

THE INCREDIBLE HUMAN POTENTIAL, PART VI

TWO VIEWS OF THE FUTURE

THE LONG ROAD TO HELSINKI



THIS MORNING I was reading on the sports page how a Swedish university psychology group had rated the relative rigors of various sports activities.

In many sports a man or woman is "old" in the early or mid-thirties. The thought came to mind that it might be intriguing to compare the rigors of some of these sports to my own present activities, especially since in a preceding issue of *Plain Truth* I wrote of my own "youth" and vigor at 83.

I was surprised to see that these Swedish psychologists rated American pro football no higher in exertion required than 8th. They rated European professional soccer the most debilitating, Motocross (motorcycle cross-country racing) second, English rugby third, professional hockey fourth, and competitive swimming fifth. That left basketball, boxing, track and field events, handball, volleyball, tennis and table tennis all less exhausting. The sports columnist observed that they probably had no concept of the mental strain on a golfer attempting a 5-foot putt with a \$30,000 first prize depending on it or the nerve-wracking frustration of trying to think of an interest-arousing headline after a late-September baseball game between two fifth-place teams.

It's very hard, he continued, for people to realize that anything one can do sitting down could be grueling.

When I was in high school I found that running the mile was quite exhausting — so much so that when I ran a mile in 5 minutes fast on the Drake University track, I passed out at the tape — and that was not even good enough to make the high school track team. But that kind of exhaustion doesn't last. It allows quick recovery.

Dr. Floyd Lochner of the Ambassador College faculty was a distance runner at Oklahoma U. He broke the world record in the 2-mile steeplechase. And of course that record has been broken a few times since. Dr. Lochner explained to me why such records are continually being bettered. It is not so much that men are constantly becoming physically better developed. They are learning to become mentally more determined and self-confident.

Some time before he set a new world record, Floyd Lochner told me, he was

entered in another track meet. Glenn Cunningham, then America's greatest mile runner, sat down on a bench beside him.

"Well, Lochner," said Cunningham, "I suppose you're all set to come in second again today." That was supposed to needle him. It did! It made him determined to win that day, at any cost. He did! When it seemed he was at the very limit of his endurance, on sheer determination he forced himself to drive on at increasing speed. Not long after that he set a new world record. It all gets back to that saying of Orison Swett Marden, "He CAN who THINKS he can."

There are times when I feel a sense of exhaustion, and I will think to myself, "Why don't I realize that here I am, at 83. Why don't I just let up, take it easy, and realize my work is done?" Then I become almost frightened, and I realize that if I did that, I probably would not live another six months — and WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO THE WORK? The work is not finished yet. I utter faint the great commission to which God called me. So I simply get more determined and keep driving myself on. Also I remind myself again of God's promise in the last four verses of Isaiah 40. And on and on I continue.

But suppose one of the professional soccer players had the knowledge to give me what I have been blessed with — or a professional hockey player, or an NBA basketball superstar. How would one of them stand up under the grueling trips that I take?

The sports writer whose column I read this morning talked about mental exertion and exhaustion in some kinds of writing. I write creative writing. Do you realize that to make it interesting to you, so make it PLAIN, understandable and *intereŝante*, I must be at KEYSO UP in mind as any athlete in his sport?

All right, how would some sports superstar, age 32, stand up under this grueling experience? How would you stand up under this experience?

Up at 4 a.m. to pack for the trip; leave for the airport at 7:45; take off in my plane at 8:30. Fourteen hours later, including a half-hour fuel stop at Cold Bay, Alaska, we touch down at Tokyo International Airport. I have spent much of that fourteen hours writing a *Plain Truth* article on jet typewriter, at an altitude of 41,000 feet in a pressur-

Personal from...

ARE THE MOST RIGOROUS SPORTS MORE GRUELING THAN MY PRESENT ACTIVITIES?

ized cabin that gave me an in-cabin altitude equal to approximately 8,000 feet.

It is 7 p.m. in Tokyo, but my watch, unchanged from Pasadena, says it is 10 p.m. for me. My eyelids are heavy. I slept some 30 or 45 minutes on the plane, but I am fatigued, tired, and sleepy.

We clear immigration and customs, get luggage loaded, and drive to the Imperial Hotel. In my hotel suite it is about 4 p.m. Tokyo time, but now 11 p.m. for me. I must stay awake, unless I am able to get in a two-hour nap, until 8 p.m. Tokyo time. I must change clothes and dress for a banquet which begins at 8 — 3 a.m. for me. An hour and a half later, 4:30 a.m. for me, but 9:30 p.m. Tokyo, I must speak before the guests. I am groggy, but I pray silently for strength and get it — Mr. Rader says, encouragingly, "It was just fate," and in another 30 minutes I am in my bedroom dropping into an exhausted sleep — 5 a.m. for me.

There has been a seven-hour time lag. I had been up since 4 a.m., and now it's 25 hours later. My mind and body organs had been adjusted to a body rhythm of going to bed about 9 or 10, up by 5 or 6 a.m. Now I am thrown off, and my body clock must adjust to a seven-hour change. But I've got another article written for eight or nine MILLION *Plain Truth* readers to read and another

important dinner behind me, attended by some twenty to thirty very important people.

Probably many of my readers have no idea of what crossing time zones at jet speed does to the human body and mind.

I know millions of people think of this kind of jet travel and with they could travel like that — probably thinking of it as an exciting, enjoyable, *KISPFUL* and *RELAXING VACATION*.

On the contrary it is one of the most *UNPLEASANT* activities — especially when it is a series of such long flights, all the way around the world. I seriously doubt if any of the sports activities listed by the Swedish psychologists would even remotely compare.

My wife of fifty happily married years died over eight years ago. Had she lived, I would not be doing this most important activity today. She was allergic to flying, and besides, at her age, she never could have endured the rigors of the jet travel I now must drive myself as do. And I never would have left her, the three fourths of the time I now must be away.

I have before me, as I write, two books. One is titled, *Your Body Clock*, the other, *Body Time, Physiological Rhythms and Social Stress*. I also have several clipped magazine and newspaper

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The East-West charter signed earlier this month at the 35-nation European Security Conference in Helsinki represents the achievement of a long-sought goal of Soviet diplomacy.

In 1952, Soviet Premier Josef Stalin proposed to his Kremlin associates that an all-European conference be convened for the announced purpose of peacefully settling East-West differences. His principal motive, however, was to ratify Soviet control of the Eastern European states, acquired during and after World War II, and to effect a withdrawal of American troops from European soil. Stalin had conceived of the conference as a substitute for a German peace treaty which had been made impossible by the division of Germany into two separate states.

Stalin's idea was floated in early 1954 by Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov at a Berlin foreign ministers' conference. Molotov proposed a 50-year collective security treaty along with a neutralized and permanently divided

Germany. The Kremlin's immediate aim at that time was to head off the alarming prospect of West German rearmament and Bonn's entrance into NATO. The bitter experience with Nazism, in fact, was, and still is, at the very heart of the Soviet drive for security along her western flank.

Molotov went so far as to seriously suggest that the Soviet Union might even consider joining NATO! The Western representatives to the conference burst into audible laughter, and immediately rejected the idea.

A year later — in 1955 — Moscow formed the Warsaw Pact alliance as its counterpart to NATO. Soon thereafter, the Kremlin proposed that NATO and the Warsaw Pact be simultaneously dissolved in a mutual security arrangement. NATO again rejected the proposal out of hand.

More than a decade passed with Moscow pressing on and off for a security conference, but with little result. Each time a crisis arose — as

in Hungary in 1956 and Czechoslovakia in 1968 — the Soviet proposal was put in cold storage, but soon afterward revived. Some of the Warsaw Pact nations — Poland in particular — began to get into the act by lobbying in Western Europe for acceptance of the idea. But NATO's response to the feelers remained cool. The issue of Berlin needed to be settled first, NATO insisted, and talks on mutual force reductions in Europe had to be initiated — if not prior to a European security conference, at least parallel with it.

Following the ratification of the Four-Power Berlin Agreement in 1972 and Soviet acceptance of the idea of parallel talks on mutual force reductions, the way was finally cleared for a security conference.

On November 22, 1972, preparatory discussions began in Helsinki. The conference began at the foreign minister level in the same city on July 3, 1973. Actual negotiations, however, did not get under way until September of 1973 in Geneva.

During the 22 months of negotiations leading up to the final Helsinki extravaganza, about \$50 million was spent on conference activities. In some 2,400 negotiating sessions, the 375 representatives turned out some 4,600 documents totaling over 9 million pages. The end result was a 100-page, 30,000-word "Final Act," outlining promises to respect national borders, to expand trade and cultural exchanges, and to ease the flow of people and ideas across the Iron Curtain.

President Ford minced no words when he told his fellow heads of state what the U.S. expected from the lofty principles signed at Helsinki: "Our peoples will be watching and measuring our progress. They will ask how these noble sentiments are being translated into actions . . . History will judge this conference not by what we say today, but what we do tomorrow — not by the promises we make but by the promises we keep."

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CSCE

Conference on Security
and Cooperation in Europe
Helsinki 1975



PRESIDENT GERALD FORD gets ready to receive a firm handshake from General Secretary Leonid Brezhnev following their bilateral talks prior to the opening of the European Security Conference in Helsinki, Finland. The two leaders also held another face-to-face session at the close of the three-day, 35-nation summit. Items discussed were strategic weapons limits and troop pullbacks in Europe.

Special Report

EUROPE'S FUTURE—PEACE OR WAR?

From on the scene at the European Security Conference in Helsinki, Finland. Plain Truth News Editor Gene H. Hogberg and Brussels correspondent Ray Kasenke file this report.

HELSINKI, Finland: Never before in modern history had so many European heads of state gathered to discuss a theme common to the concern of all — preserving the fragile peace on a continent twice swept up in the upheaval of war in this century.

The convening of the Conference on European Security and Cooperation — despite criticism in several circles as to its real worth — was nevertheless an auspicious affair, by any standard of measurement. Thirty-five heads of state from both sides of the Iron Curtain, along with the President and Prime Minister from the United States and Canada, respectively, met for three days of nearly uninterrupted speeches and behind-the-scenes private talks on July 30, 31 and August 1.

The countries represented ranged in size from the world's largest country, the Soviet Union, down to four of the smallest — Liechtenstein, San

Marino, Monaco and the Vatican state — the latter an interesting inclusion.

As Britain's Prime Minister Harold Wilson remarked in the lead-off speech of the first session, "In territorial coverage, in representation at top level of almost every state, large and small, it so far transcends any previous European meeting, that it makes the legendary Congress of Vienna of 1814 and the Congress of Berlin of 1878 seem like well-dressed tea parties."

Three Days of Work

The assembled "high representatives," as they were labeled in conference parlance, did not make mere perfunctory appearances. In addition to giving his nation's official address, each remained in his seat for the entire six "working-session" rounds of speechmaking. Well, almost everybody. Turkish Premier Süleyman Demirel angrily stormed out of the hall as Cypriot President Makarios took the podium for his turn. He had read the archbishop's advanced text, with its stinging denunciation of last year's invasion and occupation of one third of Cyprus's territory by Turkish forces. Returning that afternoon

with a hastily rewritten speech, Demirel threw back Makarios' assertions that Turkey was to blame for the sad state of affairs on the explosive Mediterranean island state.

The tragic-comic episode was the only one to mar the otherwise business-like proceedings of the Helsinki extravaganza.

The "Saana Summit" also provided a unique setting for bilateral discussions, led by two long face-to-face private talks between President Gerald Ford and General Secretary Leonid Brezhnev. The two announced that some measurable but minor progress had been made in the fields of nuclear control measures and military pullbacks in Europe — areas of activity which the representatives of both the Eastern and Western blocs insisted must come now in order to move from political détente to military détente.

Brezhnev's Concerns

The declaration produced by the conference — the so-called "Final Act" (for want of a better term since it is not a treaty) spells out 30,000 words of pledges and promises designed, in Mr. Brezhnev's own words, to place on "the solid basis of fundamental principles... the rules of behavior in their [the signatories'] relations."

There is no escaping the fact that the West had to be dragged into this affair feet first. Western leaders felt that the conference was not necessary. After all the stange quo in Europe has existed virtually unchanged since the

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Security at the Security Conference

HELSINKI: Security was both the theme and the actuality at the European Security Conference.

For the suspicious but potentially dangerous affair, given the worldwide terrorist epidemic, Finnish authorities assembled a force of 5,000 policemen and special security officers. All days off were canceled; all holidays interrupted.

In addition, army units were placed in strategic locations. Armored personnel carriers guarded the approaches to Helsinki airport on the days before and after the conference when the official delegates arrived and left.

The divided highway into Helsinki was closed to all but official traffic. Regular airport buses were diverted onto dirt farm roads — guarded as well

every quarter mile or so by Finnish soldiers, dressed in camouflage uniforms, rifle at ready position, standing knee-deep in the roadside bushes.

Army tents dotted the roadside, before which usually squatted three or four off-duty soldiers cooking their food over an open fire, stripped to the waist due to the unusual heat wave gripping Finland and much of the rest of northern Europe.

The Soviet Union's entourage received unique attention. General Secretary Leonid Brezhnev who chose to travel to Helsinki by train from Moscow via Leningrad, was escorted overhead in Finnish air space by two planes of Finland's small air force. (It was believed Mr. Brezhnev's mode of travel was symbolic. It was, in part, the re-

verse of the train trip taken by Lenin when he arrived at Leningrad's Finland Station from Helsinki, after the successful 1917 revolution.)

The arrival procedures taxed the strength of Finland's durable 75-year-old President Urho Kekkonen, who greeted one delegation after another at the airport from before noon on Tuesday July 29 until after midnight. In midafternoon he had to dash by helicopter to Helsinki's Central Station to greet the arriving Mr. Brezhnev and then dash back to the airport for the arrival of the United Nations' Secretary General, Kurt Waldheim, Kekkonen's guest of honor and opening-day keynote speaker.

In the city itself, policemen were positioned at every major intersection even far away from Finlandia Hall, site of the conference. In front of the gleaming white building, Helsinki's main thoroughfare, Mannerheimintie, was closed off a half-mile in either direction, forcing

the diversion of seven tram lines into round-about patterns over other tracks.

Every night throughout the downtown area, police swept the streets clean of the city's notorious Vodka-laced icebergs, whose subliminal anti-Russian sensitivities always seem to surface half way down the bottle.

At the conference center security checkpoint, journalists were checked every time they entered the compound; briefcases and camera gear were passed through the X-ray machine. In Finlandia Hall itself, press rooms and walkways were clearly marked, with scores of blond-haired young men and women positioned at proscribed doorways and staircases, ready to give a polite negative nod to any newsman straying off the straight and narrow path.

Press facilities, despite the precautionary procedures, were perhaps the best equipped and organized of any major world

conference. Superb tele- and telephone facilities were set up on almost unbelievably short notice.

The only slight hitch for the working press was the typewriters which CSCE officials generously provided by the hundreds. They were fine for the Finnish newsmen — but the others, such as the Americans and British, found that when they thought they were striking a comma or a period, they came up with an ö or an å.

All in all, the citizens of Helsinki seemed to take the whole affair pretty much in stride. Like the burghers of Geneva and Vienna (the two other major neutral nation sites for international meetings) they are getting used to the occasional intransigence on their daily routines. Perhaps they find it is a necessary payment to preserve the national independence that their nation — sandwiched between East and West — values so highly.

— Gene H. Hogberg



PRESIDENT GERALD FORD tells delegates to the European Security Conference that détente "must be a two-way street."



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NEVER MORE WAR NEVER MORE FASCISM!

SOVIET COMMUNIST Party Chief Leonid Brezhnev leans forward in his chair (CENTER LEFT PHOTO) while listening to speeches during a conference working session. To his left is Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

Yugoslavia's venerable President Tito (CENTER RIGHT) takes a stroll during a break in the conference. Tito told all present that Yugoslavia demanded "unconditional respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of our country" — a not-at-all-subtle warning to the Soviets not to meddle in Yugoslavia's internal affairs after he leaves the scene.

In **BOTTOM PHOTO**, President Ford lays wreath at the memorial dedicated to the four million victims who perished at the Nazi concentration camp in Auschwitz, Poland. Mr. Ford, visibly shaken at what he saw, visited the camp while on a state visit to Poland prior to attending the European Security Conference. Mr. Ford also visited Yugoslavia and Romania after the Summit in Helsinki.

Red Army moved west with the collapse of Hitler's Reich and acquired hundreds of thousands of miles of buffer zone area — some under direct control, some under the jurisdiction of satellite communist governments.

The fact that neither the United States nor its Atlantic alliance partners lifted a finger to materially support opposition uprisings in Hungary in 1956 and Czechoslovakia in 1968 was proof of their intention to accept the de facto division of Europe and not issue a challenge to the Soviets which could have resulted in a hot war — with the prospect of the use of nuclear weapons.

But to Moscow the undefined status quo has never been enough. It had to be made more certain, given more of a formalized legal nature.

Since a peace treaty ending World War II has never been signed — and is unlikely to be as long as Germany is divided — the Soviets have long been plumping for an alternative — a European security conference — to achieve virtually the same result.

And it had to be a big affair, with heads of state in attendance (not just foreign ministers), with the signing of a formal document by all of them in full public view, for all the people of the world to see on television; with every signatory pledging such key principles as "inviolability of borders," "peaceful settlement of disputes," "refraining from the threat or use of force," "non-intervention in internal affairs."

With this now accomplished at Helsinki — even though the "Final Act" is a legally non-binding document — the Soviets at last feel a sense of security they have sought for decades.

Overriding Fear

It is often difficult for West Europeans to comprehend the Soviet apprehension — in fact, near obsession — with the fear of military threat arising in the often unpredictable political soil of Western Europe. But the memories of Napoleon and Hitler are etched deep in the Russian psyche.

The fact that there is no threat now is no guarantee that there could not be one in the future. The attitude of the Russians, according to a political observer at Helsinki, is easily summed up as "One never knows, so one must be careful."

This apprehension was voiced by Mr. Brezhnev in his address when he reminded his fellow heads of state that "it was here, in Europe, that aggressors time and again adored themselves with notorious laurels, later only to be cured by the po-

lity, it was here, in Europe, that claims to world domination raised to the level of political doctrine ended in the collapse of states whose resources had been made to serve criminal and misanthropic purposes. That is why the hour has struck for the inevitable collective conclusions to be drawn from the experience of history."

Many observers believe that the European Security Conference with its "security in our time" proviso, may be the capstone of Mr. Brezhnev's political career. With it, plus another summit conference with Mr. Ford and a successful Soviet Party Congress next year, the General Secretary will be able to step down voluntarily from office, the first leader in post-revolutionary Russia to be able to do so.

There is also every reason to believe that the Security Conference serves vital purposes within the hierarchy of Soviet political power as well.

Instinctively, Mr. Brezhnev is a cautious man, not unaware of the awesome military might both his country and the United States possess. By presenting to his countrymen the "fact" of a secure borderland in Europe, Mr. Brezhnev is hoping to forestall the reckless use of brute military power on the part of those who might succeed him.

Security for a Price

Moscow's principal aims at Helsinki were not achieved without a price, although for a long time it looked as if its negotiators, during two long, tough years of deliberation (first in Helsinki, lastly in Geneva), were not willing to pay one kopek for the rewards they expected to reap.

Finally, when it looked as if the entire affair were going to be scrubbed, the Eastern bloc yielded on two major fronts.

First they agreed to a lengthy list of human rights issues, known as the "Basket Three" measures. Secondly, they begrudgingly acceded to Western demands to hold a follow-up conference in the summer of 1977 in Belgrade, Yugoslavia. At that time all 35 signatory nations to the Helsinki pact will come together once again. Of course, each nation's high representative will profess his own nation's faithful adherence to the terms of the "Final Act," to the very jot and the tittle of it, and probably its spirit and intent as well — while condemning the infidelity of others.

In any regard, the West was not about to recognize the final consolidation of the Eastern bloc without attempting to construct a few links to the captive



PRESIDENT FORD puts his signature on the document simply called a "Final Act," officially ending the European Security Conference.

peoples who, by fate, have been so unfortunate as to live in that great zone of conquest between Teuton and Slav.

The "Final Act" calls for increased movement across the ideological barrier of both men and ideas. It involves pledges to permit wider circulation of news material and other literature, as well as expansion of contacts in the economic, scientific, technological, social, cultural and humanitarian fields.

Of course, the terms of the provisions are couched with protective clauses such as "will take measures to," "will endeavor to," "will encourage," "will facilitate" — rarely just plain "will."

Nevertheless, despite the vague wording many experts see the "Basket Three" issues as very important concessions. And the Belgrade conference two years hence will certainly act as sort of a monitoring device to ensure at least minimal compliance with the lofty terminology of the "Final Act."

What is certain beyond any doubt, however, is that communist authorities are not going to open the floodgates to what they consider objectionable ideas from the West. Material containing either anti-Communist diatribes or exposing the libertine views on morality extant in the West will not stand a ghost of a chance of circulation in the politically and morally austere societies of the East. Only individuals and organizations which represent no threat to the political and social order built up there over the last three decades will be allowed access.

The aphor of "Basket Three" is that the Iron Curtain remains as strong, if not stronger, than ever — but now there are a few windows, and perhaps a door or two, in it.

All Not Quiet on Eastern Front

While the avowed aim of the security conference was to ensure that Europe might become a "continent of peace," the speeches of the 35 individual heads of state showed that true peace — other than merely the current state of non-war — was a distant goal, dimly perceived.

And the troubles are not only centered along the great ideological divide.

Two of the strongest speeches were directed at Mr. Brezhnev from Eastern Europe, the first from Josip Broz Tito of communist, but independent, Yugoslavia, and the second from Nicolae Ceausescu, supreme everything of highly independent Romania.

Tito, now 83 and the grand old man of European politics, left nobody in Poland's Hall wondering about who he had in mind, when he invoked the principles of the "Final Act" in defending his country against any future outside meddling in Yugoslav affairs after his "departure" (nobody talks about Tito's "death" in Yugoslavia).

With great emphasis Tito said, "We demand unconditional respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of our own country. . . . Now that this conference is adopting the inalienability of frontiers as one of the basic principles of European security and cooperation, I should like solemnly to declare here that my country considers this principle as binding both on itself and on all its neighbors."

Romania's Test Case?

Mr. Brezhnev got that message loud and clear. But I'm not sure he was quite prepared for the even stronger words of Romania's Ceausescu the following day.

Firmly clutching the principle of "non-intervention in internal affairs" to his breast, Ceausescu time and again in his 20-minute speech asserted the right of his or any other nation present to develop its own economic and social order along its own lines, "to become fully masters of their own destinies."

Romania has stoutly defended its right to develop its own economy, apart from the heavy dictates of the Moscow-dominated Comecon bloc.

Ceausescu also called for the withdrawal each to its own country of all foreign troops based on foreign soil. Romania, while a member of the Warsaw Pact, is the only East bloc country not to have Russian troops encamped on its soil.

It is very possible that in the near future, the Romanian situation could provide an excruciatingly tough test case for the Soviets, who have promised to abide by the conference principles of "non-intervention in internal affairs," "inalienability of borders," and "refraining from use of force."

What if Ceausescu "pulls a Tito" and decides to make his country a completely independent communist state? He already appears headed in that direction. He has built what the

Soviets would call a "cult of personality" around him. He has consolidated in his own person the offices of president and prime minister, and is supreme head of his nation's military defense planning agency.

If Romania does pull out, will the Soviet Union adhere to the Helsinki pact — or to the "Brezhnev doctrine" which justifies the sending of Russian troops, à la Prague 1968, into a neighboring state to "preserve socialism"?

At Best — a Breather from War

Other delegates stressed other problems that could drag the European nations into conflicts even against their will.

The Mediterranean remains a source of potential conflict. Malta's representative scored the presence of the competing U.S. and Soviet fleets in the waters lapping his island nation's shores. And the Middle East was in many minds as a source of big power meddling.

Another Mediterranean head of state, Archbishop Makarios of Cyprus, perhaps summed up the problems affecting Europe's future — whether it will be one of peace, or one of war which could break out in any one of a number of areas:

"Although the Conference deals with security and cooperation in Europe, its implications and repercussions extend far beyond the geographical confines of Europe. For peace and security in Europe is essential to peace and security in the world. Particularly this is so having regard to the fact that the European continent has been the sparking point of two world wars. Any developments in Europe inevitably affect the rest of the world."

Perhaps, at best, the Conference on European Security and Cooperation has comparably brought the world back another step from the brink of a global war that everyone shudders even to think about occurring. Perhaps, as some have said, we have now moved from the Cold War to the Cold Peace.

Perhaps there may be progress in other areas of international cooperation, such as token symbolic troop pullbacks in Europe at the big-jointed force reduction talks. Perhaps there will be a breakthrough in SALT — albeit preserving the art and deployment of nuclear weapons at a slightly high level.

Perhaps.
But this is hardly a comfortable way for peaking to EWE. □

Next Détente Stop: Vienna

In 1973, as phase one of the now-concluded European Security Conference began in Helsinki, the United States and its north Atlantic allies made one thing clear to the Warsaw Pact: Progress in the Soviet-initiated security conference would hinge upon progress in parallel Vienna-based talks on East-West troop reductions in Central Europe.

Today the European Security Conference is history. Moscow has achieved her goal of formal ratification of her control over Eastern Europe. But the Vienna talks on Mutual and Balanced Force Reductions (MBFR) remain stalemated without even the beginnings of an agreement after 21 months of fruitless negotiation.

Somewhere along the line, in the interests of "détente," the West permitted the linkage between the two sets of talks to be broken.

"Europe's Slowest Conference"

From their inception, the MBFR talks have been viewed by the U.S., in the face of Senate pressure for U.S. troop cutbacks in Europe, as the best means of achieving the desired U.S. troop reduction without

upsetting the East-West balance of power there.

But since the opening session in October 1973, in Vienna's historic Hofburg Palace, the 19 participating nations (12 from NATO and 7 from the Warsaw Pact) have remained in constant deadlock, each bloc accusing the other of "inflexibility." The series of talks, dubbed by newsmen "Europe's slowest conference," are now in recess until September.

The United States is attempting to limit a first-stage troop reduction agreement to Soviet and American ground forces only, leaving negotiations on cuts by other national forces on each side of the Central European dividing line until later.

The Soviet Union, on the other hand, wants cuts by other participating national forces included in the first-stage agreement package, as well as reductions in air force units and tactical nuclear weapons.

Because of the Eastern bloc's geographical advantage and current manpower superiority (925,000 troops to NATO's 777,000), NATO is also pressing for numerically larger troop cuts by the Soviet Union and Warsaw Pact countries — called "asymmetrical reductions" — to

compensate for the disparity. The NATO plan is to eventually reach parity at a common ceiling of 700,000 ground troops on each side — effectively ending communist superiority.

The Warsaw Pact, however, has thus far refused to make bigger outbacks than NATO. Its goal is not parity, but the maintenance of the existing correlation of forces — meaning communist superiority — at a lower level.

In addition, the Kremlin hopes to use the Vienna talks as a means of checking efforts toward military integration in Western Europe and preventing increases in West German military forces.

With the United States now having lost the bargaining chip of its signature on the European security document, diplomatic observers are not expecting any great concessions in Vienna from the Eastern bloc. At best, the Soviet Union may intensify efforts to achieve a token accord for the sake of appearance and to maintain the momentum of "détente." But with the security conference behind her, the Soviet Union has little reason to depart significantly from her current hardline negotiating stance. □

The INCREDIBLE HUMAN POTENTIAL...

The Missing Dimension in Knowledge

Part VI

By Herbert W. Armstrong

IN PART V I covered the reason *WHY* God decided to create MAN and put the human family on the earth. But *HOW* could so AWESOME an undertaking ever be brought about?

Few, indeed, have the slightest concept of what was involved. Few humans today, indeed, have the slightest realization of the magnitude of miraculous occurrences and divine planning required so that this HUMAN LIFE each of us enjoy could be made possible.

In PART V I mentioned that the question might be asked, "Could not God have known, in advance, what Lucifer would do?" The answer was NO! But assuredly God did know Lucifer's rebellion and the sin of the angels on earth was a possibility.

And, knowing of that possibility, did God wait until after that earth-wide cataclysm occurred before any thought of creating MAN entered His mind? And again the answer is a definite NO! He did not wait until that tragic cataclysm to begin planning the reproduction of His own self.

Let me give an illustration. I fly in a Gulfstream-II jet aircraft. Its human designers realized the possibility of many different parts or systems failing. So they designed and installed what is called a "fail-safe" system. If a certain part goes wrong, another part or system has been installed to take over immediately — and in some cases, even a third part or system. If human designers plan ahead in case of a mechanical failure, how much more would the CREATOR God plan ahead in the event Lucifer and the angels sinned! Undoubtedly God planned ahead. He knew, before the creation of the earth, that angels, with independent powers of thinking, reasoning, choosing, forming opinions and decisions, could rebel and turn to iniquity. Perhaps that was a reason why He created MATTER — the entire physical universe. Matter, with its many properties — such as organic and inorganic matter, force, energy, inertia, gravity, etc., provided material by which He could form MAN in a mortal state, as the material by which He might reproduce Himself.

At this point, we need to KNOW STILL more about our Creator God! And we need to know WHY almost no one today has had the faintest idea of such a colossal, supremely AWESOME project going on!

Only ONE God — More Than One Person!

Let me try to make this most wonderful truth of all *SIMPLE*!

First, go back once again to the very first words in God's revelation of knowledge to us: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

God inspired Moses to write those words in Hebrew, not in the English

HOW God planned to carry out the awesome feat of reproducing Himself.

words above. The Hebrew name translated "God" is *Elohim*. It is a plural word, like the words *family, church, group, team, One family, but composed of more than one person. One church, but composed of more than one member. One group, but unless composed of more than one person, it would not be a group. One athletic team, but composed of two, five, six, nine, eleven or more players — besides a number of substitutes.*

This former Lucifer, who became Satan, has so cleverly *DECEIVED* all humanity that almost no one today

If the super archangel and all his holy angels had been led into rebellion, how much more certain that man, made lower than the angels, would also sin!

knows that God is, actually, the *divine FAMILY*. One family. God *IS* a family. That family is *our* God.

Satan has deceived people into almost every other belief. Perhaps the largest number have been deceived into believing God is a "trinity" — God in *THREE* persons — *LIMITING* God to three persons and misrepresenting the *only* source which flows from God and from Christ to be a single person.

Others think of God as *ONE PERSON ONLY*.

But notice, now, in the New Testament, John 1:3-5, 14:

"In the beginning was the Word." Sounds similar to Genesis 1:1, doesn't it? In Genesis 1:1, it is: "In the beginning God." But the English name God in Genesis 1:1 is translated from the Hebrew *Elohim*, meaning more than one person forming *ONE* God. In John 1, the word "Word" in English is translated from the original inspired Greek word *logos*, which means "Word," "spokesman," "revelatory thought," as a being or person.

The next words in John 1, "...and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made..." (verses 1-4).

This "Logos" was a person. This person existed "from the beginning" the same as God. He *ALWAYS* self-existed. He existed with God. And he, also, was

God. He is and was a person. God, whom he was WITH, is also a person. They both coexisted forever. "All things" (words elsewhere translated "the universe") were made by him — the Word — the divine spokesman.

But now notice verse 14: "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." This, of course, is speaking of Jesus Christ. In the human flesh, he was begotten of God the Father, the only one ever so begotten (before human birth).

The Father, from heaven, said of Jesus, "Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Jesus, praying, called God "Father" — "Father and Son" — a *FAMILY* relationship. The church, at the resurrection to immortal SPIRIT life, is to MARRY the resurrected and glorified Christ (Eph. 5:25-28). So we have here a *FAMILY* relationship — Father, Son, husband and wife. And the "wife" is to be composed of *holy children of God*.

I personally have been the father of a *FAMILY*. My family name is Armstrong. My wife and I lived together fifty years until her death. I have a son, Garner Ted. My son is also ARMSTRONG, just as Jesus, the Word, was God, and yet He was with God. Our family name is ARMSTRONG. All members of the family also were named Armstrong. When our daughters married, they started each the forming of another family, and they took the name of the husband who became the father of that family. But each family is only *one* family.

Likewise, there is but *ONE* God — but God is the family name, and there is more than *one* person in the *ONE* family.

CHRIST the Maker of All

God is CREATOR. But GOD is the divine FAMILY. How can the Father of the family be Creator, and Christ also Creator? In Ephesians 3:9 it is written that God the Father "created all things [the universe] by Jesus Christ." And Christ is "the Word" — the spokesman. Speaking of Him, we read in the 33rd Psalm, "By the word of the Eternal were the heavens [universe] made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth... For he spake, and it was done" (verses 6, 9).

I will illustrate. In January 1914, I was sent by a national magazine to interview Henry Ford in Detroit. When I first saw him, he was just outside the door of the huge Ford factory. He was wearing a business suit, not workman's overalls. He was the MAKER or manufacturer of

the Ford cars. He made them BY his thousands of employees, whom I saw in overalls at work inside the factory. The employees used machinery and the power of electricity. Likewise, God the FATHER is CREATOR. He created BY Jesus Christ, the "workman" who spake, and it was done by the power of the holy spirit. But Jesus said plainly that He "spake" only as the Father commanded him.

Notice Colossians 1: Speaking of the Father (verse 12) and "his dear Son" (verse 13), "who is the image of the invisible God... for by him [Christ] were all things [the universe] created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him; and he is before all things, and by him all things consist" (verses 15-17).

Jesus Christ, prior to human birth, had existed with the Father — *ALWAYS, FOREVER!*

Just HOW Did God Plan to Reproduce Himself?

From eternity the Father and the Word who became Jesus Christ had co-existed. They had created angels — probably many millions of them. A third of them, under Lucifer, were put on the earth at its creation. God at his government over them, with Lucifer on the throne. Lucifer rejected God's government. He and the angels became dis-qualified — the GOVERNOR or GOD was no longer being administered on earth — and the earth had become waste, empty, in confusion, and in darkness.

Were there, prior to this, more than just the TWO — God and the Word — is the GOD FAMILY? God reveals no more. Was the "Word" the Son of God, and was God his Father or *was* *not*? They are *now* here referred to as that.

Consider, now, the truly AWESOME project God set out to accomplish — to REPRODUCE HIMSELF!

It is probable that, prior to this time, no form of life had ever been created with the reproductive process. Probably the very first example of reproductive life was that of plant life — at the time God was renewing the face of the earth (Gen. 1:11-12).

God had created the physical universe before putting the angels on the earth. God had created MATTER containing properties so that marvelous things may be done with it. There are both organic (living) and inorganic (inert — dead) matter. In matter are such properties as energy, gravity, inertia. AWESOME powers, such as the hydrogen bomb, may come from it. The existence of MATTER offered God what He needed to reproduce Himself. After creation of reproductive plant life, God created animal life with the reproductive process, each

reproducing after its own kind — cattle after the cattle kind, horses after the horse kind, etc.

But now God (Elohim) said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness (form, shape)..." (Gen. 1:26). In other words, "AFTER THE GOD KIND."

God had created angels out of SPIRIT. But now, for His own reproductive purpose, MATTER offered God the properties He needed.

And so "... the ETERNAL God formed man of the dust of the ground" — out of MATTER (Gen. 2:7).

... IF and WHEN Man Sinned

At this point we must consider a basic principle of God's GOVERNMENT. The state can never be without a head. God placed Lucifer as the throne of the earth. He was no longer administering the GOVERNMENT OF GOD — he was now disqualified — but he (his name now changed to Satan) MUST remain on that throne until his successor has qualified and also been inducted into office. The very fact that Satan was there to tempt the first humans — that he is, even now, "the god of this world" (II Cor. 4:4) and "the prince of the power of the air" (Eph. 2:2) — is sufficient evidence of this basic principle of the GOVERNMENT OF GOD.

Knowing this, God knew the inevitability that Satan would tempt the first created man to disbelieve God and commit sin. If the sinner exchanged and all his holy angels had been led into rebellion, how much more certain that man, made lower than the angels, would also sin!

Can you visualize God and with Him the Word (also God — of the God FAM-

Man, to be reproduced into the God family, was designed to have a God-like mind, an ability to think, reason, make choices — to develop God-like character.

ILY) planning this supreme feat of their creative power? The Word volunteered to give up temporarily the supreme POWER and GLORY he had possessed always (John 17:5), so divest Himself of all that, to be begotten by God, born in human flesh for the purpose of death (Heb. 2:9). Since God delegated the actual MAKING of man to the Word, He, when physically born as a human being, for the purpose of death, would, in that death, be giving a life of greater value than the sum total of ALL HUMAN LIVES — since He was their MAKER. And, being DIVINE as well as HUMAN — being God as well as man, He is the person of Christ, would be able to avoid sinning. Then He, who NEVER sinned, although tempted in all points just like the rest of us humans, in death could PAY in our stead THE PENALTY WE HAVE INCURRED.

By creating MAN out of physical matter, being mortal, man could DIE. So man's penalty for sin was placed at DEATH. ("For the wages of sin is DEATH,

but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" — Rom. 6:23.)

God the Father would have power to resurrect Christ to immortal life from the dead — thus making a resurrection to immortal spirit-composed life possible for humans.

So, God's master plan for accomplishing his purpose took form and shape. If man sinned — as all but Jesus have — it could thus be possible for him to ascend — to turn FROM sinning to be reconciled to God and to live GOD'S WAY OF LIFE. In other words, to turn to the GOVERNMENT OF GOD, accept its rule over his life, accept Christ as his Saviour and coming KING. He, Christ, would qualify to REESTABLISH the GOVERNMENT OF GOD ON THE EARTH!

But what if sinning man refused to repent — to turn FROM Satan's way and to let the GOVERNMENT OF GOD rule in his life? Then there would be the second death for any or all such (Rev. 20:14) — when they would cease to exist — he as if they had never been (Obadiah 16).

But was this, all I have just covered above, all that God (in the persons of GOD AND the WORD) had to consider? No. Far from it!

The plan was to make MAN out of physical substance. But how would God reproduce Himself or bring perhaps millions upon millions into the GOD FAMILY?

This necessitated that God's very own life — divine God-life — be imparted. God IS a spirit — composed of spirit.

What a wondrous plan. God now conceived. He would form man of physical MATTER — so that, if man totally failed, he could be as though he had never been. So God made man of PHYSICAL substance, formed and shaped like God so that man could be converted — changed from matter into spirit composition — a spirit-composed member of the GOD FAMILY.

Can your mind grasp what matchless wisdom, power of designing and planning, made our transcendent human potential possible?

God first formed FLUID life — the form. This was living matter reproducing itself, but without self-consciousness — without brain. Next God created the form — animal life, in which He placed BRAIN with a certain consciousness, yet without the thinking, reasoning, decision-making processes. But MAN, to be reproduced into the GOD FAMILY, was designed to have a GODLY type MIND, ability to think, reason, make choices and decisions — develop God-like CHARACTER.

How could all this be done? Actually the brain of an elephant, a whale or a dolphin is virtually equal in complexity, design and quality and larger in size than human brain. The chimpanzee is also virtually equal, but slightly smaller in size. Were, then, is the human mind so transcendently superior to animal brain?

PART VII of this series will explain the amazing difference between animal brain and human mind — another amazing phenomenon in knowledge unexplainable by science, untaught by higher education, not revealed by any religion — an astounding eye-opener, indeed. □



In Brief

By Stanley R. Rader

Jerusalem, August 1

Has Israel developed the A-bomb and, if so, the means to deliver it? Has Israel thus become the seventh member of the nuclear club — following the United States, Russia, England, France, China, and India?

If so, the prospects in the event of another Israeli-Arab armed conflict are most terrifying and ominous for all mankind — because, confronted with the threat of defeat and destruction, would Israel refrain from using its atomic weapons if such weapons do indeed exist?

Fortunately, much progress seems to have been made in recent months in the painfully slow process of arriving at the next stage of an Egyptian-Israeli accord which would lead to another Israeli withdrawal in the Sinai. But, at the same time the conditions in Egypt — economic, social and political — appear more volatile than ever before, and time does not seem to be working for Egypt and President Sadat. The reopening of the canal and the rebuilding of Suez City — are they not additional trumps for Israel in the event of a breakdown in negotiations? Can Egypt afford another costly war and a reduction of that which has been so dearly won?

Meanwhile, as the nations of the third world are preparing to master their vote to eject Israel from the United Nations because of its continued occupation since 1967 of Arab territory, thirty-five or more European heads of state, plus the United States and Canada, celebrated the signing of the European security document at Helsinki and thus recognized officially the land acquired by Russia in the course of World War II (as well as the division of Germany) and the general hegemony of Russia over all of Eastern Europe — a fact or condition that has prevailed for more than thirty years.

Certainly we would all welcome a true world peace — a true relaxation of tensions and a true end of the arms race — but does the pomp and circumstance of the world leaders in Helsinki give us reason to feel that the world is a safer place today — when the United States still spends more than \$100 billion for defense, and when even Brazil and Argentina and other smaller nations scream for their own atomic bomb and admission to the nuclear club?

Certainly the virtues of defense are yet to be proved, and the risk would be too great for us to reduce our defense spending and our diligence in the face of continued defense spending by the Soviet Union. Yet perhaps it is fundamentally true that it is better to be working with and talking with one's enemies than fighting them.

And yet the Helsinki conference does appear to this observer to be somewhat of a surrender after a thirty-year "cold war" for a free Europe.

COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR WORLD PEACE

Take twelve years to do it; stir in millions of statistics on trade, alliances, mail, migration, treaties, U.N. votes, military clashes and wars; digest it all in a computer which analyzes these activities in terms of such rational characteristics as wealth, ideology, religion, education, race and population; and out pops the formula for world peace.

This monumental task was recently completed at the Institute of Research on International Problems at the University of Hawaii.

The result? Peace is caused by power, the computer said, and power alone. "Peace is purchased by making yourself stronger than your adversary... or by dismantling power and submitting to one's enemies," states Dr. R. J. Rummel, director of the institute.

The computer showed mathematically that various forms of cooperation were statistically irrelevant to armed conflict. Highly touted cultural exchanges, trade, or joint space ventures may be fine in themselves, but they assuredly do not keep nations from war.

The computer study is fascinating verification of a biblical image that makes traditional "establishment" theologians sputter and issue apologetic disclaimers: "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war... And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood; and his name is called The Word of God, And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses..." (Rev. 19:11-14).

That's not exactly the description of a sad-eyed pacifist, but it is the description of a world king come to bring peace, which we discover — by the Bible and the computer — will require a display of divine power.

— Jeff Calkins



Doc. — Neil Turk

The Next 25 Years— Crisis or Opportunity?

By Robert Ginskey

"Never in all human history have so many people taken such a serious look at the future of mankind. And never has it been so necessary, because never has the human race faced such an overwhelming crisis and such a stupendous opportunity."

Edward S. Cornish
President, World Future
Society

Mankind lives in a world populated by many larger, swifter, and stronger species. But only man can truly think about the future. Only man is equipped with the unique mental ability to contemplate, anticipate, and prepare for tomorrow — and ten years after tomorrow. Only man has the potential for altering his culture and environment in accord with his vision of the future.

From the beginning of recorded history, man has looked to the future with a mercurial mixture of curiosity, fear, hope, and confidence. Today, man's vision of the future seems darkened by the possibility of thermonuclear war, environmental destruction, and the potential collapse of the economic and social systems that sustain our lives. Yet to some, our future is also brightened by the knowledge that in many respects we have within our power the possibility of creating a civilization incomparably superior to any ever known in the annals of history.

Futurists on the Future

Those who study the future often have widely differing scenarios of what tomorrow will bring. Indeed, even the

most fundamental questions often remain unanswered or even unasked. Why are we here? Where are we going? What should our goals be?

Assuming we could control the future if we wanted to, who will make the key decisions? Who determines whether technological, economic, and population growth should be increased, reduced or even stopped?

At the second general assembly of the World Future Society in Washington, D.C., an impressive array of experts considered some of the alternative futures that may emerge in the next 25 years.

Lester Brown, president of the Worldwatch Institute, was not optimistic. "We are about to enter a not-so-brave new world that will require accom-

modation to a less affluent and simpler way of life," said Brown.

"We delude ourselves if we think the years ahead will be easy. At best they will be traumatic, and they could be catastrophic. . . . We are on the verge of one of the great discontinuities in human history."

By contrast, Herman Kahn, founding director of the famed Hudson Institute, contended that we may be entering a period of transition from economic growth to stable equilibrium. "This transition could be the most important moment in history," declared Kahn.

Projections of ultimate catastrophe (e.g., the Club of Rome's "Limits to Growth") are commonly and disquietingly presented as scenarios of the future. But Kahn asserted such projec-

tions may be meaningless. "It's like projecting the growth of a 17-year-old — he would be monster at 25."

M.I.T. professor of management Jay W. Forrester claimed that long-range and detailed planning for future generations is being hampered by "too much emphasis on purely physical limits and by too much emphasis on international action and cooperation." Forrester maintained that social and cultural limitations must also be seriously considered. Too often, international solutions to energy, population, economics, etc., are simply "ways to avoid local responsibility," according to Forrester.

While many futurists assert that widespread planning is our only hope of living in a desirable future, Jib Fowles, chairman of the committee for studies of the future at the University of Houston, contends that such planning may well ride roughshod over the attitudes and wishes of the people who will populate the future.

"There is something essentially sinister about the political means by which futurists would have their intentions implemented," says Fowles. "Rather than establish one smooth path into the future which may be free of surprise but which is certainly not free of coercion, it is better to move forward as democracy would have it — clumsily, making crisis, but without a loss of freedom. As irksome and antiquated as this approach may seem to some, it is to man's long-term advantage, for it means that flexibility and resiliency will be preserved."

"We should keep hands off the future," concludes Fowles.

Needed: A Spiritual Dimension

Most people recognize the need for a certain amount of future-oriented planning. But the rub comes when we agree that someone else's undesirable goals and purposes will be achieved by that planning. George Orwell's foreboding novel, 1984, vividly portrays a frighteningly possible "planned future" — a future nightmarishly efficient, where people's lives are planned, monitored, and controlled in every detail. Thus the question is not so much whether to plan for the future, but who is really qualified to do that planning? And of those qualified, whom can you trust?

"Every society has a set of myths by which it views the future," says Gregg Edwards, program manager for Alternatives in Higher Education for the National Science Foundation. These myths, according to Edwards, "provide an essential backdrop for any proposed changes in the society."

The danger comes when those who control the future have the wrong values or when the society simply ceases to adhere to the values it once had.

John Platt, associate director of the Mental Health Research Institute at the University of Michigan, observed that in our Western society, we have no unified sense of any ultimate source for standards by which to evaluate possible future developments. "We have no prophets; we have no sacred books to guide us toward the future," asserted

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John Platt

TWO VIEWS OF THE FUTURE

Nobody knows exactly what the future will bring, but most people have an opinion. At the second general assembly of the World Future Society in Washington, D.C., June 2-5, futurist Herman Kahn, founding director of the Hudson Institute, presented two characteristic (and largely opposing) views on the future. Kahn asked those of us at the futurist conference to indicate the viewpoint with which we would most closely agree. Interestingly, the response was about equally divided between the two scenarios. Below

is a shortened adaptation of Kahn's original presentation. The left side contains the "bad news," a rather pessimistic neo-Malthusian appraisal of man's future. On the right side is the more optimistic "post-industrial society" as viewed by many. *Plain Truth* invites our readers to consider both columns, and, if you're so inclined, let us know why you favor one and not the other. We'll discuss your responses in a reader's forum, and we'll further analyze these visions of the future in forthcoming issues of *Plain Truth*.

THE BAD NEWS: "LIMITS TO GROWTH"	THE GOOD NEWS: "A POST-INDUSTRIAL WORLD"
<p>The Basic Model Fixed Pie: We have a fairly good idea of what this world can provide. Therefore, "the finite pie" and "the fixed bowl" are good metaphors, particularly in thinking about non-renewable or limited resources. We must share more fairly the limited supplies and room of "spaceship earth."</p>	<p>The Basic Model Growing Pie: No one knows accurately what the earth holds or can produce or what new uses may be made of new or old materials. But "growing pie," "expanding bowl," "exercised muscle" (or skill) are good metaphors — i.e., within limits, the more one produces, the more one can produce.</p>
<p>Technology and Capital Diminishing Returns: New technology and additional capital investment, necessary to extract marginal resources, will vastly increase pollution — probably to lethal levels — and markedly accelerate the approaching exhaustion of resources.</p>	<p>Technology and Capital Absolutely Necessary: New technology and capital investment are necessary not only to increase production to desirable levels, but also to help protect and improve the environment, to keep resource costs down, and to provide an economic surplus for problems and crises.</p>
<p>Resources Rapid Depletion: Man is rapidly depleting the earth's food, energy and mineral resources, and even running out of space for getting rid of pollution products. Many key resources will soon be seriously depleted.</p>	<p>Resources Adequacy: It will be possible to support, at middle-class standards, world populations of 20 or 30 billion at levels of 20 or 30 thousand (1974) dollars per capita for centuries. Indeed, we can do this largely using only current and near current technology.</p>
<p>Current Growth Uncontrolled Exponential and/or Cancerous Growth: Even if the current level of population and production could be sustained indefinitely, current exponential growth in both population and production will accelerate dramatically the approaching exhaustion of resources and of our ability to cope with pollution.</p>	<p>Current Growth Transition to Stability: One can make a plausible case for world population stabilizing in the 21st century at about 15 billion, gross world product per capita stabilizing at about \$20,000 and gross world product at about \$300 trillion — give or take factors of two or three.</p>
<p>Innovation and Discovery A Trap: New discoveries of resources, new technologies, and new projects may postpone the immediate need for drastic actions, but not for long. Such postponement will make the eventual collapse more severe and possibly even earlier.</p>	<p>Innovation and Discovery Huge Improvements: New resources, technology and economic growth often produce new problems and crises but they can still be used to solve problems, improve efficiency and upgrade the quality of life to a permanently high plateau.</p>
<p>Industrial Development A Disaster: Further industrialization of the Third World would be disastrous, and further growth of the developed world even worse. Therefore, the rich should halt their industrial growth and share their present wealth with the poor.</p>	<p>Industrial Development Must Continue: Industrialization of the Third World will (and should) continue. It is foolish to imagine that the rich nations will voluntarily share to the extent of deprivation for the rich.</p>
<p>Quality of Life Growth vs. Quality of Life: Continued economic or population growth means further deterioration of environment, destruction of ecology, particularly of marshes and wilderness, overcrowding, suburban sprawl, and a society suitable for automobiles, trucks and airplanes but not for human beings.</p>	<p>Quality of Life Eventually a High Quality of Life for All: Much of what some elites or esoteric groups consider destructive, many others consider constructive. Once there is widespread acceptance of the moral costs, the complaints may still be very shrill and visible but largely inappropriate or very specialized.</p>
<p>Long-Range Outlook The Current Emergency Is Total: Unless revolutionary changes are soon made, the 21st century will see the greatest catastrophe since the black death. Large-scale damage is a plague to the environment and to the ecology of many areas. Billions will die of hunger, pollution and/or wars over shrinking resources. Other billions will have to be held down by harsh authoritarian governments. The crisis is grave and some draconian measures may be justified now to alleviate the extent and intensity of the future collapse.</p>	<p>Long-Range Outlook Things Are Going Reasonably Well: The 21st century is likely to see a post-industrial economy in which the more desperate and seemingly eternal problems of human poverty will have largely been solved or greatly alleviated. While tragic mistakes and much suffering and damage may mark this historical transition to a materially abundant life for almost all, the ultimate prospect is breathtakingly superior to traditional poverty and scarcity.</p>

THE MISSING DIMENSION IN SEX

PART VI

Now comes the big truth! Sex was designed and created in humans not only for reproduction, but also for purposes totally foreign to animal or plant life! But the world has continued in unhappy and wretched IGNORANCE of these glorious and God-bestowed purposes! Why?

by Herbert W. Armstrong

THIS brings us again to that striking truth, that THE WORD OF GOD IS THE FOUNDATION OF ALL KNOWLEDGE! GOD IS THE SUPREME EDUCATOR! The Bible is far, far, from the vain level of knowledge. It is the basis, the FOUNDATION, the starting point, and the foundational approach to the acquisition of discoverable knowledge!

God, through the Maker's instruction book, reveals what was never otherwise known! Full truth comes from the biblical revelation, plus acquired and discoverable knowledge revealed in the Bible.

Man, without divine revelation, has been able to observe that plant life reproduces, animal life reproduces, and human life reproduces. From this, INSTEAD of divine revelation, man has formulated erroneous and happiness-destroying concepts about purposes and uses of sex.

Through the centuries pagan dualism had assumed and taught the erroneous premise that the only purpose of sex is reproduction — and it has viewed even that purpose with suspicion! Not understanding the real meaning and true purposes of marriage and inheriting its concept from the Babylonian mystery religion, it placed marriage on a LOWER PLANE than celibacy.

Today educators, scientists, psychologists, doctors, and those who set the moral standards rely on the evolutionary concept as their assumed and erroneous basic premise and approach to knowledge. They do not know the origin or PURPOSES of sex. They do not know how, why, or when MARRIAGE originated.

The Bible reveals knowledge otherwise unacquirable! So once again, let us go to that source of knowledge!

Remember, the ETERNAL (Heb., *Eloah*), who literally spoke to and instructed Adam and Eve, was the very person of the Godhead who later became Jesus Christ.

Jesus taught the Pharisees precisely the same thing about sex that He had taught Adam and Eve. To the Pharisees, He said: "Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, and said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife..." (Matt. 19:4-5).

For what cause shall a man marry? Because God made them male and female — because God created sex.

Sex did not evolve. It was God, by miraculous creation, who made man male and female! And God always has a purpose for what He does!

So because God created sex, He ORDAINED THE MARRIAGE INSTITUTION. And it is GOD who binds together, as husband and wife, a man and woman.

MARRIAGE, then, is the second-named PURPOSE of sex!

Marriage is a physical union, but a divine institution. Almighty God ordained it! It did not evolve.

Notice, in the scripture quoted above, Jesus said to the Pharisees, "Have ye not read..." He quoted an already written passage of Scripture. He said the Pharisees should have read it! Where is that scripture found? It is found in the second chapter of Genesis. It is part of the brief SUMMARY record of the ETERNAL's original instruction to the newly created Adam and Eve. The creation of Eve had just been described, and God then said: "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife" (Gen. 2:24).

So the Almighty revealed the sacred MARRIAGE institution to the first man and woman.

WHY Marriage?

Why did God ordain the human relationship of MARRIAGE?

The old repressive, dualistic morality taught that the only purpose of sex was reproduction. But if merely reproducing their kind were the only purpose of sex, NO MARRIAGE WOULD BE NECESSARY! God made animals male and female. Animals reproduce — BUT THEY DO NOT MARRY! Marriage is not necessary to procreate.

We can, through sex, have reproduction without marriage! Indeed, that is one of the world's greatest evils today. There is entirely too much reproduction without marriage!

Animals reproduce. But animals do not marry! Animals are born with instinct. They need little or no teaching.

Ever see a little calf born? The mother cow does not need to call an obstetrical physician or go to a hospital for the delivery of her calf. As soon as it is born, the calf will begin to stagger to its feet, while the cow just stupidly stands waiting. She does not need to teach her calf how to walk, how to take its food, how to do anything. A little wobbly and un-

steady the first thirty, sixty or ninety seconds, the calf is up and walking in just a minute or two.

Now how long does it take a human infant to learn to walk? Usually a year — and often more. But the newborn calf walks almost immediately. No one teaches it. THE CALF HAS INSTINCT. And where does it start walking? It has no instruction from anyone. It starts walking for its first "dinner." It knows where to go. And the mother cow just stands stupidly still while her calf sucks its milk.

And where is "Daddy" — the bull? That's hard to say. Perhaps miles away. He probably is nowhere around. And soon the calf will not even need the milk from its mother — and will be on its own. There is no marriage — NO FAMILY LIFE — NO HOME LIFE.

But with humans all this is different. The purely reproductive process is the same in all mammals. But beyond this, all is different! The only purpose for sex in animals is reproduction. But HUMANS ARE DIFFERENT! In human reproduction is NOT the only purpose of sex. A second purpose is MARRIAGE — and there is yet a third purpose!

The newborn human does not get up and walk immediately to its food. The tiny baby is absolutely helpless. It has no instinct in the strict sense of the word. It has MIND — but at birth there is NO KNOWLEDGE as yet in its mind. It knows visually nothing at birth. It must be taught! It needs parents to teach it! It matures as very much more slowly than animals! Yet its potentiality is infinitely higher! And for this higher purpose, parental guidance and FAMILY LIFE ARE NECESSARY!

For God had said: "Let us make man in OUR IMAGE."

God made cattle "after their kind" — after the cattle kind. He made "every winged fowl after his kind" — after the winged fowl kind! But He made MAN after the GOD kind!

Man's Destiny

Now, incredible as it may sound to those who do NOT UNDERSTAND the revelation of God's TRUTHS — and only an intellectual minority does — God is a FAMILY!

And is MAN, God is reproducing His kind! Man has the supreme potentiality of being actually born into the very divine GOD FAMILY!

Do you realize what that means? Of course, God is composed of immortal SPIRIT — while man, like animals, is composed in this life of material flesh — matter! But the transcendent essential factor is that GOD IS PERFECT SPIRITUAL CHARACTER! It is the supreme intelligence, combined with holy and righteous CHARACTER OF MIND that most importantly distinguishes God from every other living creature. No animal has this potential — but it is the true destiny of MAN. Of course God, too, pos-

sesses supreme ALL-RIGHTY POWER. But without right CHARACTER, this power would be destructive and dangerous!

What is this righteous spiritual character?

It is that controlled ability, in a separate independent entity, to come to a right knowledge of the TRUTH from the false — the RIGHT from the wrong — and, by free choice, to choose the right and the true; and, further, to use the self-discipline to will and to actually DO the right. And how is right defined? By the spiritual law of God!

This necessitates that each individual human be an independent entity, with a mind of his own — with freedom of choice (free moral agency) — and it requires MIND power — intelligence — intellect — ability to absorb knowledge, to reason, to think, to plan, to devise, to draw conclusions, to will, and to act.

Inanimate objects have no mind, make no decisions, have no character. Animals have instinct installed in their brains. But animals do not possess human-level consciousness of self, and do not absorb knowledge from which they reason, make choice, and will to act even to enforcing self-discipline. Animals do not comprehend such things as art, literature, music. Animals do not imagine, and by thought and reasoning processes design creatively. Animals do not acquire scientific knowledge. Animals do not create, question, or decide whether to obey moral codes. They develop no character.

Humans are born with MINDS. Humans must be taught or learn. But the human mind can absorb knowledge and reason from it — think creatively, formulate plans, make decisions, render judgments, and exercise self-discipline. Man has the POTENTIALITY of developing righteous CHARACTER.

So the human baby is born without knowledge, but with capacity for acquiring it and developing righteous CHARACTER. The human has the supreme potential of receiving God's own HOLY SPIRIT which imparts the divine nature and equips the MIND to comprehend revealed spiritual knowledge!

Human babies are born helpless! They need the tender care, the loving instruction, the patient training and discipline and the warm affection and love of a father and a mother. They need the warmth and protection and security of family and home life. And they are of supreme importance — for they are the potential HEIRS OF GOD!

This righteous CHARACTER is NOT created instantaneously. It develops through experience, and experience requires TIME. Instinct in animals is automatic, as is the animal brain from birth. But divine righteous CHARACTER must be developed over a span of years.

All this is ONE REASON for marriage and the FAMILY relationship.

But there are more! There are other

reasons for marriage — for FAMILY — and for HOME!

Why should humans marry? Well, the educators today do not really know! The scientists do not fully comprehend! They suppose that somewhere along the evolutionary trail, perhaps millions of years ago, man himself started it merely as a custom. They do not know when the marriage institution started, by whom, or for what purpose! Of the tremendous MEANING of this institution they are ignorant! The Communist U.S.S.R. even experimented for a time on abolishing marriage and producing humans outside marriage.

Angels Are Sexless

The real TRUTH about sex and marriage in humans goes deeper still! Its overwhelming significance and meaning seems to have become lost by man.

We have seen that animals have sex and reproduce; but MARRIAGE is not required for reproduction, and animals do not marry. They do not establish HOME LIPS and the FAMILY RELATIONSHIP.

Now consider angels. The skeptic doesn't believe it, but the Bible reveals that angels do exist. Angels are on a higher level than man. It is written that man was made "a little lower" than the angels — that is, during this mortal, fleshly, human life, now.

Yet angels, on a higher plane than physical man, do not marry! (Matt. 22:30.) Each angel was individually and separately created, not born. Among angels there is no marriage — no home life — no family life!

And no sex!

Then what is the function of angels?

Angels are spirit beings — composed, not of material flesh, but of spirit — immortal. "And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits..." (Heb. 1:7; Psalm 104:4.) God is immortal and composed of SPIRIT. Then are angels on the same level with God? Not at all! They are mere spirit creatures of God, created to be His servants, messengers, representatives in the administration of God's UNIVERSE-RULING GOVERNMENT.

The Heritage of Man

Angels, on a plane far lower than God, are higher than mortal man, now. But consider man's ultimate heritage — if he chooses it!

Speaking of the relative difference between man and angels, the first two chapters of Hebrews say:

"For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come [the world tomorrow], whereof we speak: But one in a certain place testified [Psalm 8:4-6] saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him?" (Heb. 2:5-6.)

UNDERSTAND THIS: The earth was once put in subjection to angels, with the archangel Lucifer on that world throne as God's administrator to administer God's government over the angels that then populated the earth. But Lucifer became proud, filled with vanity, and decided to become an aggressor, attempting to dethrone God and place himself on the throne of the universal! He was cast back down to earth, his name changed to Satan, meaning adver-

sary. The angels which joined his mutiny became demons.

Satan and his demons still sway, invisibly, this world. But Jesus Christ conquered Satan and qualified for WORLD RULE. He is coming again to earth — soon, now as KING of kings to set up and reestablish on earth God's GOVERNMENT.

Now what of MAN? Those truly converted before Christ returns shall RULE the WORLD TOMORROW under Christ (Rev. 3:21; 2:26-27). Yes, but ultimately even more than that!

Notice, now, this passage in Hebrews 2. The statement is made that angels will NOT be ruling the WORLD TOMORROW. But what of MAN — yes, insignificant flesh-and-blood mortal man? Why should the great God consider him? And here comes the stupendous answer: few humans, blinded by Satan's deceptions, have ever noticed:

"Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; 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

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feet. For in that he put ALL in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him" (Heb. 2:7-8).

You won't quite grasp that at first. It is too overwhelming! To be crowned means to be given kingly RULING. To be crowned with GLORY and HONOR is to be given such rule as Christ has, now — and that is described in chapter 1 of Hebrews as being the administering, ruling executive over the ENTIRE UNIVERSE! Christ is now ruling over "ALL THINGS!" The Moffat translation reads this, properly, from the Greek as the "universe" — that is, all that God has created — all that exists!

Christ rules it all now! The FATHER of the God kingdom has placed the resurrected, living CHRIST as chief executive over the GOVERNMENT of God over the entire, vast, limitless UNIVERSE. And converted humans are MEMBERS of Christ — JOINT-HEIRS with Him to inherit with Him, in due time, all that He has now inherited! (Rom. 8:17.)

But continue the passage in Hebrews 2: "But now we see not yet all things put under him" (verse 6). Oh, then the rulership over the universe is NOT yet under man — not while he is human — mortal. But what do we already see, now, see? Continue the passage:

"But we see JESUS, who was made a little lower than the angels [even as we, now] for the suffering of death, CROWNED WITH GLORY AND HONOR..." (verse 9). And verse 10 shows that Jesus Christ is the captain — the leader and pioneer who goes on before — of our salvation!

Christ already is CROWNED with this HONOR and GLORY. Christ arose from the dead! He is ALIVE, and He is DEPOSED! He has been OBLIVIOUS — and in His glorified semper condition His eyes are like flames of fire, and His face shines as bright as the very SUN — FULL STRENGTH! (Rev. 1:14-16.)

Are you really comprehending this? Are you?

And mortal man, if he repents, surrenders unconditionally to God and God's government, accepts as living FAITH Jesus Christ as personal Saviour, can receive God's gift of His HOLY SPIRIT — the very life, essence, nature, mind and power of God — BESTOWING him, now, as God's own (yet unborn) son! If he then GROWS spiritually (II Peter 3:18), overcomes, and endures, he shall, at Christ's soon coming, be changed (or resurrected if he dies) from mortal to immortal (I Cor. 15:44-54).

And then — if the VERY CHARACTER of God has been developed within him — his vile material body will be INSTANTANEOUSLY CHANGED (converted) into one "like unto his [Christ's] GLORIOUS body" (Phil. 3:21). But your vile character will not then be INSTANTANEOUSLY CHANGED — THAT change must take place NOW, in this life!

So THAT is the supreme heritage of MAN — if he is willing!

Man, now lower than angels, has a destiny far higher!

A God-plane Relationship!

So GRASP this colossal TRUTH, if you can!

Here is the greatest TRUTH you can ever know! MAN, and man only, of all life forms God has created, can be BORN into the GOD FAMILY — the KINGDOM OF GOD!

Animals have never been given FAMILY relationship. Angels have never enjoyed FAMILY status. The family relationship is a GOD-PLANE relationship — not an angel-plane relationship. And God bestowed it on MAN! Because MAN is to be ADDED into the GOD FAMILY.

Of all life forms — whether plant, animal, or angel in all God's creation, MAN ALONE was created for MARRIAGE — for HOME, and FAMILY LIFE!

Read that again! Try to comprehend it! THINK of the significance! This pivotal truth has been hidden from a deceived world!

Man is now composed of matter. Yet in man and in MAN ONLY is God's CREATION still going on! Humans, by repentance, surrender to God, and acceptance of Christ, may be in mind and attitude converted — may receive God's holy spirit. Thus they are actually begotten as God's children! They may have direct communion with God and call Him FATHER! They are brought into a FATHER-AND-SON relationship with God!

This is possible for no other creature — not even angels! Angels were not, and never can be, begotten and BORN of God! Each angel is a separate creation. No angel can ever become a part of the DIVINE FAMILY OR KINGDOM OF GOD!

Notice! Of angels, God says: "For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I

begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?" (Heb. 1:5.)

Neither animal, nor angel, nor any other being, except MAN, can be literally begotten by spiritual reproductive process and then actually BORN into the divine GOD FAMILY!

What a matchless, supreme, stupendous, awe-inspiring, breathtaking potential!

The Function of Angels

Angels, higher than man is now, are the ministering servants of God in the administration of His universe-ruling government! And, in-relation to MAN, angels are "ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation" (Heb. 1:14). Invisible angels actually minister to and serve the human children of God. Begotten humans are the actual HEIRS of God — and joint heirs with CHRIST (Rom. 8:17).

Notice! "And because ye [converted Christians] are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ" (Gal. 4:6-7).

A young son of a wealthy man, while still a child, may be under the care of an adult servant. The servant is older, further advanced in knowledge, on higher status physically and mentally — but far lower potentially. For when the son is mature, he will inherit his father's wealth and power. Therefore the servant, temporarily older and farther matured, is servant, ministering to the young heir! That illustrates the fact of angels ministering to humans!

Humans are, if converted through Christ, the HEIRS of the GOD FAMILY. They are to enter the divine FAMILY. They are, even now, the begotten children of God. Therefore God ordained the family relationship for human beings. NO OTHER BEINGS — whether angel or animal — HAVE THIS RELATIONSHIP. But it goes further!

The FAMILY relationship demands the HUSBAND-AND-WIFE relationship! And that demands MARRIAGE, and faithfulness to that matrimonial bond! The CHURCH of God is merely that BODY composed of the begotten children of God. And the church, as a BODY, is the affianced BRIDE of CHRIST — to MARRY Christ at the time of the resurrection and His second coming!

So there is also the divine MARRIAGE relationship!

Now UNDERSTAND! The husband-and-wife relationship and the family relationship are GOD-PLANE relationships! These are NOT animal-plane, or angel-plane relationships!

Since humans were put on earth for the very PURPOSE of being begotten and then BORN into the GOD FAMILY the ETERNAL, has endowed this GOD-PLANE relationship for HUMANS — and for humans only! What a WONDERFUL PURPOSE to be HUMAN — to be given the MARRIAGE relationship now — to MARRY Christ and become part of the GOD FAMILY!

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letters

Who Discovered America?

As one who advocates the diffusionist theory (pre-Columbian trans-oceanic voyages to the Americas), I was delighted to read your article, "Who Discovered America First?"

Anthropology is bursting forth with new light on the subject of Indian ancestry — how much more so are the Indians our brethren whom we realize they have roots in the Semitic, Phoenician, Oriental, Egyptian, Indian, and European nations from whence we all came.

Diane With,
Bloomington, MN

Here is a special large bouquet of orchids for the splendid article "Who Discovered America First." I wish I had sufficient words to express my gratitude and admiration. . . . Could you please send me 100 reprints of said article?

Helen Scharff,
Salt Lake City, UT

Nuclear Terrorism

Referring to "When Terrorists Go Nuclear" by Robert Ginskey in the June 7 issue of Plain Truth. Is it necessary to be so (could) about such an unbelievable, unacceptable, hideous thing? It seemed, as I read this article, that you are drawing a definite blueprint to be used by some "reasonably intelligent person." I know you to be a God-loving people. I'm quite disappointed.

In my opinion, it is one thing to bring to the public straightforward news; quite another to deliberately plant insidious ideas. I wish you could give me a logical reason for printing such an article.

Mrs. Ruth J. Bryant,
Las Vegas, NV

* The article gave no information of any value to a potential saboteur, and frankly, we doubt that any terrorist who is not already aware of the potential for nuclear blackmail would be capable of building his own atomic bomb from our simple diagrams.

The Sex Series

Greetings. First let me tell you how much I enjoyed the May 24 Plain Truth with its special section on sex. I'm sure any newsworthy copies of that edition were like hotcakes. Even with the gigantic deluge of ex-manias these days people are still searching for something that "satisfies." And again Ambassador College seems to be the only one supplying the satisfying answer.

Mr. Armstrong writes in the role of, perhaps one could say, a spiritual Freud, going far deeper than the first Freud, telling us not only what is wrong, but why, and giving us the real solution. Freud gave us the materialistic knowledge without a spiritual foundation. Mr. Armstrong gives us both.

Please keep Plain Truth coming.
Mr. Patrick Garigan,
Trenton, NJ

In the May 24 edition there is printed in two separate places the following: " . . . Freud had decided that sexual repressions . . . were the cause of mental disorders. He . . . urged knowledge discrimination and sexual freedom as the panacea." Freud never advocated sexual freedom or any act of sex as good.

While, I, too, am apposed to any depiction of our youth under the guise of any "new morality," it is important that facts and accuracy not be sacrificed in such efforts.

Curtis Kendrick, M.D.,
New York, NY

I received the May 24 Plain Truth and read it from cover to cover. As an ordained minister of the Universal Life Church, I must agree with you — sex is an invention of the devil and marriage is nothing more than legalized rape. As a minister I can only say keep up the good work you are doing.

Pastor Donald Stephens,
Lakewood, NJ

* Perhaps you better read the May 24 issue again. You may agree with US, but we don't agree with you!

The "Who" Discussion in Sex

Received your Plain Truth yesterday and would like to receive your book, *The Missing Discussion in Sex*. Anyway, at 78 and my husband dead, I still enjoy reading about sex. Can't kill a woman for that, can they?

Mrs. J. A.,
San Diego, CA

Enjoyed your write-up about sex so much. You seem to know the need for parents, for everyone — to do something positive toward the right answers for our children.

Mrs. J. M.,
Drexel Hill, PA

I have been reading Plain Truth for years, but what I saw in this week's issue — I never want such trash sent to me again. Sex, sex, page after page and a nude woman on a man's lap. What is your College coming to?

Mr. M. S. C.,
St. Louis, MO

I do not want a picture such as it is on page 11 of your last paper in front of my children. Margie is only sixteen. She can always go to a magazine stall and look at Playboy if she needs to see nadsy.

Mrs. D. E.,
Winnboro, TX

Why isn't you see what comes all this wild way of living? Cats, dogs, and all kinds of animals fight over sex. If it could be done . . . take all the thrill out of sex, and there would be less overbreeding of all things. Overbreeding is the cause of so much crime. Take all the thrill out of sex, then they will stop all this nonsense that every man is looking for. Sex. Take all the thrill out of sex. In all your writings about sex you never, never, say take all the thrill out of sex, if it could be done.

Mrs. J. R.,
Tampa, FL

SEX (Cont. from page 11)

The Affianced Bride

Here is another vital REASON for the institution of MARRIAGE in the human family. It is to teach us — to constantly remind us — of our sacred relationship to Jesus Christ!

Here is the vital teaching: "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything."

"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word. . . ." (The Word, if obeyed, washes away error.) "That he might present it to himself a glorious church (CLEANSED — DEFILED) not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. . . . For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh."

"This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church" (Eph. 5:23-32).

Notice! For this cause — because of the coming MARRIAGE (spiritually) between Christ and the church and because the church is, NOW, the affianced bride, engaged to marry Christ — God ordained the MARRIAGE institution for humans! Not for animals! NOT for angels!

Notice Revelation 19:7 — speaking of the second coming of Christ in glory: ". . . the MARRIAGE of the Lamb [Christ] is come, and his wife hath made herself ready." ONLY those made ready in righteous CHARACTER will be presented to Him then!

WHY Home and Family

So, in addition to the FAMILY relationship, there is also the divine MARRIAGE relationship.

So UNDERSTAND! The husband-and-wife relationship and the family relationship are God-plane relationships! These are NOT animal-plane or angel-plane relationships!

Humans are free moral agents. God never forces one to be truly converted — to become His very begotten son. Yet the FATHER God is working out here below in to reproduce Himself — to bring, through Christ, "many sons unto glory" (Heb. 2:10) in the divine KINGDOM of God!

And since humans were put on earth for the very purpose of being begotten and then BORN into the GOD FAMILY, the Eternal has endowed this God-plane family status for humans now — and for humans ONLY!

What a WONDERFUL PRIVILEGE to be given the MARRIAGE and FAMILY relationship — that we may be prepared for the spiritual marriage to CHRIST and the divine family status, for eternity, in THE KINGDOM of God! □

Personal from...

Shirley A. Bentley

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per articles with the following titles: "Too Much on the Go — Peril: Body's Inner Clock Runs Down." Another, "SLEEP CURBS FOR JET SETTERS: Speed Curbs Listless Lag." Another, "Time Out of Joint." Another, "Jet Age Exhaustion." Still another, "BODY RHYTHM."

Take the one flight I described above. There was a seven-hour time lag on the clock. When one's body rhythm is adjusted to going to bed at 9 or 10 p.m., rising at 5 or 6, a morning hike of one to two miles at 6:30, breakfast at 7:30, lunch at 12:30, dinner at 7, and after this 14-hour flight all these events are suddenly thrown 7 hours later, the entire rhythm of the body and mind is literally thrown "out of joint." I find that just one such flight will require an entire week for adjustment for most people. But I can't take a week. Often I must move on within two or three days, with meetings, speeches, and much writing to do in the

meantime. Then on to another time lag of from 2 to 8 hours.

Says one magazine article: "Scientists point out that while it is relatively easy for a traveler to reset his watch, it is far more difficult for him to reset the timing system of his body. Without time for rest and readjustment, a body that has been air-propelled into a new time zone will not function at par."

"Many body processes operate in rhythm patterns adjusted to the 24-hour cycle of a day and a night. These are called circadian rhythms. External stimuli such as lightness and dark and temperature changes act as timing mechanisms for our established patterns of eating, sleeping, working and resting. Throw the circadian rhythm out of whack by losing or gaining hours via jet travel, and the traveler finds that he wants to sleep when it is time to wake, to work when it is time to rest."

"An experiment by the Federal Aviation Administration shows that it takes 8 days for a man's heart-rate to synchronize with the local time after a flight from Rome to Oklahoma City."

"This circadian rhythm is called by some the body's inner clock." The enormous speed of jet travel — 550 to

600 miles per hour — can disturb the mechanism of this inner clock.

One famous public speaker and broadcaster related the following experience: "Leaving the plane at Detroit after a flight from London, I wasn't feeling too spry. Three speeches were on my schedule. Although I somehow managed to get through them by midnight, my hand was shaking so that I could hardly hold a pen. I phoned a famous doctor, and he hustled me over to Ford Hospital. . . . It wasn't a heart attack. What had caught up with me was jet exhaustion. . . . By crossing and recrossing the globe's time zones too often, and in too short a time, I had placed a massive burden on my biological clock, that mysterious inner timer, and it had gone wacky under the strain."

But I have to keep up the ordeal of writing, speaking and contacts with world leaders. I must appear fresh, sharp, and inspiring, approximately three weeks out of every four.

Frankly, I seriously doubt if any athlete under 32 undergoes the grueling rigors that I must. But, to get the all-important MESSAGE from Christ into the great mass-population nations we were never able to reach before is the MOST IMPORTANT activity on this earth for the past sixteen hundred years. It's WORTH ALL THE EFFORT, FATIGUE, DETERMINATION AND DRIVING ON it takes from me — and from the thousands-of-loyal co-workers that stand 100% back of me and make it possible. To them and to the PERSONAL God goes the credit! □

Next 25 Years...

(Continued from page 8)

Platt at a plenary session of the World Future Society. "Perhaps the best we can do is adopt a secular humanism which combines the elements of ecology, existentialism, tolerance, and a new concept of justice."

Platt sees the major crises of the next decade offering the possibility of new global institutions involving "planning for the future by university, business and government leaders in many countries."

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Who Won at Helsinki?

After nearly 30 years of patient striving, the Soviet Union has finally achieved a major geopolitical dream — the formal recognition of the Eastern European empire it acquired in the aftermath of World War II.

By putting their signatures to the mammoth 100-page, 30,000-word East-West charter at the European summit in Helsinki earlier this month, the United States and its North Atlantic allies effectively ratified Moscow's control over Eastern Europe and guaranteed the inviolability of the post-World War II European frontiers.

Soviet domination over the eastern half of the divided European continent is now a formalized fact — though the Western powers were not likely to change the status quo anyway. For to do so could mean a hot war with the Soviet Union itself. Western inaction in the Hungarian revolt of 1956 and the Czech uprising of 1968 proved that fact conclusively.

The agreement gives the Soviets the feeling — and that is very important to them — that they at last have acquired a completely secure and stable western flank, something they have desired for three decades, considering their horrible experiences in World War II. With the signatures now in place on the summit document, the peoples of Eastern Europe — who have been unfortunately placed by fate in a sandwiched position between major world power blocs — will resign themselves, if they have not already long since done so, to the reality of permanent Soviet domination, realizing the pointlessness of further open resistance. Furthermore, the Helsinki charter virtually writes off any further complaints from the United States and the nations of Western Europe about Soviet domination of the East (assisted as it is, in part, by both Yugoslavia and Romania).

Secondly, the agreement frees the Soviet Union to turn its attention to its greatest antagonist and biggest worry of the moment, Communist

China. The Chinese have been strongly urging various Western European leaders — such as Germany's Franz Josef Strauss — to keep alive the issue of a divided Europe and a divided Germany, so as to keep Soviet attention focused on Europe. China had hoped this would cause the Soviets to divert some of their military strength from the Russo-Chinese border to the European front.

The Helsinki accord has done away with all of that. It means that now the Soviets are free to do just the opposite — to mass their troops, if they wish, along the volatile Chinese border, the possibility of a two-front war now remote.

Thirdly, Helsinki will pave the way for the Soviet Union to gain a great deal more influence in Western Europe. In an atmosphere of growing détente, the Soviets can count on further reductions of U.S. forces in Europe and a general weakening of ties between the U.S. and NATO. The Kremlin, according to some analysts, is hoping for an eventual clash of military, monetary, and political interests between the United States and its West European partners. The Soviet plan, they claim, is to eventually oust the United States completely from the West European sphere of influence.

A recent issue of *USA*, the Soviet journal of American studies, almost looks forward to growing disharmony between the United States and its West European partners over critical issues of energy policy, trade and monetary reform as a welcome side benefit of détente.

Moscow regards tensions in the Atlantic alliance over these key issues as more natural than the "temporary" compromise that has patched them up in the aftermath of the 1973 Middle East War and subsequent Arab oil embargo.

"Any crisis or shock in the international situation," says the *USA* article, "could easily tear the fabric of that compromise to expose the clash of interests which exists between the two centers of imperialist rivalry."

The Soviet Union is certain to embark now on a campaign to show Western Europeans that their natural interests lie to the east on the European continent, not west across the Atlantic. The Kremlin ultimately hopes to ease Western Europe away from the American orbit and into the Soviet orbit, possibly even signing a full-blown mutual non-aggression pact with West European governments, perhaps by then a "United States of Europe." Within the framework of a "European collective security system," the two of them could then, if they so desire, go about the business, as mutual partners, of dismantling the United States!

The United States had hoped to achieve, through détente, a lessening of the tensions that have threatened to lead the world to nuclear destruction. We have been willing to achieve this at any price — virtually giving away technological secrets, selling U.S. grain at ridiculously low prices, allowing the Soviet Union to catch up in the arms race, and finally, with the "handshake in space" allowing the world

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to believe the Soviet space program was equal to ours.

We had hoped that instead of truculence, these concessions on our part would cause the Soviets to show a little bit of a change of heart. But have they? Recent history easily answers that.

The Soviet Union interprets the Helsinki document as formal recognition of the present status quo of a divided Europe with its eastern puppet states. The United States interprets it as meaning that the Soviet Union is going to open up these puppet states to free immigration, free social and information exchange, and free travel. The U.S. sees it as meaning essentially one thing, the Soviet Union as another. And what is even more incredible, the charter is not even legally binding! It is a mere declaration of intent — such as the many U.N. declarations concerning human freedom which Moscow has signed in the past, and then ignored.

So I ask: Can you trust the Russians? Are the Russian promises of any real worth? All you've got to do is look at Korea, at the Middle East, at SALT I. Look at any Soviet promise at any time in history — and you can easily answer that question for

yourselves. Has the Soviet Union really accepted the idea of peaceful coexistence?

Has she really dropped the program spelled out by so many Soviet leaders and theorists of complete, total domination of the entirety of the world?

Détente is merely a period of time in which the Soviet Union — without the harshness of the Cold War and therefore without the constant posture of alertness on the part of the West — can subtly pursue its same goal of expanding Soviet influence but in a climate where the West is likely to let its guard down. Détente means simply another opportunity to advance on all fronts — to exploit every conceivable advantage possible in the geopolitical maneuvering for world power!

"The Communists have become more clever in my country," Nobel Prize winning Soviet author Alexander Solzhenitsyn observed recently. "They do not say, 'We're going to bury you' anymore. Now they say, 'Détente.' But nothing has changed in Communist ideology. The goals are the same as they were. . . . The soiled author has labeled the Helsinki accord 'the funeral of Eastern Europe.'"

Whether we know it or not, World War III is already being fought — and lost by the United States. A tremendous ideological struggle is underway between the superpowers that most people remain utterly unaware of today. Behind all the smiles, the treaties, the handshakes, the cocktail parties, the peace conferences, the arms limitation talks, the force reduction negotiations, World War III is in full swing right now! And the Soviet Union is winning the major battles, the big concessions — and the United States is seemingly more than willing to give her more every day.

The time may come when Americans will wish that our president had decided not to go to Helsinki, or, if he did go, that he would have demanded prior action by the Soviets — a show of their good faith by actually opening Eastern borders before signing the security document.

The United States is doing business with its enemies — blindly giving away political and social concessions, military and technological advantages. The Bible labels these dealings harlotry — international prostitution on the part of a nation which should be trusting in God and not in foreign alliances and treaties. Of our nation God declares, "The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings; they have made them crooked paths; whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace" (Isa. 59:8). □

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