expecting a supernatural answer, if that is required. They have ceased fearing to disobey His plain written Word and His Commandments!

Because of this, mankind is in terrible trouble. Man is about to blast himself off this planet!

The true God is going to stop it.

The Beginning of True Wisdom

The Word of God tells us: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction" (Proverbs 1:7).

Yes, fools sneer, ridicule and despise the true wisdom and understanding that comes from God. But those who will be leaders in truly helping this world today and in blessing and saving it in the World Tomorrow will be those who have true wisdom and knowledge through the deep acknowledgment and fear of the living God!

Again: "The fear of the Lord is to hate evil: pride, and arrogance, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate" (Proverbs 8:13). This proper "fear" of God causes us to understand the nature of evil and to sincerely hate it — to turn away from it and from all the self-willed vanity and rebellion that causes every human woe and ill today, including the danger of human annihilation, if man doesn't wake up!

A few years ago — very few as the Eternal God counts time (II Peter 3:8) — God removed a great Babylonian king from his office and his majesty for seven years. This king, Nebuchadnezzar, was brought down and humbled in a way that no other king has ever been.

After that time — and after he had learned a great lesson — Nebuchadnezzar was restored to his kingdom, and he lifted up his eyes to praise and honor the true God. Nebuchadnezzar said:

"All the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he [God] doeth according to his will in the

army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou? . . . Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase" (Daniel 4:35, 37).

This great king learned — as the men and rulers of this present civilization will soon learn — that God is very real and that He rules over the nations according to His will!

Build this concept into your mind. Deeply study and drink in of the prophecies of the Bible and prove them to yourself. If you have not yet done so, write for our free booklet, *The Proof of the Bible*.

Read and study the examples of Jesus' life and miracles. Realize that He is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8).

Build in your mind and heart an awareness that God is very near and that He will answer your faithful prayers with power, as long as they are based upon His Word and His will. Use this concept and grow in it daily!

While still learning and practicing

the first point given above, here is the second "key" which you must build into your life if you are to tap the great power of God.

II. Walk With God

This key is learning to walk with God. To walk with God, you must walk where He walks — for He will not depart from His divine path to go according to the ways and reasonings of men. To walk with God, you must follow Jesus' admonition that man must live by every word of God (Luke 4:4).

To walk with God, you must strive to overcome your human nature and *keep His Commandments*. For Jesus, when asked the way to eternal life said: "If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments." Then He began to name some of the Ten Commandments (Matthew 19:17).

Again, Jesus said: "And why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46.)

Put simply, this means that you must obey your Maker, learn to live and act as He does, and be in constant communion with Him through the study of His Word, through prayer, meditation, fasting, and exercising

THE BIBLE AND THE SPACE AGE. Surprising as it may seem, the Space Age was predicted centuries ago. The first lesson of the Ambassador College Correspondence Course makes it plain.



His character throughout your daily life. The great men of the Bible have all done this!

Notice this account of Enoch's life: "And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah: and Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: and all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years: and Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him" (Genesis 5:21-24).

Examples of Noah, Abraham, and Micah

Now notice the account of Noah — for whose sake human life itself was preserved from the all-encompassing flood that came upon the earth in his days: "These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God" (Genesis 6:9).

Here it is pointed out that Noah was "just" — he lived a righteous life according to God's commandments. When called upon to do what must have seemed at the time a ridiculous thing — building an ark out in the middle of a dry plain — Noah obeyed His Creator without balking or questioning. He kept in constant communion with the great Spirit Personality who spoke to him and directed his paths. He yielded to his Maker. He walked with God.

Next, we come to the account of Abraham — the "father of the faithful." In Genesis 17:1, God states: "And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God, walk before me [or "with" me], and be thou perfect [wholehearted]." Of course, Abraham did not have perfect faith at every hour of the day, nor perfect obedience either, but he constantly yielded his will and life to His Creator and grew in perfection and walked with God.

Thus, when the birthright which he received was transferred to Isaac, God declared that this fantastic bless-

ing was given Abraham, "Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws" (Genesis 26:5). Abraham obeyed His Maker — he walked the way God walked.

The prophet Micah summarizes this basic approach to God which we must have to receive His blessing and power:

"He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God" (Micah 6:8).

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Jesus' Example

We need the attitude which Jesus exemplified in what is called the Lord's Prayer: "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10).

To walk with God, we need to honestly seek the revealed will of God in the Bible — and be willing to change where we're wrong, to let God fashion us, mold us and use us as His instruments. We ought to ache and yearn for His government to be set up on this earth — for His perfect will to be accomplished so that there will be peace, happiness and joy for everyone. Because that is the only real way these things will ever come about!

What was the remarkable source of Jesus' power?

Notice! In Mark 1:32-34, He healed many sick and diseased persons who were brought to Him — casting out demon spirits as well. "And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed" (verse 35). Constantly, throughout His life, you will find Jesus leaving the multitudes in order

to get close to God in earnest prayer and meditation. He walked with God and He talked with God — always.

Remember the account of Jesus walking on the water? Some people today make fun of this. They think it's a big joke. But they will not laugh when they see the returning Christ coming in brilliant glory and power — shining with the brightness of a thousand suns!

But, to get to the point, have you ever noticed what Jesus did just before He walked on the water? "And when he had sent them away, he departed into a mountain to pray" (Mark 6:46). Then He walked on the water (verses 47-52) in order to catch up with the disciples. They were amazed and afraid.

Why?

"For they considered not the miracle of the loaves: for their heart was hardened" (verse 52). In other words, the disciples should not have been so amazed at Jesus' walking on the water. They should have realized the tremendous meaning of His other fantastic miracles — that He really was God in the flesh — able to use the very power of the Creator to do His work.

Not understanding this basic principle, they were continually amazed with each new miracle He performed — never seeming to understand the relationship of one to another and the fact of Christ's office and ability to exercise the Divine Power.

How about you?

Will you learn from this article to so conduct yourself — to walk with God — that you may be constantly aware of His reality and His power and be yielded to His will so that you can be a dynamic instrument in His hands?

III. Exercise God's Power

The Gospel of Mark narrates a dramatic incident in the life of Jesus and His disciples. A man brought his son to Jesus' disciples. This son, according to the account, was possessed by a demon, which caused him to froth at

the mouth and throw himself on the ground in convulsive fits. Jesus' disciples had been unable to cast out the demon, and the distraught father turned to Jesus when He arrived and cried out: "Have compassion on us, and help us!" (Mark 9:22.)

Then Jesus said: "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth!"

"And straightway, the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief."

Then Jesus, having mercy, rebuked the foul spirit and cast it out. The disciples were sheepish and dumb-founded. They didn't understand what was lacking on their part. The Son of God told them: "This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting" (verse 29).

Obviously, Jesus had been praying and fasting — getting really close to and communing with His Father in Heaven, yielding His will to God's and drinking in of His Spirit and power. He expected the answer — and He got it!

Why don't more of the professing ministers of Christ have this kind of power today?

Notice Jesus' instruction just after His resurrection from the dead: "And these signs shall follow them that believe; in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover" (Mark 16:17-18).

After giving this instruction, Christ was received up into Heaven to sit at the right hand of God. Then His disciples went forth and preached everywhere, "the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following" (verses 19-20).

Christ had risen. He was alive and active. He was intervening to back up His ministers and their prayers to God! This same power is active among the true believers in Jesus Christ today!

Not Emotionalism

No! True Christianity is not connected with emotionalism, whooping and hollering, moaning, frothing at the mouth, and shouting and screaming in the kind of "tongues speaking" so often falsely practiced today in the name of Christianity!

It is simply believing that Jesus said what He meant and meant what He said. It is following His example of obeying the commandments of God, trusting God to keep His promises, and privately — as Jesus instructed — praying, meditating and fasting to get closer to the God of the Bible, the Creator, and seeking His power and intervention according to what He has promised in His Word, the Bible.

In II Kings 2:8-15, we find the account where the great prophet Elijah was taken up into heaven — turning his office and mantle over to Elisha. Read this account carefully. Notice that Elisha expected to carry on in the power of God as had Elijah. For he asked for a "double portion" of Elijah's spirit to be upon him.

As Elijah ascended up to heaven, his mantle fell on Elisha. Elisha then went back to the bank of the Jordan River where Elijah had just smitten the waters so they could walk over on dry ground. This time the young, new prophet Elisha smote the waters, saying in faith: "Where is the Lord God of Elijah? And when he had also smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over" (verse 14).

Today, you should personally *awake* to the fact that the mantle and *power* of Elijah *will be manifested* among God's true servants *in this age*.

For as John the Baptist came in the spirit and power of Elijah (Luke 1:17), so God says of our day: "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: and he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers; lest I

come and smite the earth with a curse" (Malachi 4:5-6). That commission is being accomplished through this Work!

Through *The World Tomorrow* broadcast and *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine, every inhabited continent is now being reached with the message of God's coming government and His rule over the earth. It is not being preached with the thought of converting everybody, but it is for a "witness" — as Jesus commanded in Matthew 24:14. That witness is to proclaim the true God of power, to announce His coming world-ruling government, and to turn the hearts of those who are willing, back to the true ways of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and most of all, Jesus Christ. Power and miracles are already being manifested — and they will increase with each passing year in this work of the Eternal God! You readers who are given understanding need to realize that you're living at the end of an age — and will live into the new age of God's government.

You need to become more deeply aware and conscious of the spirit world of the living God and His Christ — of His archangels and angels who serve His people, and of His power to strengthen, to heal, to deliver and to bless in your life.

So we are impressed today with the power of hydrogen bombs?

Who made the hydrogen atom? Who made the puny human brain that finally managed to unleash its power? Who has power millions of times beyond this — operating throughout the vast universe?

You need to know how to properly fear and walk with this true God! You need to understand and appreciate the gigantic hydrogen-bomb power He has available to help us!

And we all need to humbly use it — as He would, in His service. ■

To find out more about God's power and how you can exercise that power in your life, request our free article, "How You Can Be Imbued with the Power of God."

what you can do...

TIMELY Tips and Helpful Suggestions for YOU and YOUR FAMILY

• Avoid Back Injury

Daily strains from bending, stooping, stretching, and lifting affect the bones, nerves, and muscles of our all-too-vulnerable back. Every day, one out of three adult Americans is tormented by a back pain. Because of back injuries to workers, industry loses almost a billion dollars annually. For this reason, the National Safety Council suggests following these simple precautionary procedures when lifting heavy objects in order to prevent back injuries:

1. Never try to lift more than you can handle.
2. Always crouch down to what you are going to lift.
3. Plant your feet firmly on a surface that is strong enough to hold you and the load you are lifting.
4. Get a firm grip on the object you are going to lift. Place fingers underneath the load whenever possible.
5. Keep your head up, arms straight, and keep your back in as near a straight-up-and-down position as possible.
6. Lift gradually and push up using your strong leg muscles.
7. Avoid twisting motions — shift the position of your feet.
8. Keep the load as close to your body as possible.
9. Put things down by reversing the above methods.

• "Train Up Your Child"

One of the wisest men who ever lived had this admonishment for parents: "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). This admonishment is still as true today as it was nearly 3,000 years ago when Solomon wrote it down. Research bears this out.

Studies reveal that a child's mind begins to be programmed for life very early, in fact before school age. Benjamin S. Bloom, Professor of Education at the University of Chicago, found that fully 50% of a 17-year-old's general intelligence and ability to achieve in school is developed between conception and age four. A child's personality

traits are also formed at an early age.

According to psychologist Gordon Allport, the personality traits a child develops during his early years continues into adulthood with very little change. And many behavioral authorities agree, saying that by the time a child is six, his personality is pretty much fixed.

Even such controversial thinkers as psychoanalyst Sigmund Freud and contemporary psychologist B. F. Skinner have asserted that, if they could control the teaching of a child during his first six years of life, nothing could then reverse that teaching.

It therefore goes without saying that it is extremely important to begin teaching such desirable traits as obedience, love, consideration, gratefulness, industriousness, and happiness to children early in their lives. When learned, they then become part of a child's character, carrying on into adult life.

For the help you need to train and teach your child, write for our free booklet, *The Plain Truth About Child Rearing*. It is one of the most soundly based booklets on the subject of child rearing in print today.

• Riptide

A riptide or rip current can seize a bather in shallow wading water and sweep him as far as a quarter of a mile to sea at speeds of 10 m.p.h. Hundreds of people, visiting the beach this summer to enjoy wading and swimming in the ocean, many for the first time, will have to be rescued from this overpowering force. For your protection you should be aware of how a riptide acts.

Riptides are generally set up by a strong surf, attacking the beach at a slight angle. This creates a current that flows along the shoreline. When this current meets with a static or calm water zone, it is forced to run elsewhere, so it heads out to sea. As it heads out, the undercurrent becomes extremely strong, creating a hazardous riptide.

You can identify a riptide while on the beach by the discoloration of the water from stirred-up sand and by wavelets and swirlings that do not match surrounding waters.

If you ever get caught in a rip current, experts advise swimming parallel to the beach until you are out of the current, rather than swimming immediately toward the beach against it.

— Patrick A. Parnell

ANIMAL BRAIN VS. HUMAN MIND

by Herbert W. Armstrong

Concluding Installment

BEGINNING WITH the JANUARY number, *The PLAIN TRUTH* published five installments on "Why the vast difference between animal brain and HUMAN MIND?" by Robert L. Kuhn. Dr. Kuhn dealt with the subject from the physiological standpoint of the new science of brain research.

Dr. Kuhn began his studies on this question in eastern universities — finally earning his Ph.D. at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA).

I knew nothing of Robert Kuhn when he began his studies on this basic and important question. About the same time, I began a deeper study than I had before into this same question — in the Biblical revelation.

Dr. Kuhn joined the faculty of Ambassador College, Pasadena campus. What a surprise to learn that each of us had come to the same answer — he from research in physical science, and I from Biblical studies.

By way of summary, in the January and February installments, Dr. Kuhn demonstrated that the human *mind* is ENORMOUSLY superior in output to

the animal brain. In the March-April and May installments, he demonstrated that the human *brain* is just BARELY superior to animal brain — and that a *nonphysical component* is absolutely essential to transform the human brain into the human mind. In the June installment we found out what it all means, and began to answer the ultimate question: What is Man?

In the July number, I explained the Biblical passages showing that there is, indeed, this nonphysical component — spirit — in man, and that man could not possess the knowledge humans possess, save by this spirit that is in man.

The key passage on this — as covered in the preceding installment — is found in the 2nd chapter of I Corinthians. The Apostle Paul was explaining that the natural mind of man cannot know or comprehend "the things which God hath prepared for them that love him" (verse 9). Man, naturally, receives knowledge only through the five senses — sight, hearing, feeling, tasting, smelling. But this verse explained that his eye

has not seen, nor his ear heard these things. Neither can he know them, (verse 14) because they are *spiritually* discerned.

But, verse 10, "God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit." Then the real explanation comes in verse 11: "For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God."

There are two spirits mentioned here — the "spirit of man which is in him" and "the Spirit of God" which *may*, on God's conditions, come to be in him as God's gift.

Just as the natural mind of man cannot know these spiritual truths of God without the *addition* within him of the SPIRIT OF GOD — the HOLY SPIRIT — so man could not know — could not have the KNOWLEDGE — of the things that are human knowledge, without the spirit of man.

The cow, the dog, the chimp, the dolphin, or the elephant does not possess this knowledge common to humans, because there is no such spirit in animals. The animal brain is

capable of a very limited amount of knowledge. It is capable of a certain limited amount of memory. But animal brain output is almost infinitesimal by comparison to human mind output.

Yet this human mind output is LIMITED!

It cannot come to spiritual knowledge until *another* Spirit is added — God's HOLY SPIRIT! It can know *only* that knowledge that, as is stated in I Corinthians 2:9, eye has seen or ear has heard — that is, knowledge that enters the brain through the five senses. And WHY?

Because spiritual things are invisible. One cannot see spirit. One cannot hear, touch or feel, smell or taste spirit.

The natural man, as humans are born, is limited to PHYSICAL, MATERIAL knowledge — that knowledge that can come through the five senses.

The Spirit of Man Does Not See

The spirit of man does not see. The human brain sees, through the eye. This spirit does not hear. The brain hears, through the ear. The spirit of man does not think — it imparts power to the brain to think.

Prove it! Very well — a man meets with an accident and loses his eyesight. He can no longer see. He can still think. He still has human mind. His spirit is still there, but it cannot see. The same is true of hearing and the other senses. His ability to receive knowledge is reduced, for he no longer receives knowledge through the sense of sight.

This Spirit is NOT the Man

This spirit that is in man is merely something that is IN him. It is not the man, any more than a tiny marble swallowed by a boy IS the boy. It is merely something that is IN him.

I have covered before the statement found in Genesis 2, verse 7: "The Eternal God formed man of the dust

of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."

What became a soul? That which came from the dust of the ground — material substance. The breathing MAN, composed of MATTER, is a soul. The soul, then, is physical — NOT SPIRIT. It is twice stated "the soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezekiel 18:4, 20). Adam became a soul, and God told him that if he ate the forbidden fruit he would SURELY die.

So this spirit of man that is IN him must not be confused with the idea of an "immortal soul" — something entirely foreign to Biblical revelation.

Life After Death?

The Biblical revelation, then, makes the claim that man is made wholly of material substance, is mortal, and shall die. As stated in Hebrews 9:27, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment. . ."

But after death — then what?

Is there HOPE in the Bible for life after death?

The scripture quoted above says, "after this" — after death — "the judgment." That certainly implies life after death.

Then does the Biblical revelation give us hope for life after death? Emphatically it does! It is the GREAT HOPE — that of the RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD. It was for this Biblical hope that the Apostle Paul was on trial for his life (Acts 23:6).

Most of the Western world celebrates Easter once a year. Supposedly this is in honor of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Of course we don't hear much about whether Christ *remained* alive, after His resurrection — or, if so, what He is doing today. Yet a whole book of the Bible is devoted to what the *living* Christ has been doing since His resurrection — and is doing today! That is the book of Hebrews.

The "resurrection chapter" of the Bible is the 15th chapter of I Corin-

thians. It plainly reveals that the resurrection is the *SOLE* hope of life after death. "As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. . ." (verse 22). But there is an order in which resurrections occur — continuing the above quote: "But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. Then cometh the end. . ."

Other passages reveal two more resurrections — Ezekiel 37 and Revelation 20:11-12, a resurrection to *physical* life a thousand years after the first resurrection, and a final resurrection (the 15th verse of Revelation 20).

But how will God accomplish this resurrection?

Prepare for some surprises.

Will God, in some supernatural manner, cause all of the exact same matter that was in the body of the person that died to be brought back to life? Many have been cremated. In some cases, the ashes may have been scattered over wide distances by airplanes. Most of the cremated body went up in gaseous form into the air.

Did you ever wonder how God would bring all the gaseous and ash portions back together again, into a restored body?

Well first, notice what we may learn in the 15th chapter of I Corinthians. The Corinthians must have wondered about that, because the Apostle Paul was inspired to give them the answer.

"But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come? Thou fool [or, "foolish man," or "foolish question"], that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die: and that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain; but God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body. . ." (I Corinthians 15:35-38).

You plant a grain of wheat. Wheat

stalks sprout up, with grains of wheat growing. The new grains are not the same particle of matter as the grain planted — but wheat seeds sprout WHEAT, and not oats — every seed its own kind of body.

Likewise the resurrected body will not be the *same* body, or the exact same matter that was buried — or that was cremated. Though not the same body, it will be identical. This passage continues to show that there are different kinds of flesh — of men, of beasts, of fishes, of birds. "There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another" (verse 40).

Then the passage continues to show what the resurrected bodies of those who are Christ's — those in whom is dwelling God's Holy Spirit (Romans 8:9, 11) — will be like. The language is clearer in the Moffatt translation:

"So with the resurrection of the dead: what is sown is mortal, what rises is immortal; sown inglorious, it rises in glory; sown in weakness, it rises in power; sown an animate [natural] body, it rises a spiritual body" (verses 42-44).

Continue, in the Authorized Version:

"And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam [Christ] was made a quickening spirit" (Moffatt: "a life-giving Spirit"). "... The first man is of the earth, earthy" — that is to say, the soul is of the earth, earthy — not spirit. "... the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly." Moffatt translates it: "Thus, as we have borne the likeness of material Man."

Those who are Christ's (Romans 8:9) will be resurrected, at the time of

Christ's return in power and glory to earth, immortal, composed of SPIRIT.

Those in the "Great White Throne" resurrection (Revelation 20:11-12 and Ezekiel 37:4-6, 11-13) will rise mortal, as they were before — human — of the earth — earthy. Then (Ezekiel 37:13-14) God will give them His Holy Spirit, and they, too, shall receive God's gift of eternal life.

Now, remember we covered (I Corinthians 15:38) how that, when a grain of wheat is planted, the new plants that spring up are not the same grain that was planted, but they ARE EXACTLY THE SAME KIND — they are wheat, not oats or some other grain.

The Biblical revelation makes plain the fact that, in the resurrection, we shall look exactly as we do in this life. The resurrected body will be identical in every way. For example, Christ said to the hypocritical Pharisees: "There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out" (Luke 13:28). Those there will be RECOGNIZED.

Spirit of Man Like a Mold

There is the old saying, "You can't take it with you when you die." You may drive yourself relentlessly to pile up a financial fortune. But you'll leave it all behind, when you die.

There is, however, something far more valuable in life — and you CAN TAKE IT WITH YOU, when you die.

And that is a righteous spiritual CHARACTER that God the Master Potter wants to fashion and shape and develop in us.

In the resurrection, you not only will look just like you do in this life, you will have the same knowledge you had in this life — and the same character, good or bad.

Now how is all that possible?

It seems quite simple, once you

understand. I will give you an analogy.

Between the Hall of Administration and the Student Center building on our Pasadena campus of Ambassador College is a beautiful fountain, 38 feet high. It is a bronze sculpture of five graceful, huge egrets, wheeling in flight around a jet of water. It was designed and sculptured by David Wynne of London. Actually, it had to be made of many pieces, each rather large, shipped, and then put together on our campus.

This famous sculptor formed it originally of plaster. I saw it before it left his London studio, fully assembled, made of a white plaster. Later, I saw it in its various pieces or parts, in a London foundry. For example, the wingspread of each large egret is 15 feet, so each wing was cast separately. This was done by making a sand mold of each part at the foundry. Into each was poured molten bronze.

The bronze parts were shipped to Pasadena and assembled and welded together. Result: a beautiful bronze sculpture, of precisely the same form and shape as the original plaster model, only now composed of a different material — beautiful, hard, and enduring bronze. This is merely an analogy, not an exact comparison in all respects — for we have to think of the spirit of man as performing the same function as the sand mold, though different from it.

Memory Recorded in Spirit

I hope that illustration gives understanding of how it is possible that, though a human body that once lived disintegrates, decomposes, or is cremated and scattered to the four winds, the spirit preserves its form, shape, memory, character. The resurrected body will be precisely *like it*, though composed of something different. In Philippians 3:20-21 it speaks of Christ's coming in power and glory, "who shall change our vile

[physical] body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious [spirit-composed] body."

This spirit in each individual, of necessity, does more than merely imparting the power of intellect to the physical brain. It becomes a spiritual "mold" of the entire person — even to preserving memory, knowledge and character. Thus the resurrected person, then *composed* of spirit instead of matter as in his human lifetime, will be immortal. He will have life inherent — within himself. He will not need to breathe air to sustain his existence, nor eat food nor drink water — though Biblical revelation shows that we *shall* be able to enjoy eating and drinking.

What About the Maimed or Crippled?

Now comes the question — will we be, in every detail, *exactly* as we are in this human life? Will the crippled or maimed be so in the resurrection?

Biblical revelation presents the resurrected ones as having undergone a NEW BIRTH — even a NEW CREATION! In this new BIRTH, the repentant and believing human, as an analogy, compares to the ovum, and the Holy Spirit of God to the life-imparting divine "sperm." The nucleus in the human with which the Spirit of God unites is the spirit of man. We shall, then, be BORN OF GOD. When we were born of human flesh, we inherited much from our human fathers — in form, shape, appearance, as well as mental and other characteristics. Then it follows automatically that in the resurrection we shall inherit much from our heavenly Father. We shall inherit much of His character — his holiness — His perfection. But shall we not inherit even some of His specific features?

In looks, it is apparent we shall be recognized — as Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and the prophets shall be. But it would certainly seem, since Jesus is

our God-Healer, and He healed even the crippled, that imperfections caused by accidents and/or poor nutrition in this life would be HEALED — or missing limbs would be restored, sicknesses or diseases would be healed and disappear.

Those resurrected to physical and mortal life in the judgment of the Great White Throne will be composed of flesh and blood — just as before, but it will not be the SAME body that died — the SAME flesh and blood. But new flesh and blood will form *with* this spirit "mold."

In either resurrection, each person will KNOW what he knew in this life. That means that his knowledge — his memory — is recorded and preserved in this spirit.

When one dies, it is recorded in Ecclesiastes, "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it" (Eccl. 12:7).

I do *not* say that memory is *not* stamped in "the gray matter" of the human brain. Indeed, since animal brains do preserve a certain amount of memory, the indication is that memory may be stamped both in the physical brain and in the spirit of man. But this much is evident: whatever is stamped in the physical brain is corruptible and subject to decay. Only the spirit of man can *preserve* it.

Unconscious in Death?

Human consciousness resides in the physical brain. The spirit of man undoubtedly imparts a far more REAL consciousness than experienced in animal brain, yet this consciousness resides in the brain, not in the spirit.

Proof: Medical anesthesia operates on the physical brain, not on the spirit. But when one is completely "under," his spirit is not engaged in conscious thinking. Yet nothing has happened to the spirit — it is indestructible and as active as ever.

This explains what the Bible reveals — that "... the living know

that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing" (Ecclesiastes 9:5). Assuredly the physical brain functions no longer, after one dies. And, although the person's total fund of knowledge is *preserved* — stored up, as it were — in the spirit, that spirit is not consciously thinking, apart from the brain — or UNTIL united with the brain of the resurrected person.

Further, this knowledge explains something else.

In the "resurrection chapter" — the 15th chapter of I Corinthians, it is written: "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept" (verse 20). It speaks of the dead as "those that slept." In I Thessalonians 4:14 the dead are spoken of as those "who sleep in Jesus."

Because the Bible speaks of death as a sleep, some have derisively ridiculed those who believe the scriptures above about the unconscious state of the dead as being "soul-sleepers."

But the soul doesn't sleep — *it dies!* And the spirit of man is unconscious, yet this spirit NEVER DIES. It is the one ingredient that was IN the man which lives, yet this spirit is unconscious — therefore the Bible speaks of the dead as sleeping.

There is another analogy that might help illustrate how the spirit of man *preserves* man's form, shape, knowledge, character, personality — actually the whole person, intact until the resurrection.

That is the tape now used in recording of both sound and picture, in radio, television, or home-recording sets. In sound recording, a person's voice in speech or singing, or the voices of chorus and/or orchestra, band, or instrument — whatever sound — is electrically recorded. Like the spirit, your naked eye can't see anything recorded on the tape, yet it's there. This sound is "resurrected," or reproduced, when played on a tape machine. Until then, however, it makes no sound — it is "uncon-

scious" so to speak. But when played on the tape machine, the whole sound "comes to life" precisely as it sounded when recorded through the microphone.

In the case of television tape, both video (picture) and audio (sound) are recorded. And, in the form of a picture, it comes back to life when put on the air, even in full color.

We think of all this as something ordinary and simple today — we have come to "take it for granted," as part of everyday life.

Then should it seem too difficult for the Creator, Miracle-working God to preserve our very *person*, and all that we are, by means of this spirit of man?

This, then, is the Biblical revelation. Perhaps a comparatively small minority of the earth's human population *believes* the Biblical revelation. Adam and Eve didn't. Most of their descendants have not. I can only hope that the reader does — and state, further, that the time is soon coming when *everybody will!*

Let me say here that what is presented here is merely an *OVERVIEW*. There may be many detailed aspects of this subject of the spirit of man that we do not as yet know. There are definitely some aspects of the subject not given to us in Biblical revelation.

Remember what *is* revealed in Deuteronomy 29:29: "The secret things belong unto the Eternal our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever. . . ." To try to reason out details of this subject not revealed could be intruding where man has no right. I do not wish to intrude on the privacy of my God. This subject, it is realized, *could* arouse endless questions, probably unimportant or useless.

It *IS* important to know that it is definitely revealed that there *IS* the promise of *LIFE AFTER DEATH* — and that this life comes through the *RES-*

URRECTION — not through the pagan myth of the immortality of the soul. It is important to know what man *is*, and why he *is*.

Now, with this revealed knowledge in mind, what, finally, is *MAN*?

Man is a creation of the living God. Formed, for this life, of material substance from the dust of the ground, man nevertheless was made in the image, likeness — form and shape — of the Almighty God. He was made to need, and to have and enjoy if he will, a very special relationship with his Maker. He was given the wonderful power of *MIND*, to make possible this relationship with his Maker.

But the man and woman God created were not created *COMPLETE* — nor have their descendants been *born* complete. They were the significant part of the *PHYSICAL CREATION*, that was the material with which their Maker might begin His *SPIRITUAL CREATION*.

Still, even as composed of physical matter, Adam was not complete. One very vital ingredient was missing — though God provided it for the taking, and offered it to Adam and Eve. That is His Holy Spirit.

The "tree of life" in the Garden of Eden was the symbol of God's Holy Spirit, which might be called the "seed" or divine spiritual "sperm" imparting, or leading to, eternal life.

It has been explained in this article in what manner Adam's creation was incomplete. The spirit of man imparts the power of intellect to the physical brain, but at the same time it *limits* the human mind to *MATERIAL* knowledge.

The very presence of this spirit in man gives him a spiritual, moral, and ethical nature — with spiritual, moral and ethical problems, but with *UNDERSTANDING* limited to the physical and material.

Man was made to have a special relationship with his Maker, yet by his transgressions, and lack of the

Spirit of God, he is *CUT OFF* from his Maker!

Yet, even though our first parents rejected God's knowledge and His way, our Maker has left the door open. He has bequeathed to us His *REVEALED KNOWLEDGE* in the Bible.

When Adam and Eve disbelieved Him and disobeyed Him — made the wrong choice — God drove them out of the Garden of Eden, "lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever. . . ." (Gen. 3:22). So Adam was cut off from God. And, since then, "all have sinned" (except Jesus Christ), and cut themselves off from contact with God (Isaiah 59:2).

But the Biblical revelation shows us that on repentance, and faith, through Jesus Christ, whose death paid our penalty in our stead, we may be reconciled to God and receive His Holy Spirit — *GOD'S* Spirit, added to *our* spirit. So that *His* "Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God" (Romans 8:16). We then become Christ's (Romans 8:9).

Now, "if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you" (Romans 8:11).

And when we are instantaneously changed, *if* living at the time of Christ's coming (I Corinthians 15:51-54) or, resurrected to eternal life if we have died previous to that time, we shall enter the very Kingdom of God, composed of spirit. We shall then be higher than angels — we shall judge angels (I Corinthians 6:2-3).

What is *MAN*? He is a human who has gone the wrong way, but who has the potential of *TURNING AROUND*, repenting, believing, and becoming a *SON OF GOD* with eternal life in peace, happiness, joy, abundant well-being — *GLORY*, for ever and ever! ■





"HURRICANE AGONY"

The worst flooding ever in the eastern United States! The realization now dawns that natural disasters can wreak havoc on affluent industrial nations.

IN MID-JUNE, on the heels of severe storms and flooding in Rapid City, South Dakota, the first American hurricane of the 1972 season, Hurricane Agnes, ravaged the Atlantic seaboard with devastating floods. The heavy rains and flooding in much of the eastern United States have produced one of the most extensive disasters in the nation's history — and in terms of property damage, certainly one of the most expensive.

Thousands of homes, farms, and businesses from Virginia to New York and as far west as Ohio were wiped out by the week-long rains dumped by tropical storm Agnes. The death toll from Hurricane Agnes soared over the one hundred mark. At its peak, Agnes forced nearly 400,000 people to flee from their homes.

Most Extensive in U. S. History

"We believe the flooding from the Gulf Coast to New York is *the most extensive in the country's history*," announced Dr. Robert White, head of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, which oversees the U. S. Weather Service. He later said, "Never before has the weather service been faced with the threat of simultaneous flooding over such a large area and affecting so many population centers."

After a helicopter tour of the hard-hit areas of Virginia and Maryland, White added, "In many areas the floods are also the most severe ever, in terms of height of water." He didn't know of any time in U. S. history when so many rivers and major streams exceeded record flood levels.

According to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, 4,500 miles of major U. S. streams and 9,000 miles of smaller tributaries have overflowed their banks.

According to White, Hurricane Agnes departed from the normal pattern of hurricanes once it hit land. "Usually, they [hurricanes] pick up speed once they get over land, but in this case it moved very slowly, and it had time to drop enormous amounts of rainfall," he declared. "Then when it came up the coast, it didn't turn out to sea, as hurricanes normally do, because of a low pressure trough in the North Atlantic that forced it to turn west and go into New York. . . . When nature goes on a rampage, we are its prisoners."

Damage estimates stand at about 1.7 billion dollars, but the total cost will not be known for months to come. Approximate estimates from the governors of stricken states are Florida, \$35 million; Maryland, \$50 million; Virginia, \$160 million; New York, \$235 million; and hardest-hit Pennsylvania, well over

\$1,000,000,000. According to U. S. Department of Agriculture officials, over 37,000 farms in the five-state area received damage. Early agricultural-loss estimates were placed at over \$5 million dollars.

Pennsylvania suffered the worst damage from Agnes, with 50 known dead and more than 250,000 residents homeless.

"Without any doubt it is the worst disaster in the history of Pennsylvania," lamented Governor Shapp. "I think Pennsylvanians will have every reason to rename Hurricane Agnes *Hurricane Agony*."

Personal Report

PLAIN TRUTH regional editor Dexter Faulkner, accompanied by photographer Larry Dalton, toured the flooded Harrisburg area and filed the following heartrending report:

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania:

We have just left the Harrisburg airport terminal. All we can think about is a now famous line: "Water, water everywhere, but not a drop to drink." Just inside the terminal, numbers of homeless people are being cared for by the Red Cross. Throughout the terminal, signs warn: "Don't drink this water — Contaminated."

A lack of safe drinking water has affected at least 80 communities in Pennsylvania. For fear of large outbreaks of disease, officials have repeatedly warned against drinking any water without boiling it for several minutes.

Harrisburg, from the window of our small Cessna aircraft, is, as we write, a sea of devastation. We wonder, "How can anyone possibly describe such misery and destruction?" It is unbelievable. The Susquehanna River, which runs through Harrisburg, is dark brown from the rich topsoil it has robbed from Pennsylvania's fertile farmlands. Signs of destruction are evident wherever the swollen river courses. It has slammed trucks through factory walls, flipped automobiles upside down, leaving them mired in the mud, and from our





RAVAGES OF HURRICANE AGNES

Left: An old Harrisburg bridge, which has long withstood the elements, finally crumbles under the pressure of the flood caused by Hurricane Agnes. What was usually 3 to 6 feet of water crested upward to nearly 30 feet or more. Below left: Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, June 26 — among the thousands of people who had to evacuate their homes when floods hit the Harrisburg area were these residents of a nursing home. Here an elderly patient is being cared for by a Red Cross volunteer. Below: All that's left of a bridge at Ellicott City, Maryland, June 27, 1972.

Left, Larry Dalton — *Post Truth*
Below left, Rudy Vetter — *American Red Cross*
Below, Jack Schneider —
Office of Emergency Preparedness





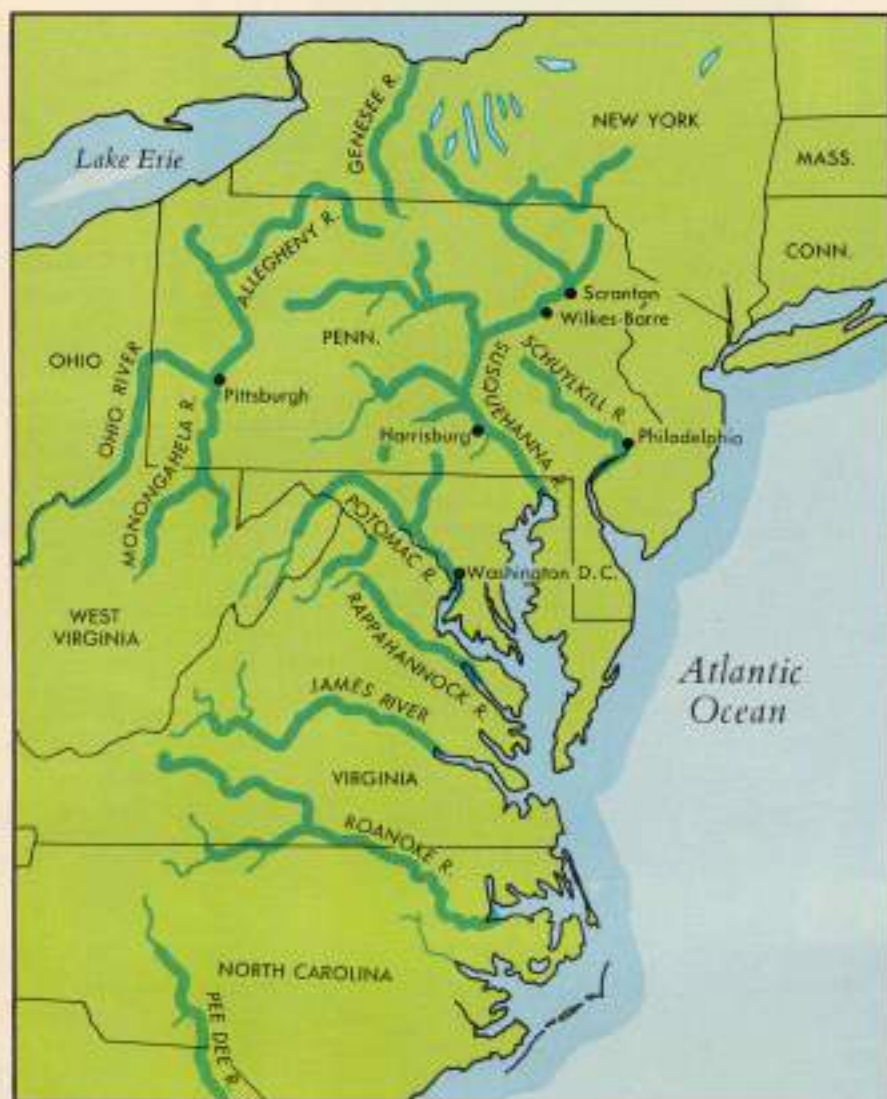


AFTERMATH OF THE FLOOD

Far left: A flood victim bails out the basement of his home at Port Deposit, Maryland following the flood generated by Hurricane Agnes. Top center: President Nixon visited flood victims housed at William Penn High School on June 24. He came by helicopter to personally view the destruction wrought by Hurricane Agnes. Left: A displaced person sitting on a bench near the flooded Susquehanna River in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Below: View of Harrisburg after the water started to recede. The water level reached ten feet in the streets.

Far left, Jack Schneider —
Office of Emergency Preparedness.
All others, Larry Dalton —
Plain Truth





airial viewpoint, they look much like toy cars left in a little boy's backyard mudpile. The Susquehanna has uprooted mobile homes and created grotesque new neighborhoods from their twisted hulks.

From our 900 foot altitude, we can see tons of piled-up silt and debris deposited everywhere. The damage done to railroads, bridges, and public facilities is appalling. Everywhere on homes, factories and buildings, we can see ugly, muddy watermarks left by the receding Susquehanna. "It's hard to believe, isn't it," our pilot remarked. "So much destruction in such a short period of time."

Landing at Harrisburg airport is

Our map indicates the rivers and tributaries that overflowed their banks in the aftermath of Hurricane Agnes.

like landing on an island, since the airport is almost surrounded by receding water. Work crews have already begun massive cleanup operations. On the ground, we see dozens of people removing water-logged personal items from their homes and apartments and hanging them out to dry in the sun. There exist some local problems with spectators and looters.

In the streets, piles of lumber and twisted metal lie scattered about as sightseers from miles around — in shorts and sunglasses — mix with

national guardsmen who are patrolling the area.

The rank smell of the flood and the heartbreaking scenes of misery etch a deep impression on our minds. As we head back to Washington, D.C., we can see large black clouds ominously gathering again, and the thought occurs about how valuable water is to us in our everyday living, yet how much utter devastation it has caused to the northeast United States this third week of June, 1972.

So ends the report from Harrisburg.

It Can Happen Anywhere

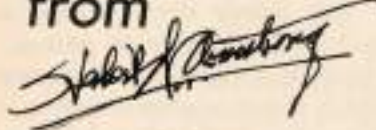
What few Americans realize is that the Agnes disaster is the latest in what has been the most severe period of major disasters on record in the United States. There have been 27 major disaster declarations by President Nixon during calendar year 1972 — all except one for flooding.

Most Americans are used to reading of calamitous natural disasters occurring in remote areas of the world — such as typhoons in Pakistan or the Philippines, or devastating earthquakes in Turkey, Iran, Peru, or Chile. But the recent flooding in the eastern part of the United States brings home the lesson that *no country* — no matter how affluent, prosperous, or wealthy — is immune to unexpected national disasters.

Floods, earthquakes, and other disasters can happen virtually *anywhere*. Upset weather conditions can, and do, cause severe suffering and havoc in any nation, leaving multiple thousands homeless.

Such calamities are generally referred to as "acts of God." God may or may not be directly responsible; however, it is important that the nation face up to the fact that such unparalleled flooding does provide forceful evidence that the United States has not been blessed with providential "rain in due season" (Lev. 26:4). God makes this promise only to those nations that obey Him! ■

Personal from



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"Neither ridicule nor caricature — neither dread of enemies nor desertion of friends — could shake his indomitable faith in his ability to lead the nation through the greatest struggle in its history.

"Napoleon, Bismarck, and all other great achievers had colossal faith in themselves. It doubled, trebled, or even quadrupled the ordinary power of these men. . . . Without this sublime faith, this confidence in her mission, how could the simple country maiden, Jeanne d'Arc, have led and controlled the French army? This divine self-confidence multiplied her power a thousandfold, until even the king obeyed her, and she led his stalwart troops as if they were children."

I suppose not one in many thousands would see anything but inspiration and right principle in such expressions as "his indomitable faith in his ability . . ." or "had colossal faith in themselves," or "This divine self-confidence." And that is only a start. The remainder of the chapter is filled with the rewards of self-confidence — confidence in SELF.

That is not to say that self-confidence does not increase results. That is the kind of confidence I was absorbing in those days. It did inspire. It did prod *drive!* It did inject perseverance. It did increase results.

But later in life, I learned of a far better, more resultful confidence.

I have mentioned a number of times that in the autumn of 1926 I was challenged on the theory of evolution. I was more or less familiar with the doctrine, but had never indulged in an in-depth research into the question of origins. This chal-

lenge drove me to that in-depth research.

So I delved thoroughly into the works of Darwin and his sponsors, Haeckel and Huxley, the works of Lyell before them, and Chamberlin and Vogt after them. This led to a study of the other claim for origins. I began to question the existence of God. I had been brought up to believe in God. But now I realized that I had grown up assuming God's existence — simply taking it for granted — but I had never seen PROOF.

So I entered into a study of Genesis and the whole Bible, to examine its claims for special creation and the existence of an all-powerful Creator.

It became frankly evident that the dominant motive impelling many evolutionists to accept the theory was, in actual fact, their reluctance — or refusal — to believe in a God who bears authority over them. Human nature resents authority, though it loves to wield it.

I found no proof for the evolutionary theory, though I found much to disprove it. And I found that which, to me, was irrefutable scientific proof of the existence of the living God. But then I began to ask myself why had I experienced a sort of sense of shame — or embarrassment — in believing in God? How many experience that? Now, having found irrefutable PROOF, it seemed silly that one should feel any embarrassment in acknowledging a GREATER POWER — a greater MIND — who designed and brought into existence the human mind — MY mind! Should I not, rather, be grateful?

To my surprise, on looking intensively into it, I found the Bible a *living NOW!* book. It is for TODAY. A third of it is prophecy, and 90% of that pertains to this 20th century and beyond.

Rational study of the Bible revealed a direct relationship between man and God. Man, it is biblically revealed, was formed and shaped in the likeness of GOD — not of ani-

mals. He was put here on earth to have a definite relationship to and with his Maker.

I began to learn of a dynamic, active NEW kind of confidence, infinitely superior to SELF-confidence. It is something God GIVES!

It is the confidence that is FAITH.

The God of the Bible therein PROMISES many things and benefits we humans ought to be receiving. Among them is guidance, bestowal of POWER — many things the living God will do for us.

I began to learn that there is something very practical in all this. I began to learn that, if I submitted my life to God's guidance, I was tapping a source of POWER millions of times greater than any resources within.

Oh, I was well aware that in most humans lie dormant abilities, powers and resources — latent talents that ought to be aroused, brought out and developed. I have mentioned, in my autobiography, the case of a former colleague and publisher with whom I was connected for several years — Clifford De Puy. His father died suddenly, leaving a quality magazine in the banking field, *The Northwestern Banker*, surprisingly heavily in debt. Young Clifford, at that time about 28, inexperienced, took off his coat, rolled up his sleeves, and began putting those undeveloped latent abilities to work. His father's bank backed him, and in a few years he paid off the indebtedness and became a successful publisher.

But there is a GREATER source of power. There are multiplied *greater* resources.

SO WHY NOT TAP BOTH?

Why not ignite that spark within, drive oneself on to develop his *own* abilities, and, at the same time, replace SELF-confidence with a living FAITH in the direction, inspiration, wisdom, and resources of dynamic supernatural POWER from above?

I decided, in the spring of 1927, to do just that! And worldwide enterprises affecting the lives of a hundred and fifty million people on all conti-

nents have resulted. Many thousands of lives have been CHANGED — turned right side up — made more successful — AND HAPPY!

I learned that there are the THREE DIMENSIONS — the *within*, the *around*, and the *above*.

Most people cheat themselves by utilizing only the first two. In their lives there are only these two dimensions on which to rely.

Looking into the *within* is like looking into a well and finding it has gone dry. Relying on the *within*, they become self-centered. Their concern is primarily for self. So they become selfish. They develop greed, desire to have, to GET, to take, to accumulate. They measure success in terms of material accumulation. Toward others they are unconcerned, envious, jealous, suspicious. They live in a spirit of competition.

Their self-centered thinking results in constantly shrinking horizons. They may develop latent talents, arouse ambition for self-gain, develop their own inner powers and resources, but those resources are comparatively meagre. They try to find happiness in material acquisition, but that is not the source of happiness.

Then, of course, there is the pull of human nature to CONFORM — to BELONG. So the dimension of the *around* fills a big part of their lives. But those around them are self-centered too, trying to get the best of them in every deal. They, too, center their affections on material acquisition. They constitute an unhappy world. They are bent on getting, and too often you find they are jealous, or envious, or resentful toward you. You find that their concern is for themselves, rather than for your welfare or happiness. You trust them, and too often find them untrustworthy.

There's not much in the way of resources to be found in the *around*, but many disillusioning disappointments.

But what about the third dimension — the *above*? Could it be possible that most of humanity has been fail-

ing to tap the source of the greatest resources and meaningful, rewarding benefits?

Here is what I found revealed. In the first — the creation — chapter of the Bible, it is written that God formed cattle after the cattle kind, whales after the whale kind — that is the way God made them — the way He formed and shaped them. But verses 26 and 27 say He formed man after God's own image and likeness — man was MADE — formed, shaped, in the same form and shape as God. However, the 7th verse of the 2nd chapter says He formed man of material substance — out of the ground — while in John 4:24 it is revealed that God is composed of immaterial SPIRIT.

But WHY was man formed and shaped like GOD, instead of like any of the lower animals? Because man was created for a PURPOSE — to have a personal and special relationship with God.

In the New Testament book of John, it is stated that Jesus gave to as many as received Him power to become the sons of God. And in 1 John 1:3 it is stated that all such actually have fellowship — actual contact and *fellowship* with God, and with Christ!

I found that the Bible is literally full of PROMISES from God, in which He PROMISES to do things for us, bestow things on us, give needed things to us.

Notice just a few:

"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19). That does not promise to supply all your desires or wants — just your need. And it is well to realize that the Bible reveals that God does for us what we are unable to do for ourselves. Usually He will supply your need through your own efforts — but if you place CONFIDENCE in Him, He'll see that the need comes.

In James 1:5, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and

upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering."

Very shortly after I learned this truth about the Bible, 45 years ago, I found in a time of embarrassment that I lacked wisdom. From a very young boy I had always craved to have UNDERSTANDING. And I had acquired a fair degree of that, but wisdom is more than knowledge and understanding. It is ability to use both, and come to a right and wise decision. So I took God up on this promise through the writing of James. I asked for wisdom. I *believed* I would be given wisdom, since God had PROMISED it, on my asking — and God could not break His promise. I received wisdom. In my position today, as the chief human administrator over large worldwide activities, I frequently have to make decisions involving millions of dollars. I NEED that wisdom!

Had I been forced to rely solely on the resources *within*, or on advice and counsel from the *around*, this great Work, I am sure, could never have developed. But I have had *all three* dimensions to tap. I most certainly *do* seek counsel from others. Solomon said that in a multitude of counsellors there is safety. So I call in counsellors. I use my own best judgment, based on experience. And in addition, I rely on wisdom from God. I utilize all three dimensions — and they make a great team. That's the safest way I know.

JUST HOW GREAT are these resources from *above*? How GREAT is the living GOD?

The prophet Isaiah gives us some information on that. This is what God inspired him to write:

"Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?"

"Who hath directed the Spirit of the Eternal, or being his counsellor hath taught him? With whom took

he counsel, and who instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and shewed to him the way of understanding?

"Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket [compared to God], and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing. . . . All nations before him are nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity.

"To whom then will ye liken God?" . . .

"It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in. . . . Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number. . . .

"Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Eternal, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might, he increaseth strength. . . . they that wait upon the Eternal shall renew their strength" (Isaiah 40:12-15, 17-18, 22, 26, 28-31).

People often ask me why I stay young — and where do I get my energy? The above verses give me a promise — provide a source of resources which I rely on.

Yes, I found, 45 years ago, a far more practical and resultful confidence than self-confidence. I found the confidence that is FAITH. It is reliance on the supreme great God, whose greatness is described above. His resources are total. They are unlimited. The wealth and the

resources of the entire universe are His. He is the SOURCE of all power, of all good, of all that is desirable.

He is not only the Great Creator. He is the supreme RULER of the universe. He is the Great Educator, the Source of basic knowledge. He is the Great GIVER! He gave His only begotten Son — for our redemption. He gives power and strength. He supplies all our needs. He gives wisdom. He has EVERYTHING to give that is GOOD.

My life has been tremendously enriched since I became connected to this Source of total supply, forty-five years ago. And this has led to the enrichment of untold other thousands.

What a stupendous value most of humanity is cheating itself out of, by failing to add the *above* dimension in their lives! ■

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Garner Ted Armstrong

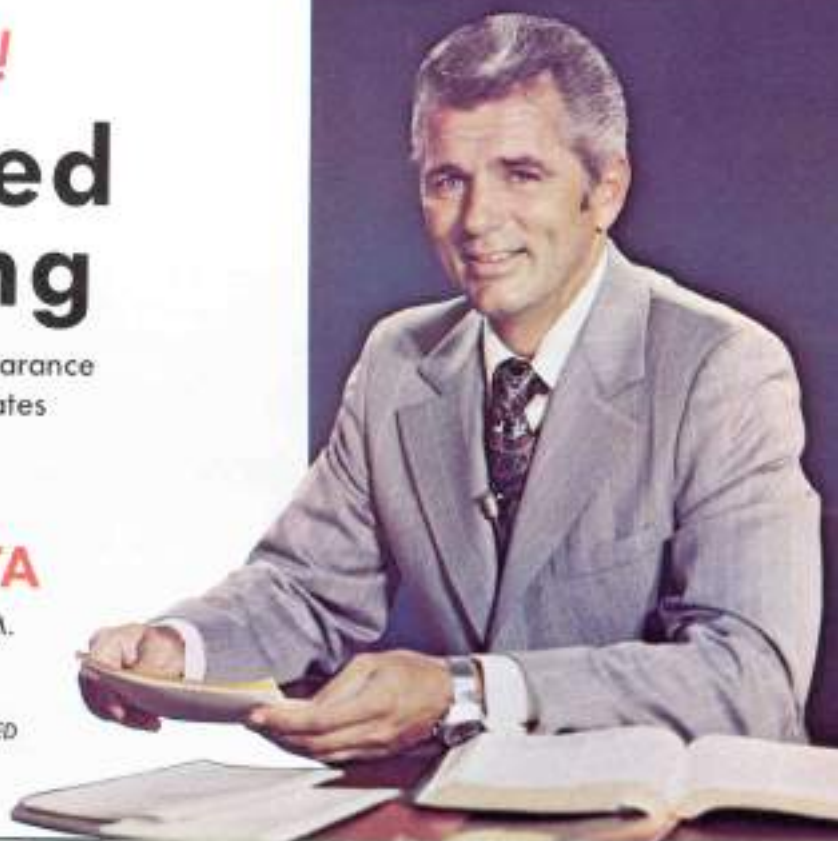
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