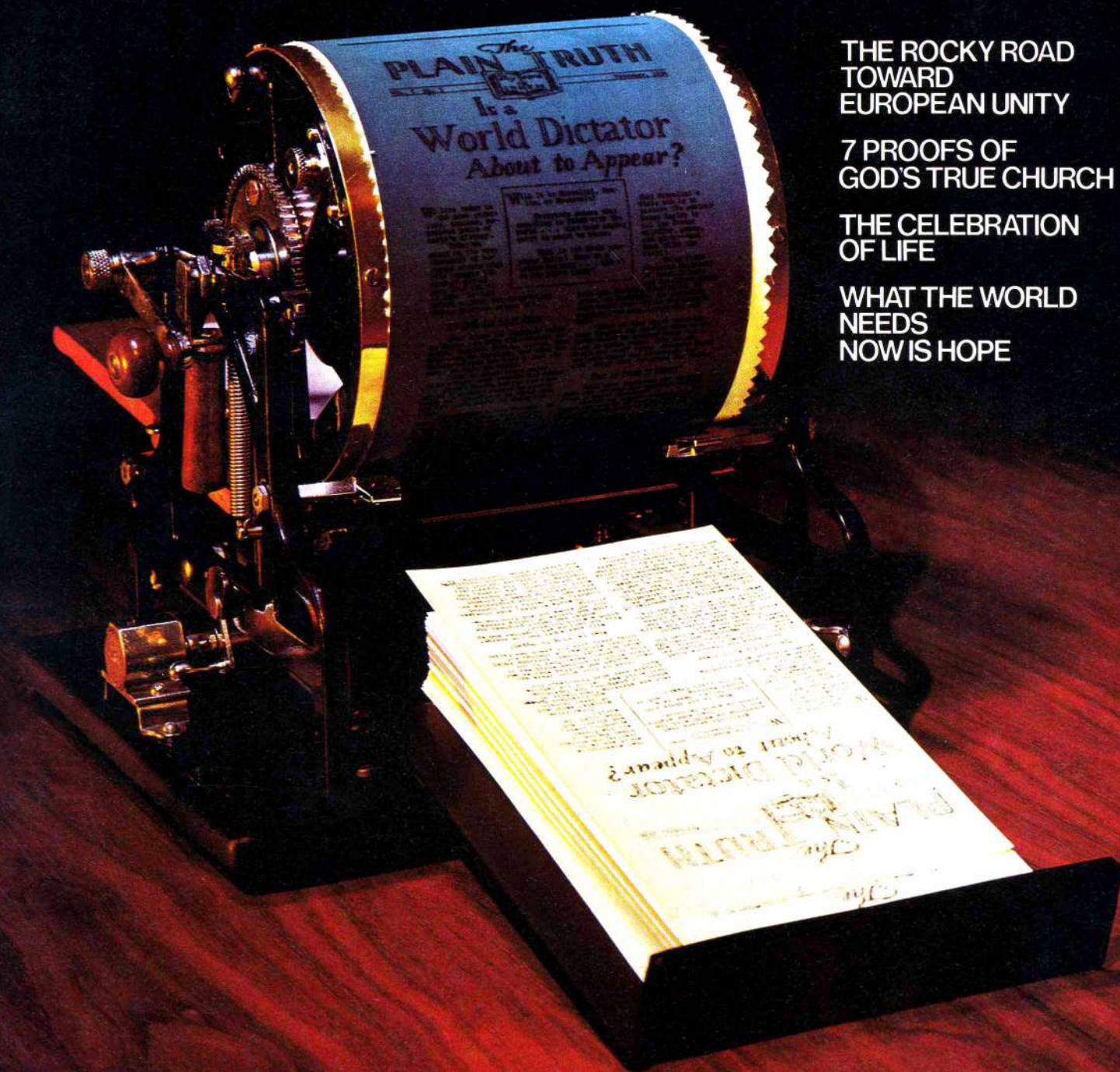


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Personal from...

45th Anniversary Issue—A Personal Message From The Plain Truth's Founder and Editor

Forty-five years—and still ahead of our time! Seven years ago I wrote on this “Personal” page: “Suppose you had the urge and the ambition to start a new, mass-circulation magazine—but you had no money, no facilities or resources of any kind to get it published, no means of gaining subscribers.

“But further, suppose you had the conviction, because it was going to make the truth (God’s Word) plain, that neither advertising should be sold, nor subscription price put on it. Further, suppose you had the conviction that it should be a magazine with exceptionally fine quality—not only in its reading content, but in its physical appearance.”

I think that if you told this urge to the publisher of a national magazine, he would shake his head in derision, perhaps call you a fool, and say, “IT CAN’T BE DONE!”

Well, *fifty-two years ago*, I had precisely that “Mission Impossible” urge. It was the spring of 1927. In sheer faith that it would be accomplished, I spent what must have been most of all the money I had to have a professional letter artist design a front cover—with the name in clear, bold letters across the top: “*THE PLAIN TRUTH.*”

I had been on the advertising and editorial staffs of newspapers and magazines since 1911—16 years. And though I didn’t know it then, I was to spend another year and two months as advertising manager and editorial writer for a daily newspaper—and still my dream magazine was yet to appear.

Seven years went by. The Great Depression started in 1929. How was I ever to start this magazine without

money? How would I get subscribers—even without a subscription price—because I definitely had principles against giving it to any who did not subscribe of their own volition? The Depression plunged the nation deeper and deeper into what seemed a hopeless economic condition.

If a man lost his job, he could not find another. People who were buying their homes had to give them up; instead of inflation, we had unbelievable DEFLATION—and the value of real estate tumbled until a home being bought on payments was not worth anywhere near as much as the homeowner still owed.

Yes, indeed it was “Mission Impossible.” But I never gave up the dream. It came to 1933—the year President Franklin Delano Roosevelt closed the banks because the nation had HIT BOTTOM in the economic plunge. Meanwhile I had been ordained a minister of Jesus Christ.

I was speaking six nights a week in a one-room country schoolhouse seating 36. It was eight miles west of Eugene, Oregon. Attendance averaged about 38 or 39—with a few having to stand for the service most evenings. I hitchhiked nightly to the schoolhouse, for I had no car.

In October 1933 I learned that the one local minimum-wattage radio station in Eugene, Oregon, where I was staying, had a morning devotional program, 7:45 to 8:00 a.m., Mondays through Fridays. And I learned the station had difficulty getting local ministers to get up early enough for a 7:45 morning broadcast, even if no charge was made to their churches.

I inquired at the station. A woman secretary said, “Why, yes, Mr. Armstrong, (Continued on page 44)

Part One:

7 PROOFS OF GOD'S TRUE CHURCH

*Where is the one and only true Church today—the Church founded by Jesus Christ in A.D. 31?
Seven major eye-opening proofs identify it unmistakably.*

by Herbert W. Armstrong

YOU LIVE in a world of religious confusion. WHY so many different religions? The world has Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Shintoism, Hinduism, Islam and Christianity, with its many denominations and sects.

Religion is generally regarded as the worship of the Creator or the supernatural—although some Oriental religions are primarily philosophies.

The largest religion in the world, in asserted number of adherents, is Roman Catholicism. Its claim of being the original church of Christianity has won near universal acceptance in the Western world.

But where is the absolute AUTHORITY to identify the *true* religion, and the one original Church, of the Christian religion?

Or, is *any* authentic? Communism rejects religion, labeling it “the opiate of the people.”

I seriously doubt if *anyone* has been put through the experience that came to me in *settling* this question with PROOF POSITIVE.

WHY do most people believe the

things they believe? The philosopher C. E. Ayers said truthfully that few, indeed, have ever stopped to ask themselves in retrospect *why* they believe the things they believe, or *how* they came to believe them.

I have said many times that most people believe that which they have repeatedly heard, read, or been taught, and have carelessly *assumed* those things to be true without question and without proof.

The Disturbing Dual Challenge

I was born of stable and upright parents, whose Quaker ancestors had emigrated from England to Pennsylvania with William Penn a hundred years before the United States became a nation.

At age 18 I dropped all but the most passive interest in religion. I had put myself through an intensive self-examination, coupled with a survey of the various occupations and professions, to determine where I belonged—to avoid fitting the proverbial square peg in the round hole. This led me into the advertising pro-

fession and business life. I was unusually successful. I had continued through the years diligent study and application. I had planned that my business contacts were largely with “the great and the near great.”

Then, at age 34, I was assailed by very disturbing dual challenges. My wife, after our nine years of happy marriage, had begun keeping the seventh-day Sabbath. I was aghast! That, to me, was religious fanaticism! She claimed to have found this teaching in the Bible.

My first upsetting thought was, “What will my business contacts and friends say?” It was a devastating thought, humiliating!

All the *arguments* came quickly to my mind. They were of no avail. She said she found this teaching in the Bible. “But the Bible says,” I protested, “‘Thou shalt observe Sunday.’”

“Can you show that to me in the Bible?” she asked.

“No,” I replied. “I don’t know much about the Bible. My interest and studies have been in the area of business. But I know the Bible

teaches Sunday observance, because *all these churches can't be wrong*, and they derive their beliefs from the Bible."

"If," she smiled sincerely—but to me exasperatingly, "you can show me where the Bible commands Sunday observance, I'll go back to it."

There was no dodging the challenge. My marriage depended upon it! Coincidentally, a sister-in-law, newly married and fresh out of college, hurled at me a second humiliating challenge.

"Herbert Armstrong," she accused contemptuously, "you are just plain *ignorant!* Everybody who has any education *knows* human life has come by evolution."

I was proud. I had not neglected study and education. I thought I knew the facts about evolution, and I didn't believe in it. But now I had to admit I had never pursued a thorough, in depth research of the question.

The dual challenge drove me into determined, almost night-and-day research. That intensive study continued for six months before I found the *proven* answer. Yet the study to this day has never ceased.

I was not only angered by these challenges—I was *determined* to prove both my wife and sister-in-law wrong. Both challenges focused on a common starting point—the book of Genesis in the Bible—although that was only the beginning.

These challenges came at a period in life when I had ample time on my hands. I plunged with intense concentration into the study.

But I did not begin the research in Genesis. First I delved thoroughly into the works of Darwin, Lyell, Haeckel, Huxley, Spencer, Vogt, Chamberlin and Moore, and even into the earlier works of Lamarck and his theory of "use and disuse," which preceded Darwin's "survival of the fittest" hypothesis.

Immediately those writings appeared convincing. They would have to be, to have won virtual universal acceptance in the world of higher education. I readily understood how the field of education had been gripped in the clutch of the evolutionary concept.

Evolution, as I finally learned, is

the atheists' attempted explanation of the presence of a creation without the preexistence of a Creator.

This initial stage of my research rudely shook my faith in the existence of God. It brought me to the realization that I had *assumed* the reality of God, because from childhood I had heard—and therefore accepted—it. For a while my head was literally swimming. Was all I had ever believed mere myth and error, after all? I was awakened to the realization I had never seen *PROVED* the reality of God. Now I was determined to know the *TRUTH!* My mind was being cleaned out from ideas and beliefs previously taken for granted.

Of all the writers on evolution, Moore alone had culled out many discrepancies in the theory, yet he, too, went along with the doctrine overall.

But now I had, first of all, to prove or disprove the existence of God. It was no casual or superficial study. I continued in this research as if my life depended upon it—as, in actual fact, it did, as well as my marriage. I studied books on both sides of the question.

Suffice it to say here that I did find irrefutable *PROOF* of the existence of God the Creator—and I found proof positive of the fallacy of the evolutionary theory. I had the satisfaction of winning the admission of one thoroughly steeped in evolutionary thought (she had spent years in graduate work at the University of Chicago and at Columbia) that I had definitely chopped down the trunk of the evolutionary tree; though, like Dr. Moore, she had been so thoroughly brainwashed in evolutionary theory she had to continue in it, even though she had seen and acknowledged *PROOF* of its falsity.

Also I had the enjoyment of being able to cause my sister-in-law to "eat those words" branding me as "ignorant." This, of course, was mere vanity on my part, which I had not yet eradicated.

I had proved the reality of *THE GREAT MAJESTIC GOD!* But my wife's challenge was still tormenting my mind. Already, in the evolutionary research, I had studied Genesis. I knew each of the world's religions

had its own sacred writings. Once God's reality was proved, I had expected to pursue the study of comparative religion—to see if any such sacred writings proved authoritative. Through which of these did God speak to mankind—if any?

Since I had to research the Sabbath question anyway, and had already delved into Genesis, I decided to continue my study of the Bible—intending to examine in depth the writings of other religions afterward.

In my biblical study I early came across the passage in Romans 6:23: "The wages of sin is death. . . ." I stopped, amazed. "Wages" is what one is paid for what one has done. Here I was staring at a statement diametrically opposite to all the Sunday school teaching I had received prior to age 18.

"Why," I exclaimed, "how can that be? I was taught in church that the wages of sin is *EVERLASTING LIFE*—in an eternally burning hell."

Another shock came on reading the last part of the same verse: ". . . but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

"But," I questioned in disillusionment, "I thought I already had eternal life—I am, or I have, an immortal soul."

I researched the word "soul" by means of a Bible concordance. Twice I found the words, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezek. 18:4 and Ezek. 18:20).

Then I remembered I had read in Genesis 2 how God said to the first human, "But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die" (verse 17).

In Genesis 2:7 I read how "God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man [dust—matter] became a living soul." This states plainly that a soul is physical—formed from matter. I found that the English word "soul" is translated from the Hebrew *nepesh* and that in Genesis 1, fowl, fish, and animals, all three, were *nepesh*, as Moses was inspired to write.

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After 2,550 Years...

JEW ARE A NATION AGAIN!

...Prophecy Fulfilled?

Here are the real facts back of the strange dilemma in Palestine, exclusive in The Plain Truth, from private interviews with chief leaders of both Arabs and Zionist Jews.

by Herbert W. Armstrong

The Jews once again a NATION of their own in Palestine, after 2,550 years! What does it all mean? What's back of this world-shaking event? Is this the prophesied regathering of Israel back to the Holy Land?

The new nation was born in turmoil, and WAR between it and surrounding Arab nations flared out immediately.

The new nation is a REPUBLIC, its president is in America, and it calls itself, officially, "ISRAEL"!

All Topsy-Turvy

This is not the prophesied great coming exodus of Israel back to Palestine, but man-made blundering and CONFUSION!

This is not the restoration of Israel and of PEACE in the Holy Land, but strife, misunderstanding,

UPDATE ON THE ISRAEL-ARAB QUESTION

The Plain Truth is always ahead of its time! Over thirty years ago, The Plain Truth published this article which explained the basic reasons for the current Middle East strife. It was captioned "Jews Are a Nation Again," with personal interviews with the two chief spokesmen for each of the opposing factions. The article is reproduced here from the June 1948 issue.

bloodshed in open battle! But WHY? Why do the Arabs so desperately fight against this new "Israel"? Why do the Jews with such fanatical fervor sacrifice lives and money for it? What is prophesied, and what does this have to do with it?

To bring you the true answers—

the PLAIN TRUTH behind the news you read in newspapers and hear in newscasts—I went to San Francisco to interview the man in charge of Palestine relations for the Arabs, Sheik Hafiz Wabba, and later to London for another interview with him. I went to New York for a three-hour interview with Itzhak J. Karpman, executive director of the World Confederation of General Zionists. And the amazing, almost unbelievable truth from prophecy we bring you direct from the Bible.

Why the Arabs Fight

My first interview with the sheik from Arabia was at the San Francisco Conference in 1945. The interview was arranged two days in advance. At the appointed hour I was ushered into his office in the Fairmont Hotel. I found him attired, not in the flowing robes in which the Arabian delegation had so intrigued San Franciscans, but

in an ordinary American business suit.

He received me very cordially, and spoke good English. With Prince Faisal, he was the leader of the Arab delegation, and the man in charge of Palestine relations for the Saudi Arabian government.

"Why do the Arabs oppose the Jews in returning to Palestine?" I asked.

"We do not oppose the presence of Jews in Palestine," he corrected me. "We only oppose further and unlimited immigration of Jews into Palestine."

"But the Jews claim Palestine as their Holy Land," I said. "They believe Almighty God *promised* that land to Abraham, and that they are the children of Abraham, and therefore that Palestine belongs to them by divine right. Now I understand the Arabs are also the children of Abraham, descended through Ishmael. Do you believe that, and claim the right to possess Palestine on those grounds?"

"We are the children of Abram," he replied, pronouncing it "Uh-brahm," with the accent on the last syllable, "and we are descended through Ishmael, yes, and Ishmael was the firstborn son of Abram and therefore the rightful birthright holder and heir to the land promised Abram. But," and he emphasized the point, "we do not present our claim to Palestine, or oppose further and unlimited Jewish immigration, on those grounds."

Then he explained the Arab position—and he gave me an UNANSWERABLE ARGUMENT—yet the Zionist director in New York later gave me a sizzling answer to the unanswerable argument! "Let me put it this way," the sheik continued. "How long have you Americans been here in California—when did your first white men come here?"

"Only some three or four hundred years ago," I replied.

"Exactly! And you have only been established as a government here a much shorter time than that. Now you are still at war against Japan. [This was in the spring of 1945.] A considerable number of Japanese had immigrated into California before the war and estab-

lished homes here. You did not object or fight against this limited Japanese immigration and residence here, just as we did not, for a long time, against the Jews' immigration into Palestine. But now suppose the Japanese wanted to increase their immigration into California until there would be more Japanese than Americans here, and then they also demanded that you let them take over the State of California and set up a new Japanese NATION here on your soil. Tell me, would you oppose that? Would you call out your armed forces to fight against it?"

There was only one answer to that! Of course the United States would fight to prevent it, with all the power and resources of the nation, if need be!

"Would you think you were right in doing so?" he asked.

We would!

"Well," he explained, "the Arabs have lived in, and had possession of Palestine, for thousands of years. Our homes are there. We didn't object to a few Jews coming into our land. We know they have brought us many benefits. They have brought with them money, energy, industry. Our people have benefited by the additional prosperity and other advantages they have brought us. That we welcomed, as long as they were a beneficial minority in our midst. But now Jewish immigration has been increasing at such a rate that soon there will be more Jews than Arabs. Now the Jews want to take our land away from us and make it their own NATION! That land has belonged to us many times longer than California has belonged to Americans. You say *you* would oppose and fight against Japanese immigration flooding California with more Japanese than Americans, taking your fair state away from you and turning it into a new Japanese nation. Well, that is exactly why we oppose further Jewish immigration and will fight to the last man against the Jews setting up a NATION on our land!"

There is his "UNANSWERABLE ARGUMENT"!

Can *you* answer it? Of course, in due time, when God Himself steps in to take rule away from men and to rule the earth by divine fiat

through Christ as King of kings, it will be different. But, from the standpoint of the present time and the present world, I had no answer! "But," I questioned "His Excellency" further, "what about the pitiful condition of hundreds of thousands of persecuted homeless Jews driven out of Europe by Hitler? Can you deny these poor refugees a home in what they consider as their own ancient homeland?"

"Why should the Arabs be called upon to bear *all* the burden of sheltering homeless Jews?" he asked in reply. "Why do America and Britain expect us to accept them when you yourselves refuse them? You could absorb them and they would only be a small and unnoticed addition to your famous 'melting pot.' But every other nation on earth turns these homeless Jews away from its borders and then expects the Arabs to take them all into Palestine, where they would then outnumber Arabs and take our country away from us! Is that right? Is that international justice?"

In London, late February 1947, Mrs. Armstrong and I were specially invited by the Arabian plenipotentiary to a royal reception in honor of the crown prince Emir Saud, eldest son of King Ibn Saud. After we and the other guests had been formally presented to "His Royal Highness," I had a few words once again in private with Sheik Hafiz Wabba.

"If only Great Britain, America, and all the other nations would quit interfering and stirring up all this emotional feeling in favor of more and more Jews going to Palestine until they drive our people out, we would have no troubles at all in Palestine. The fires of trouble are being fanned by the interference of other nations and their sentimental and unthinking emotion about Jews becoming a nation in Palestine. Stop all this propaganda and interference by so many nations not directly concerned, and the Arabs and the Jews will get along all right together in Palestine."

And there, again, he put his finger directly on the source of the trouble: so many nations not personally concerned burdening themselves with Palestine!

Do you know the prophesied fate

of these nations who interfere in a quarrel not their own?

Listen! "The burden of the word of the Eternal for Israel, saith the Eternal. . . . Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah [the Jews] and against Jerusalem. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people [all nations]: all that burden themselves with it *shall be cut in pieces*, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it" (Zech. 12:1-3).

The Jews' Answer to the Sheik

But what is the *Jewish view* on this question? Have they an answer to Sheik Hafiz Wabba's "unanswerable" argument?

In New York, returning from Europe, I spent nearly an entire afternoon in conference at the American office of the World Confederation of General Zionists with Itzhak (Isaac) J. Karpman, executive director of the World Confederation.

A young Jewish Palestine labor leader, Hapoel Hatzair, had just arrived in New York from Palestine, and he sat in on our chat for about an hour.

I told Mr. Karpman what the Arabian minister had told me—the Arab's "unanswerable" argument. And did he have an answer? He had a *sizzling answer!*

"First, let me state a few census figures," he said, "so you'll have the exact relative populations in mind. According to the 1944 official Palestine census, there are 1,750,000 total population in Palestine. [Now over two million.] Of these, 1,100,000 are Moslems, mostly Arabs; 530,000 are Jews; 140,000 are Christians; 15,000 miscellaneous."

(Actually, today, 1948, there are about 1,300,000 Arabs and 710,000 Jews in all Palestine. In the new Jewish nation called "ISRAEL," roughly half of Palestine, there are about 600,000 Jews and only 395,000 Arabs. In the city of Jerusalem today are approximately 100,000 Jews and 100,000 Arabs.)

"All right," said Isaac Karpman, "let's take the Arabian minister's example—California—and see if the circumstances are the same.

"Conditions are altogether different. Today, the real *life* in Palestine is JEWISH! The real life in California is American, not Japanese. In Palestine today industry, banking, insurance, commerce is *90 percent Jewish!* Only 10 percent Arab! Agriculture in Palestine—40 percent Jewish! Jews pay 87 percent of the income tax in Palestine. How much do the Japanese pay in California?"

"Now let me tell you what *Hadasah* has accomplished! *Hadassah* is the women's Zionist organization of America, with 220,000 members. Since 1920 they have been caring for the health and hospitalization needs in Palestine. They maintain in Palestine a large organization of social workers and spend four million dollars a year in bringing about better health and sanitation conditions in Palestine. Now there are more than three hundred million Arabs—only about a million of them are in Palestine. But because of the charitable work of this Jewish women's organization, the highest birth rate and lowest death rate of Arabs in the world are in Palestine. These conditions are terrible in Egypt, Iraq, Syria, and other Arab nations."

How Jews Feel About Palestine

"If a Jew feels he is a Jew," continued the Zionist executive director, "if he is connected with Jewish people, he feels a *connection* with Palestine. All Jewish life, through all the history of the Jewish people, has centered around Jerusalem and Palestine.

"All Jewish education has instilled in Jewish people a definite connection with Palestine. From childhood all Jewish boys and girls have been taught of the glory of the Jewish people in ancient Palestine. The glory of God is inseparably interwoven with the glory of Palestine. Palestine is the center of Jewish education, of Jewish religion, of Jewish culture, of Jewish family life—it is the very *heart* of the Jew! It means his *life!* To separate our people from Palestine would be to tear our hearts out!

"The basic Jewish law, of family life, of social relationships, of religious life, is laid down by the Sanhedrin, inseparably connected with

Palestine. For many centuries our people have been dispersed, driven from nation to nation, scattered all over the world, with no national home or nation of our own. But through all these centuries the Jews have felt they were exiled and driven cruelly from *their home*—PALESTINE! All these centuries Palestine has been, in their hearts, their HOME from which they were temporarily driven. It is the *only* national home and center of the Jews! But Palestine has never been the national home, or center, of the Arabs, but just a small part of their territory—just a place where a *small part* of them have settled and lived.

"Mr. Wabba's California illustration is not a fair comparison at all!" And Mr. Karpman waxed almost vehement. "The Japanese have their ancient home in Japan. If such an absurd event should happen as for them to ask for California for a new Japanese nation, such demand would have no basis whatever. But we have *every* basis for demanding Palestine for our home! Or, I suppose he might say the Indians might demand California back as their national home. The Indians were there before the white man. But the Indians had never developed California; the Jews did, and are now, developing Palestine. Arabs never did, and are not now, developing Palestine! California never was the center of Indian life, religion, and industry, or any semblance of national life. There is no comparison whatever!"

52 Nations Gave Jews Right To Settle in Palestine

"Now, do the Jews have any real *right* to be in Palestine today? The Arabian sheik doesn't want to base his claims on the Bible, because he must know God rejected Ishmael and gave the land to the descendants of Isaac. But aside from the Bible claim, let us look at our rights in Palestine based only on the authority of modern nations and conditions as of today. Palestine was opened to Jews after 52 nations [the League of Nations] decided they had a *right* to go there and create a Jewish national home in Palestine. And these nations based this right on the Bible, on Jewish history, Jew-

ish life, etc. Fifty-two nations gave us that right!

"In 1922 there were only 85,000 Jews in Palestine. As a result of the Balfour Declaration and mandate from 52 nations, we brought in 600,000 Jews. But at the same time, 600,000 more Arabs also came into Palestine, so they would still outnumber us—so actually the Jews brought 600,000 Arabs into Palestine! Neither the Japanese nor the Indians ever brought 600,000 of their people into California! Now the rate of Arab immigration into Palestine—from Egypt, Iraq, Syria, Transjordan, Lebanon, Yemen, etc.—is greatly increased.

"Transjordan is four times as large as Palestine. In 1922, it had 300,000 population. It is about the same today—just a vast desert. But the Jews have brought 600,000 Jews and 600,000 Arabs into Palestine. They have brought PROSPERITY and progressive LIFE into Palestine—ample employment, the highest standard of living, good health, removal of swamps and malaria which killed so many Arabs before we went back there. We brought all these benefits and blessings to Arabs as well as to Jews.

"There is room in Palestine for all homeless Jews of the earth—and without any harm to Arabs. And no other country will accept these homeless people! The condition of those refugee Jews is tragic—yes, one of the world's greatest tragedies—and Palestine is the only solution! Remember, 52 nations opened it up to us! No other nation will open its doors to us! It will not injure the Arabs, nor even alter the proportion of population, since every Jew also brings another Arab into Palestine! And every Jew also improves living conditions for that additional Arab who moves in to keep him outnumbered! We are *benefiting*, not harming, the Arabs! Now where else are our tragically homeless people to go? The United States will not take in these Jews. In South America, Brazil receives 7,000 Italians, but no Jews—they don't want us! Jews can't demand that other countries take in our people, but Jews do have a right to demand that Palestine, which 52 nations said Jews have a right to enter, should

receive us. Remember, the condition of these homeless Jews is pitiful—yet, as soon as they are admitted to Palestine they become part of the busy, industrious national life there, and become useful, energetic, productive citizens. They are no longer a pitiful burden to anybody—they are now a great HELP even to the Arabs!"

What Arabs and Jews Did in World War

"Prior to World War I, there was no independent Arab nation! All Arab peoples were under Turkey!" The Zionist leader was far from finished! "After World War I the Arabs got independence—Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, etc. They are still just deserts—and just backward, undeveloped people—but they were made independent! They didn't contribute anything to the war—but they got independence!

"The Jews participated in the war in the U.S., British, and other armies and played an important part—there was a special Jewish Legion in World War I—and yet all our people got out of it was the *right*, by 52 nations, to have a national home in Palestine!

"Now look at World War II. A million and a half Jews participated in Allied armies. The Palestinian Jewish Brigade fought in the desert, and in Italy against Rommel. It was help supplied by Palestine Jews which actually turned the tide of the entire war in the Allies' favor at El Alamein. One of our greatest war correspondents wrote a book about Jewish participation, called *Our Forgotten Ally*. Yes, America and Britain seem to have forgotten their Jewish ally! But now what did the Arabs do? Arab leaders brought the Nazis into Iraq, Syria, and Lebanon. The British had to force Egypt to change its government from pro-Nazi to King Faruk. No Arab country declared war, or entered the war, against the Nazis until three months before V-E Day—and *then* only to get a place in the United Nations!

"Arab leaders from Palestine, Iraq and Syria flew to the side of Hitler in 1941-42 and worked with him and helped him slaughter Jews! The British have brought back to Cairo the Arab Nazi leaders who

worked with Hitler in Berlin through the war—but not one of them has been so much as tried!

"Six million Jews were slaughtered in Europe! My family was all killed..."

"... and so was mine," interjected Hapoel Hatzair.

"Only one and a quarter million of these European Jews remain alive, and now today everybody is worried about how to feed the Nazis and care for the poor defeated Germans—but these Jews are still homeless, and no nation will admit them! Fifty-two nations gave them the right to enter Palestine, but the Arabs fight us, and the Arabs have oil, and so Britain and America listen to Arabs!

"After this last World War, the Arabs got additional new independent nations out of it—Iraq [formerly British], Syria and Lebanon [formerly French], and Transjordan [previously under the British and French]—all given independence—and what for? As a reward for helping Nazis during the war!" The Zionist leader was a little bitter now.

"But what do the Jews get out of it for helping the Allies defeat Germany? When we have these homeless survivors from Hitler's race-hatred slaughter in their present pitiful plight, *we* get the door to our homeland slammed in our faces! After 25 years of the mandate from 52 nations which said it is the Jews' *right* to go back to Palestine, that mandate is exercised by the British fighting against any Jews who try to go there—sending these Jews to Cyprus and detention camps, placing them as prisoners behind barbed wires!

"The Arabs won six seats in the United Nations. The Jews won *nothing* for their help in the war. We have no representative—no voice nor approach—in the United Nations councils. Yet *they* sit in judgment over our fate in Palestine and give us not one voice!

"Palestine," Itzhak J. Karpman concluded, "is *not* an independent Arab nation at all, but has been under mandate to Great Britain. In this mandate, those 52 nations promised the Arabs *nothing*—they

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Gilbert Uzari—Gamma-Liaison

Process Foretold 45 Years Ago in This Magazine

THE ROCKY ROAD TOWARD EUROPEAN UNITY

Since its inception in 1934, The Plain Truth has consistently warned that an end-time union of ten nations in Europe—a "United States of Europe"—would rise within the bounds of the old Roman Empire. Now Europe's most powerful leaders are appealing to the past as a guide for the future.

by Gene H. Hogberg

In Europe, big events often occur with the New Year. Twenty-one years ago, on January 1, 1958, the European Economic Community was officially launched,

tying together the fortunes of continental Europe's most important and economically advanced powers—West Germany, France, Italy and the Benelux nations.

On another New Year's Day, this time in 1973, the Community was enlarged to nine member states with the addition of Great Britain, Ireland, and Denmark.

FRENCH PRESIDENT Giscard d'Estaing (left) and West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt have cooperated to an unprecedented degree to produce the framework of the new European Monetary System.

January 2, 1979 was to have been yet another milestone in Europe's long quest for economic and political unity. On that day the European Monetary System was to begin operation.

At the very last minute—on Friday, December 29, 1978—the French government forced a delay in the launching of the EMS. French Prime Minister Raymond Barre demanded that related Common Market agricultural pricing problems be solved to France's satisfaction before the EMS could start up. West German Agricultural Minister Josef Ertl vetoed the French demands, setting off the crisis.

Spokesmen from various European capitals assured the press that the EMS was not dead, only delayed. "Technically everything was ready" said one official, adding that what stood in the way was a "political problem" between the two pillars of the EMS, France and West Germany. The temporary setback to the EMS, many felt, was true to form, confirming postwar Europe's agonizing "two steps forward, one step backward" march toward unity.

Enter the "ECU"

The details of the EMS were covered in the October-November 1978 issue of *The Plain Truth*, in the article "How the Dollar Crisis Is Forging a United Europe." Briefly, the scheme entails binding the component national currencies within close tolerances in an arrangement similar to previous, and generally unsuccessful, alignments.

The EMS, when enacted, will be a departure from the past. It has some real teeth to it. Backing up the arrangement will be a pool of gold and national currency reserves (including Eurodollars) estimated at roughly \$32 billion. The sheer size of the fund is expected to take the wind out of the sails of currency speculators attempting to profit unduly from the rise or fall of EMS currencies. The

fund is intended to be the forerunner of a European central bank.

The core of the new system will be an artificial currency unit dubbed the "ECU." West Germany's weekly newsmagazine, *Der Spiegel*, notes the coincidental historical association of this acronym: "Its initials stand for the English-worded 'European Currency Unit,' but the experts pronounce the word in French *ekuh*, and are thus polishing up the glorious past: the ecu was the French gold or silver coin from 1266 to 1803."

Settlements between the EMS members will be denominated in this initially artificial currency. But many believe the ECU will become a genuine European currency at some later date—and a formidable challenger to the floundering U.S. dollar.

Britain Isolated?

Some of the glitter surrounding the EMS (which was endorsed at the Common Market summit on December 5) rubbed off when Italy and Ireland decided at the last moment to opt out initially from the scheme. The two weaker Common Market members felt they were not getting enough financial assistance from the stronger economies.

Every delegate gathered in Brussels for the summit knew that Britain was not going to join. The decision on the part of the Italians and Irish, however, was unexpected.

Eight days later, the fluid situation changed again when the Italian parliament voted favorably on membership. The Italian decision spurred the Irish, who voted to link up on December 15.

The British, however, are not likely to change their minds. The Labour government (many of whose members loathe the Common Market and anything smacking of European federalism) objects to being forced into what it considers a straitjacket of German-imposed fiscal restraints. Thus, if or when Britain does join (the way is still open for future membership), it will have had only marginal influence on the structure of the EMS. "If we muff this one," remarked a columnist in

the *London Times* of November 14, "as we muffed the inception of the [EEC] in the late 1950's, we could find ourselves once more standing on the platform while the European train moves off."

Bold Franco-German Move

British officials argue that the EMS is incomplete; that it deals only with exchange procedures and doesn't attempt to harmonize national economic and monetary policies. They point out that economic conditions in Europe look even less favorable for currency linkage at this time than, say, ten years ago, when national inflation rates were similar and before the chaos of floating exchange rates began.

The Germans and the French—the two nations calling the shots in Europe now—argue from the exact opposite viewpoint. They reply that the skidding U.S. dollar and the widespread lack of confidence in America's economic management is forcing Europe to act now, however imperfectly. A *Wall Street Journal* editorial of November 24, 1978, sums up the continental approach. The EMS, it said, is "Europe's response to U.S. monetary profligacy. It is being hatched, mainly by the Germans and French, out of weariness with the trade disruptions and capital market instabilities caused by the flight from dollars into marks, Swiss francs and yen."

The fact is, Chancellor Helmut Schmidt of West Germany and President Giscard d'Estaing of France have been determined to bring the EMS about ever since the plan was recommended by Schmidt at the Common Market summit in Bremen, West Germany, last July.

The two statesmen, who enjoy an intimate, almost brotherly relationship, conversing with each other in colloquial English, have brushed aside the arguments of the British. They have also rejected contrary advice from within their own countries—from academic economists (whom Schmidt disdains) and even from Germany's powerful central bank, the *Bundesbank*, which had grave reservations about kicking so much of Germany's gold, *deutsche marks* and dollars into the EMS kitty.

For the French, the political arguments behind EMS superseded the economic ones. "For President Giscard," reported the *London Times*, "it is a matter of prestige that France should keep abreast of Germany in the leadership of Europe, and this apparently justifies an economic gamble at least as great for France as it would be for Britain."

And what particular political urge is impelling Herr Schmidt? *Der Spiegel* analyzed the Chancellor's apparent motivation: "Schmidt is striving for higher things than exchange rates. [He] wants to advance to a European statesman; he is looking for a new run toward European unity. For him it has to do with political leadership over the old Continent, if not over the Western hemisphere. His analysis of the situation is this: Europeans must take up the room that the North Americans have vacated."

Der Spiegel then explained the unique relationship between Schmidt and Giscard. Lingering resentments in Europe against dominant German figures force Schmidt to be very cautious. For this reason, reported *Spiegel*, Schmidt deliberately occupies a public position a half step behind Giscard. "Schmidt is thinking and directing, Giscard is representing and presiding." A Bonn minister adds: "Giscard is to march in front; Schmidt lets him have the leadership quite intentionally."

"Inspired" by Charlemagne

Never in the history of post-war Europe, not even in the heady days of French-German cooperation epitomized by Charles de Gaulle and Konrad Adenauer, have the interests of the Continent's "Big Two" converged so well.

During their day, de Gaulle and Adenauer launched the tradition of annual head-of-government consultations to deal with French-German relations. In mid-September 1978 their successors, Giscard and Schmidt, continued the tradition. This time, however, the agenda was the EMS and European matters, not just relations between the two nations.

After Schmidt called for the EMS plan at Bremen last summer, it fell

on some hard times. Proposals and counterproposals flew back and forth. Compromises were floated. Schmidt and Giscard finally took all the differing ideas in hand in September, went off by themselves at their own minisummit, ironed everything out, and produced the EMS structure as it now stands.

Where they conferred in their exclusive minisummit is as significant as the results they achieved. The two leaders met in Aachen, the German city near the Belgian and Dutch border. The French prefer to call it Aix-la-Chappelle. Reports *Maclean's*, the Canadian newsweekly: "The choice of the ancient . . . border

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town as the site for a summit tête-à-tête between France's President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing and German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt did not go unnoticed.

"There, on the spot where Charlemagne once presided over his united European empire, the two close friends and former finance ministers hammered out the technical framework for a new European Community currency system. . . ."

The West German daily *Hannoversche Allgemeine* on September 18 added: "Helmut Schmidt deliberately chose Aachen as the venue: Aachen, the city of Charlemagne, an emperor whom both Germans and French claim as their own. It was the first Franco-German summit concerned almost entirely with a Euro-

pean project, the European Monetary System, which is the brainchild of Giscard and Schmidt and an outstanding political achievement."

At Aachen, according to the German-language newsweekly *Der Report*, "The descent of the dollar and the luckless politics of [President] Carter . . . may have caused Schmidt and Giscard to invoke the spirit of Karl der Grosse [Charles the Great, or Charlemagne] to lead 'East and West Franks' at least in currency politics together."

At one of the Aachen meetings, *Maclean's* reported, Giscard actually made such an invocation, referring to "the spirit of Charlemagne which has blown through this summit."

"Unity Concert"

Also during this critical summit which set Europe on its present course, a very unusual event took place. On Thursday evening, September 14, the two most powerful *democratic* leaders of Europe today paid homage, as it were, to the Continent's autocratic (and theocratic) past.

On this particular night, Schmidt and Giscard, accompanied by their official parties, attended a concert in the ancient (dating from A.D. 796) Cathedral of Aachen.

The scene was almost straight out of medieval times. They were seated in front of the golden bust of Charlemagne, the Frankish king who united in one superstate practically all the Christian lands of Western Europe, the British Isles being the major exception. (In the year 800, in Rome, Pope Leo II crowned Charlemagne and bestowed on him the Roman title of Emperor.)

Above the two contemporary figures hung the magnificent bronze chandelier presented by the later Holy Roman Emperor, Frederick I (Barbarossa), in 1168. The music for the occasion, selected by the bishop of Aachen, was most appropriate. The cathedral choir presented an evening of medieval polyphonic compositions.

A reporter for the West German newspaper *Frankfurter Allgemeine* recorded the flavor of this unique event: "The perfect architecture, the stone witnesses of European history

and the rich tones of old music of the Occident created an atmosphere that visibly moved the statesmen in their easy chairs in front of the golden shrine of Charles. And it is to let the European public know that a new era in the development of the European Community is being rung in."

At the end of the conference, the Bonn *General-Anzeiger* (September 16) commented: "In Aachen, the co-operation of both neighbors reached such a level that it can scarcely be improved upon, and their joint European will has never before been manifested so convincingly. . . . Not even de Gaulle and Adenauer, in whose tradition Schmidt placed this meeting, swore to German-French unity with such strong words and dared, in a similar manner, to appeal to Charlemagne as key witness."

One thing is for sure. Schmidt and Giscard went to the right place to find the "inspiration" they needed to propel Europe further, and at greater speed, down the road of unity.

Roman Empire's Revival

The events surrounding the unique conference in Aachen, not widely reported in the English-language press, should not come as a surprise to long-time readers of *The Plain Truth* magazine. Over the years the editors of this publication have repeatedly warned its readers in North America, Britain, Africa, Australasia and elsewhere that the Bible prophesies there will arise an end-time powerful economic-military-religious union in Europe—a power so awesome that it will astound the entire world when it finally takes shape (Rev. 17:8). This union, moreover, will represent a final revival of the ancient Roman Empire.

In the June-July 1934 issue of *The Plain Truth*—only the fifth issue of the magazine—Editor Herbert W. Armstrong wrote, on page 6, that "Scripture prophesies TWO GREAT MILITARY POWERS to arise in the last days—one the revival of the Roman Empire by a federation of 10 nations in the territory of the ancient Roman Empire; the other, 'Gog,' or Russia with her allies. . . ."

Mr. Armstrong further stated that

"the 17th chapter of Revelation tells us the ancient Roman Empire will once more be revived, this time by a federation of 10 nations. . . ."

Shortly after World War II, while Europe and especially Germany lay prostrate, Mr. Armstrong made the amazing prediction—based upon Bible prophecy—that Germany would rise again and that America's wartime enemy would lead a European power bloc. Note the signi-



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ficance of these "predictions."

"The Germans are now rearming! A new Germany is rising on the ruins of World War II. America's main enemy will soon be on her feet again" (*The Plain Truth*, June 1952, p. 2).

"Germany is destined to be the leader in any European union. She is the economic heart of Europe and is rebuilding faster than any other European nation" (*The Plain Truth*, September 1953, p. 3).

These predictions have come true. In 1978, West Germany at last sur-

passed the United States as the world's greatest exporting nation! And it is the German industrial powerhouse around which all the other member states of the Common Market revolve.

West Germany and her partners in Europe, to be sure, are democratic nations today. But in the long march of European history, democracy as a form of government, especially in Germany and Italy, is of comparatively short duration. Moreover, democratic institutions in Europe have yet to pass the test of a severe national crisis, such as an economic depression.

And now, at the very height of democratic development in Europe, we witness the strange spectacle of key political personalities harking back to Charlemagne—the "King Father of Europe"—for inspiration to guide them in the here and now.

Role of the Papacy

In the October 1951 issue of *The Plain Truth*, Mr. Armstrong made another rather startling prediction. On page 13 of that issue he said that "the pope alone can provide the leadership, the unifying, solidifying element to make this United States of Europe—this resurrected Roman Empire—a reality."

This rather bold assertion might still seem startling to some. But it must be realized that the power of the Roman Catholic Church, if—or when—marshaled, is very likely the only cement that can hold the nations of Western Europe together. Even today, Europe's two major powers, France and West Germany, remain seriously divided as to how a "United States of Europe" should be constructed. The Germans favor a tight federated Europe; the French remain committed to a looser confederated Europe in which each nation (especially France) will retain its own identity.

The French, moreover, despite their current close ties with West Germany, remain suspicious of their powerful neighbors. The *Wall Street Journal*, December 5, 1978, reported: "Underneath the present relationship remain latent French fears of Germany. France has made plain

that it's entering the EMS currency plan partly to keep Europe from becoming a Deutschemark zone, as a means of countering Germany's economic domination of Europe—and of France. At the same time, the European bloc is becoming more Catholic in nature. Spain and Portugal are drawing closer to membership in the Common Market, along with Greece (which is Orthodox), while Protestant Britain is on the verge of dropping out. Catholic Ireland, however, is "in" Europe.

It remains yet to be seen what role the new head of the Roman Catholic Church will play. John Paul II, the former Archbishop of Krakow, Poland, has spent most of his adult life behind the Iron Curtain. He knows the Communist mentality well, bearing the scars of church-state confrontation in Poland.

In his first address he asserted that "we have no intention of political interference, nor of participation in the working out of temporal affairs." But some observers feel that the pope cannot escape his unique background and training. In fact, Eurocommunism expert Carl Marzani, writing in the October 28, 1978, issue of *The Nation*, goes so far as to say: "The probable influence of John Paul II on East-West relations, on the Common Market, on Washington, is awesome and unpredictable."

Perhaps it is significant that the very "spirit of Charlemagne" has been invoked in these modern times. Charles, or Charlemagne, was the very prototype of a "Christian king" and emperor. According to the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, volume 4, pages 44-45 (15th edition), "Charles early acknowledged the close connection between temporal power and the church; he had a high regard for the church and the king's duty to spread the Christian faith. . . . Given the indissoluble tie between temporal power and the Christian faith, this meant they [his subjects] had to be converted."

With this "political resurrection" of Charlemagne, will the revivification of Europe's religious heritage follow not too far behind?

In November 1975, in a little recognized event, the late Pope Paul VI

told a gathering of Roman Catholic bishops, cardinals, and prelates in Rome that it was their mission to "reawaken Europe's Christian soul, where its unity is rooted." It was the Catholic faith "that made Europe" in the past, the Pontiff stressed.

Indeed, the Holy Roman Empire of the Middle Ages held forth the pretension, at least, of political unity, but its primary unity was found in the religious sphere. The Roman church was the real rallying point, providing a unifying theme among the diverse national and political elements on the Continent.

As far as today's Common Market (as well as the EMS, which is virtually the same grouping) is concerned, one thing is painfully obvious: It is composed of member nations who are politically and economically strong, mixed in with those who are weak. It is a coalescing group the Bible portrays as being "partly strong and partly weak" and as "iron mixed with miry clay" (Daniel 2:42). More than mere monetary coordination—as evidenced by the last-second French-German dispute over EMS—is needed.

Objective: "Super-Europe"

All along, the founders of the new Europe under construction since the end of the Second World War asserted that economic integration was not an end in itself but rather a means to a *political* end.

In the declaration which in 1950 projected the European Coal and Steel Community (forerunner of the Common Market), Robert Schuman called it "the first concrete foundation of a European federation."

The real guiding light behind what came to be known as the Schuman Plan was Jean Monnet, the so-called "Father of the Common Market." Monnet is now 90 years of age. In his memoirs, recently completed, Monnet proclaims that the objective of his life's work remains the same today as it has been all along: the creation of "the United States of Europe."

Some Americans, too, when they weren't focused on problems in Asia, have been able to see, at least in part, where Europe was headed. When the Common Market was still less than four years old, McGeorge Bundy, a

special adviser to the late President Kennedy, said that the "new Europe" was destined to become a great power, on equal terms with the United States and the Soviet Union.

"We have in prospect," Bundy said, "a new Europe, with the economic strength, the military self-confidence and the political unity of a true great power."

Other events, however, had to transpire before Bundy's prediction could begin to come to pass. The will of the United States had yet to be tested—and crushed—in Southeast Asia. The "Almighty Dollar" had to be toppled from its pinnacle.

Now the stage is being set for a powerful Europe to come into its own. Writing in the *New York Times* of November 9, 1978, Mary Kalder, author of the book *The Disintegrating West*, makes these very significant observations: "The events of the last few weeks [the dollar's skid] merely confirm America's decline and the growing importance of Western Europe, dominated by West Germany . . . a financial giant whose monetary reserves and manufactured exports greatly exceed America's."

"Western Europe has all the potential of a superpower. The success of attempts to achieve monetary union depends on the success of related endeavors to achieve political union and military integration, for only these would provide the necessary legitimation for a European state able to uphold a stable European currency.

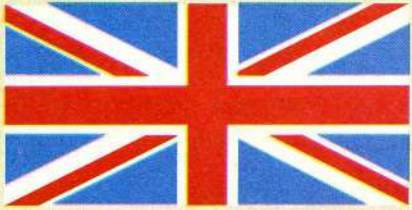

"A European state, since this is what it amounts to, would represent a powerful challenger to the United States, a competitor that could resist American parochialism."

Europe has come a long way. The EMS, when it comes into force, will represent another milestone toward superpower status. What happens from now on will not be to the advantage of the United States and Britain.

Keep reading *The Plain Truth* magazine to stay abreast of these remarkable trends. And if you have not yet done so, request Mr. Armstrong's free booklet *The Book of Revelation Unveiled at Last*. It explains the biblical symbolism surrounding the big news of today. □

PART FOUR:

THE UNITED STATES AND BRITAIN IN PROPHECY



The "Lost Tribes of Israel" didn't just vanish—they went on to become some of the richest nations in the world today. But just who are they? And what does it have to do with your future?

by Herbert W. Armstrong

We come now to one of the most fascinating and gripping phases of this strange story of Israel—indeed, the very connecting link between prophecy and present-day fulfillment—yet totally unrecognized by theologians.

After the house of Israel, the northern kingdom whose capital was Samaria, was driven into Assyrian captivity, 721-718 B.C., the Kingdom of JUDAH continued on in the southern part of Palestine known as Judea. At that time Judah, as a nation, had not yet rejected the government and religion of God. God had continued to keep His covenant with David. David's dynasty had continued on the throne over *part* of the Israelites—the house of JUDAH—the Jews.

But after Israel had become lost from view, Judah turned from the ways and government of God, going after the ways of the Gentile nations, sinning even worse than Israel, until finally the Eternal drove Judah, too, into national captivity and slavery.

Before Judah's apostasy, God had said, through the prophet Hosea: "Though thou, ISRAEL, play the harlot, yet let not JUDAH offend . . ." (Hosea 4:15). But later, the Eternal said to Jeremiah: "Have you seen what she did, that faithless one, ISRAEL, how she . . . played the harlot? . . . and her false sister JUDAH saw it. She saw that for

all the adulteries of that faithless one, ISRAEL, I had sent her away with a decree of divorce; yet her false sister JUDAH did not fear, but *she too* went and played the harlot . . . Faithless ISRAEL has shown herself less guilty than false JUDAH" (Jer. 3:6-11, Revised Standard Version).

Here, again, it is made distinctly plain that the 12 tribes of Israel were divided into two totally separate nations. And yet opponents of the truth revealed in this series of articles deny these plain scriptures—and attempt to discredit those who reveal it.

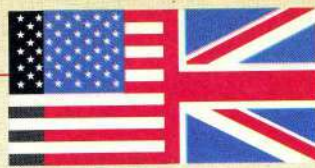
Now see how Judah (the Jews)—more than 130 years after ISRAEL's captivity—also was removed from their land. They were taken as slaves to Babylon—*not* to Assyria, where ISRAEL had been taken.

"And the Eternal said, I will remove JUDAH *also* out of my sight, as I have removed ISRAEL, and will cast off this city Jerusalem which I have chosen, and the house of which I said, My name shall be there" (II Kings 23:27).

And so, more than 130 years after Israel's captivity, the time came when God caused the Jews also to be driven out of their land in national captivity and slavery.

Jeremiah's Strange Commission

For this purpose God raised up a very special prophet whose real call and commission few indeed understand.



This prophet was Jeremiah. Jeremiah played a strange and little realized role in this captivity.

Something of the importance of this mission may be gleaned from this significant fact: The Bible mentions three men only who were sanctified for their respective offices before they were born—and of these three Jeremiah was the first. The other two were John the Baptist and Jesus Christ!

The Eternal first spoke to Jeremiah when he was but a young lad about, some evidence indicates, seventeen years of age. By the time his mission was completed he was an aged, white-haired patriarch.

This vital yet little-known call and commission is described in the opening verses of the first chapter of the book of Jeremiah. "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you," the Eternal said to him, "and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations" (Jer. 1:5, RSV).

But Jeremiah was frightened—afraid! "Ah, Eternal God!" he replied. "Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth."

But the Eternal answered, "Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you you shall go, and whatever I command you you shall speak. Be not afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you" (verses 6-8).

Then the Eternal put forth His hand and touched Jeremiah's mouth. "See," said God, "I have set you this day *over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, TO BUILD AND TO PLANT*" (verses 9-10). Or, as this tremendous commission is worded in the Authorized Version: "to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to BUILD, AND TO PLANT."

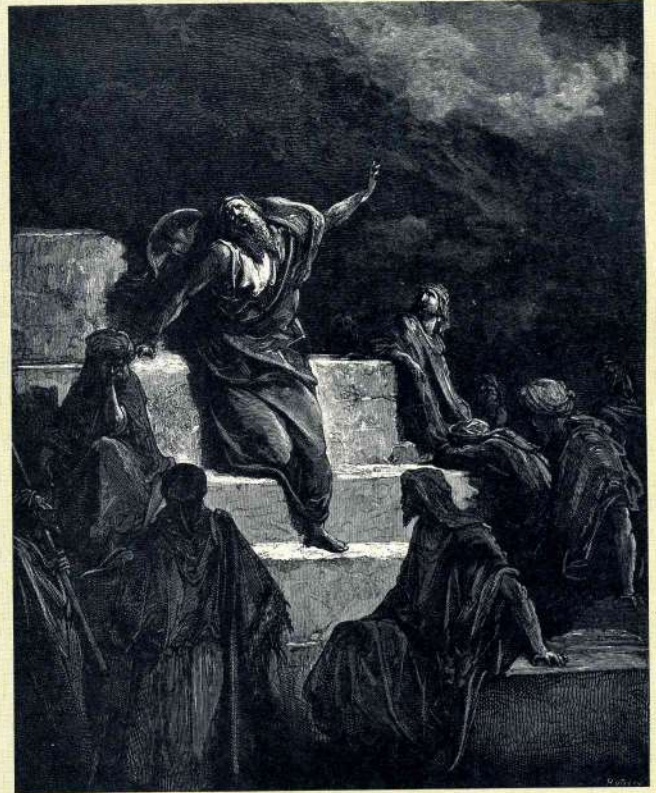
Notice, Jeremiah was set over NATIONS—more than one kingdom. He was a Jewish lad, living in Judah. He was set a prophet over Judah—but not Judah *alone*. Over NATIONS—over KINGDOMS! He was set over these kingdoms to do *two* things: first, to "pluck up," or "root out," to "pull down," or to "overthrow," and second, TO BUILD, AND TO PLANT.

Not Realized Today

Look at it in your own Bible! Jeremiah was used of God as a prophet to warn the nation Judah of their transgressions against God's government and ways. He was sent to warn this rebellious nation of impending punishment—their invasion and captivity at the hands of the Chaldean armed forces—unless they acknowledged their guilt and changed their ways. He was used as a go-between—an intermediary—between the kings of Judah and Babylon.

It is well known that Jeremiah was used in warning Judah of the impending captivity, and the "pulling down" or "overthrowing" of *the throne of David* in the Kingdom of Judah.

It is generally understood that the house of Judah was invaded by the armies of King Nebuchadnezzar; that the

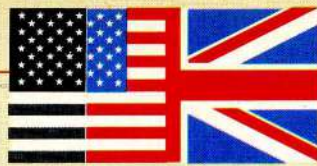


"See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant" (Jeremiah 1:10).

Jews were taken captive to Babylon; that they ceased from being a kingdom; that there no longer existed a ruler of David's dynasty on the throne over the Kingdom of Judah.

What, then, does this mean? Did God, at last, forget His covenant promise to David that David's dynasty should *never cease*—that David's throne was established in Solomon to continue through ALL GENERATIONS FOREVER? Had God Almighty now forgotten that He had sworn that He would not alter this promise—even though the kings and the people rebelled and sinned? The faithfulness of GOD is at stake. The inspiration of the Holy Bible as His revealed WORD is at stake!

But note it! See it in your own Bible! Jeremiah was divinely commissioned to *pull down* and to *overthrow* that very throne of David in Judah—but notice the second half of the commission. TO BUILD AND TO PLANT! To build and to plant WHAT?



Why, naturally, that which he was used in “rooting out” of Judah—the THRONE OF DAVID which God swore He would preserve forever! Jeremiah was set over not just the *one* nation, Judah—but over NATIONS. Over THE KINGDOMS—the Kingdom of Israel as well as Judah!

He was used in “rooting out” that throne from Judah. Then what was Jeremiah commissioned to do in *Israel*? Notice the *second* half of his strange and little-understood commission—to BUILD and to PLANT!

So far as the world knows, the last king to sit on that throne of David was Zedekiah of Judah. He was thrown down off the throne and the throne rooted out of Judah in the year 585 B.C.—nearly 600 years before Christ!

What happened to that throne? Where was that throne between 585 B.C. and the time of Christ, 600 years later? We know Jeremiah did not plant and REBUILD it in Babylon. God had promised that David’s throne should rule over ISRAELITES through *all* generations—not over Gentiles. We have the history of the continuance of the Gentile throne in Babylon.

David’s throne was never again planted or built among the Jews! It was not reigning over the Jews in the time of Christ. The Jews were then under the Roman rule. Jesus did not ascend any such throne. The throne was not functioning in Judah—it was not existing at that place or over that people—it was not there for Jesus to take over. And Jesus said plainly that His Kingdom was *not of this present age!* Yet He was born to sit upon this very THRONE OF HIS FATHER DAVID (Luke 1:32)!

But that throne was divinely commissioned to be planted and REBUILT by the prophet Jeremiah—*during his lifetime!* Jeremiah was set over *both* Judah and Israel. To be used in *rooting out* David’s throne in Judah. But more! To plant and to build, then, of necessity, among the house of ISRAEL, lo, these many days without a king—among LOST Israel, now supposing herself to be GENTILE! Therefore the identity and location of the replanting *must remain hidden to the world until this time of the END* in which we live.

Tearing Down the Throne

The life and work of Jeremiah is a most fascinating story. The first chapters of the book of Jeremiah are devoted to his ministry, warning of the impending captivity of the Jews. He warned the kings, the priests, prophets and people of Judah, delivering God’s message. They threw him in prison—and they refused to heed or obey God. Then God caused their captivity.

It is generally known that Babylon took Judah in three different stages. The first siege was in 604 B.C., a date about two years later than has been commonly reckoned, but a date now firmly established. The land did not *completely* pass into the hands of these Gentile Babylonians, however, until a full time-cycle of 19 years later, or 585 B.C. You can read the part played by Jeremiah in this captivity in the book of Jeremiah.

But now notice an interesting fact. The last and final king recorded either in Bible or secular history as having sat on the throne of David was King Zedekiah of Judah. Remember his name. Now notice II Kings 24:18: “Zedekiah was twenty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother’s name was Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.”

Now notice briefly a description of the final tearing down and rooting out of this throne of David: “In the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth month, came Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon and all his army against Jerusalem, and they besieged it. And in the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, the ninth day of the month, the city was broken up. And all the princes of the king of Babylon came in, and sat in the middle gate, even Nergalsharezer, Samgarnebo, Sarsechim, Rabsaris,

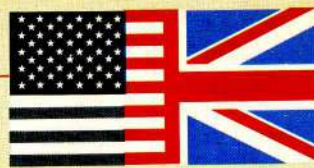
Jeremiah was to do two things: first, to “pluck up,” or “root out,” to “pull down,” or to “overthrow,” and second, to build, and to plant.

Nergalsharezer, Rabmag, with all the residue of the princes of the king of Babylon. And it came to pass, that when Zedekiah the king of Judah saw them, and all the men of war, then they fled, and went forth out of the city by night, by the way of the king’s garden, by the gate betwixt the two walls: and he went out the way of the plain. But the Chaldeans’ army pursued after them, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho: and when they had taken him, they brought him up to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath, where he gave judgment upon him. Then the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah in Riblah before his eyes: also the king of Babylon slew all the nobles of Judah. Moreover he put out Zedekiah’s eyes, and bound him with chains, to carry him to Babylon” (Jer. 39:1-7).

In the 52nd chapter, first 11 verses, we find almost a word-for-word description of the same events with the added phrase: “. . . and put him [Zedekiah] in prison TILL THE DAY OF HIS DEATH.”

These passages bring out these points:

- 1) The king of Babylon slew *all the sons* of Zedekiah who were heirs to the throne of David.
- 2) He also slew all the nobles of Judah so as to leave no possible heirs for that throne.
- 3) Finally, after putting out Zedekiah’s eyes, the king who sat on David’s throne was himself taken to Babylon where he died in prison.
- 4) Thus, as it *appears*, and as the whole world has believed, the throne of David ceased, with no possible heirs,



or sons, to keep the dynasty alive. Certain it is that from that day on, the throne never again has existed in Judah, in Jerusalem, or among the Jews!

What About Jeconiah?

It is true that a former king of Judah was at that time in the dungeons of Babylon—and he had sons to continue David's line. Former King Jeconiah (Jehoiachin), taken to Babylon in chains, was restored to honor 37 years after the captivity (see II Kings 25:27-30). He was even given the title "king" along with numerous other captive, vassal "kings."

One of Jeconiah's sons was Salathiel, who was the father of Zorobabel, the son of royal seed through whom Jesus Christ Himself traced His royal ancestry back to David! (Matt. 1:12.) And Zorobabel—or Zerubbabel—was the man God caused Cyrus, king of Persia, to make a decree giving him the *governorship*—not the crown of a king—to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the House of God, the Temple, *seventy* years after the captivity.

Yet neither Jeconiah nor any of his sons or grandsons reigned as king in Judah. Why?

If there was a descendant of the line of David who lived through the captivity, why wasn't he restored to the throne when he was returned to Jerusalem? *Why?* Simply because God would not permit it!

It is God who makes kings—and *unmakes* them! God was determined to remove the crown of David from the ruling line of Pharez and place it on the head of a son of

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Zarah. Yet a royal line straight from David had to remain in the area so the Christ could be born of David's seed yet hundreds of years in the future. And God also had to keep His promise to David that he, David, would never lack a descendant to sit on the throne! Many intricate and fascinating prophecies had to be carried out—some seemingly contradictory—a difficult job to perform, an awesome commission from God to Jeremiah!

"As I live, saith the Lord, though Coniah [Jeconiah] the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were the signet upon my right hand, yet would I pluck thee thence!" (Jer. 22:24.) God had determined an end for this line of kings. He was removing the *crown*—not permitting Jeconiah's sons to reign on Judah's throne! God was turning over (*overturning*) the throne to another branch of Judah's family.

God told Jeremiah forcefully, "Thus saith the Lord, Write ye this man childless, a man that shall not prosper in his days: for no man of his seed shall prosper, SITTING UPON THE THRONE OF DAVID, AND RULING ANY MORE IN JUDAH!" (Jer. 22:30.)

God spoke! Jeremiah wrote! History was designed and done as God said! Jeconiah had children—God Himself caused this fact to be recorded (see I Chron. 3:17; Matt. 1:12), but as far as the THRONE OF DAVID was concerned HE WAS CHILDLESS—none of his children ever occupied that throne!

The crown had now been removed from the *Pharez line*, uprooted from Judah, any immediate candidates to the throne killed, and Jeconiah incarcerated in a Babylonian prison, written childless as far as the throne was concerned by the command of God Almighty!

Jeremiah had now accomplished the *first* part of his great commission. The throne had been rooted out, the kingdom torn completely down. Judah was now beginning HER national punishment.

Where Did Jeremiah Go?

But what about the *second* part of Jeremiah's important commission?

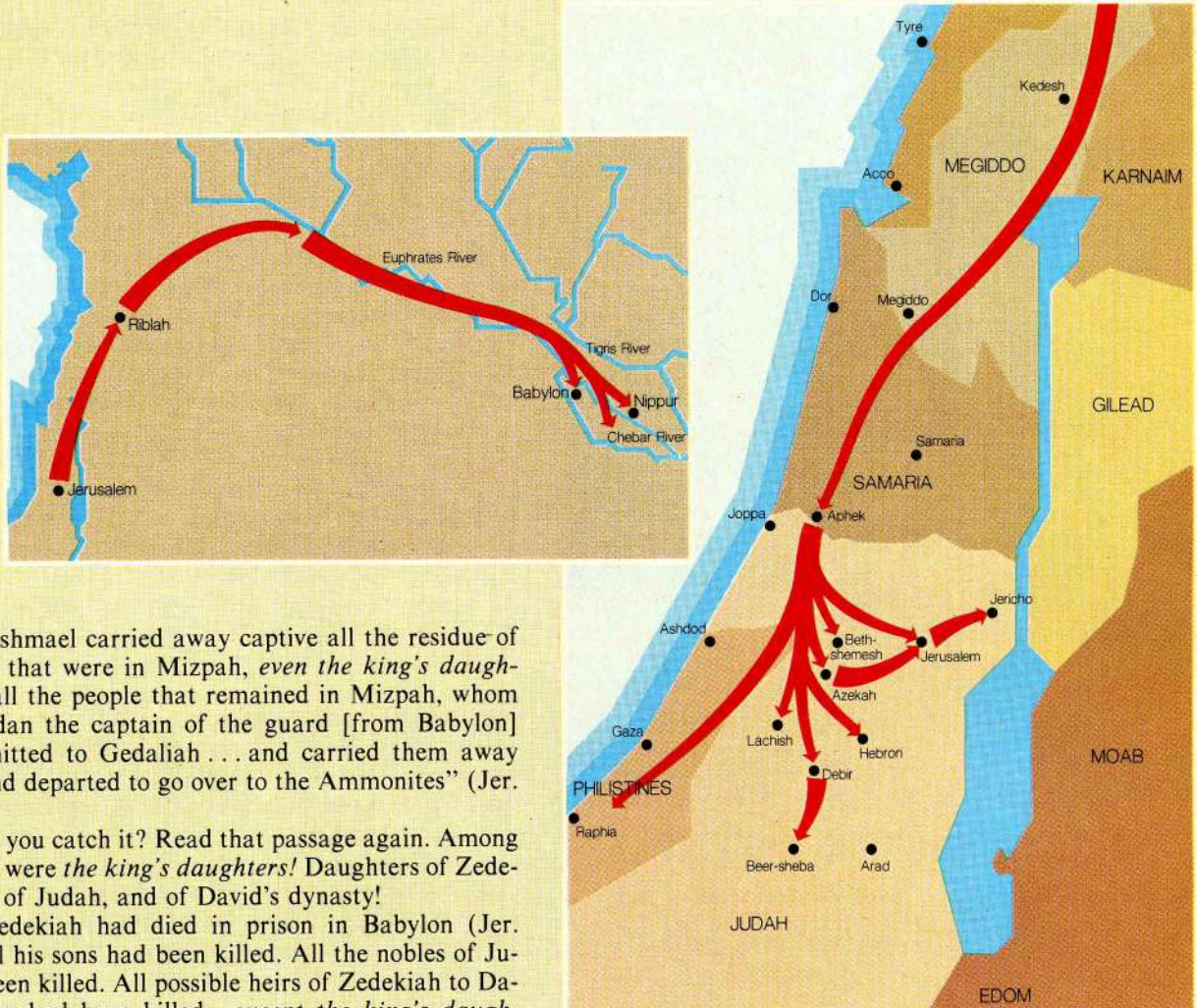
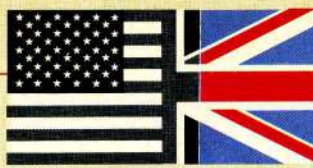
Jeremiah was among these captive Jews. He must be free to carry out the second part of his commission.

So, "Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon gave charge concerning Jeremiah to Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, saying, Take him, and look well to him, and do him no harm; but do unto him even as he shall say unto thee" (Jer. 39:11-12). "And the captain of the guard took Jeremiah, and said unto him. . . behold, I loose thee this day from the chains which were upon thine hand. If it seem good unto thee to come with me into Babylon, come; and I will look well unto thee: but if it seem ill unto thee to come with me into Babylon, forbear; behold, all the land is before thee: whither it seemeth good and convenient for thee to go, thither go. . . . So the captain of the guard gave him victuals and a reward [money], and let him go" (Jer. 40:2-5).

So Jeremiah was left absolutely free to do as he pleased, supplied even with expense money, and given complete freedom, so that he might perform the second half of his mission. Where did he go?

We come now to an amazing, fascinating, thrilling part of the book of Jeremiah which has been almost entirely overlooked. "Then went Jeremiah unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to *Mizpah*; and dwelt with him among the people that were left in the land" (verse 6).

Now this Gedaliah had been made governor over a remnant of Jews in the land by the king of Babylon, and since Jerusalem was destroyed, he had made Mizpah his headquarters. But the king of Ammon plotted with a Jew named Ishmael to assassinate Gedaliah. The plot was executed; the governor and part of the Jews were slain. Jeremiah was among the survivors.



“Then Ishmael carried away captive all the residue of the people that were in Mizpah, *even the king’s daughters*, and all the people that remained in Mizpah, whom Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard [from Babylon] had committed to Gedaliah . . . and carried them away captive, and departed to go over to the Ammonites” (Jer. 41:10).

Ah! Did you catch it? Read that passage again. Among these Jews were *the king’s daughters!* Daughters of Zedekiah, king of Judah, and of David’s dynasty!

King Zedekiah had died in prison in Babylon (Jer. 52:11). All his sons had been killed. All the nobles of Judah had been killed. All possible heirs of Zedekiah to David’s throne had been killed—*except the king’s daughters!* Now we see why Jeremiah went to Mizpah!

Jeremiah Escapes

Soon a man named Johanan replaced Ishmael as leader. And in fear of reprisals from Nebuchadnezzar and the Chaldean army, Johanan and the captains appealed to the prophet “and said unto Jeremiah the prophet, Let, we beseech thee, our supplication be accepted before thee, and pray for us unto the Lord thy God . . . that the Lord thy God may shew us the way wherein we may walk” (Jer. 42:2-3). They were like so many professing Christians today. They come to God’s minister with solemn assurances that they surely do want to know God’s will; they promise, as did these, “we will obey the voice of the ETERNAL our God” (verse 6).

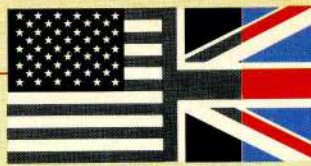
But did they mean it? Such people seldom do. Human nature wants to *be* good—or *think* it is good—but it does not want to *do* good.

The word of the Lord came to Jeremiah, and He told them not to fear, that He would protect and deliver them. But the people wanted to flee to Egypt. This the Lord

KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR and his army conquered the southern kingdom of Judah and carried its people captive to Babylonia—far to the south of those areas to which the northern tribes had earlier been taken by the Assyrians.

warned them not to do. If they did, the sword of Nebuchadnezzar which they feared would overtake them there, and they would die. “If ye wholly set your faces to enter into Egypt,” God said, “and go to sojourn there; then it shall come to pass, that the sword, which ye feared, shall overtake you there . . . and there ye shall die” (Jer. 42:15-16).

But, as people usually do, they rejected God’s warning. “Thou speakest falsely,” Johanan answered. “The ETERNAL our God hath not sent thee to say, Go not into Egypt” (Jer. 43:2-3). “So Johanan . . . and all the people, obeyed not the voice of the ETERNAL” (verse 4). People who loudly *profess* to want to do God’s will usually will not accept God’s Word as being His will, unless it is *their* will!



“And they slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him with fetters of brass, and carried him to Babylon” (II Kings 25:7).

And so Johanan “took all the remnant of Judah . . . even men, and women, and children, *and the king’s daughters . . . and Jeremiah the prophet, and Baruch the son of Neriah* [Jeremiah’s scribe, or secretary]. So they came into the land of Egypt” (Jer. 43:5-7).

On reaching Egypt, God warned these Jews again through Jeremiah that they should die there by the sword and famine, and “none shall return *but such as shall escape*!” (Jer. 44:12-14.) Yes, a *few* in this company are under divine protection. A divine mission is to be performed. They shall **ESCAPE!** The Eternal continues: “Yet a small number that escape the sword shall return out of the land of Egypt into the land of Judah” (Jer. 44:28).

Under Divine Protection

Baruch was Jeremiah’s constant companion and secretary. It is important to note here God’s promise of protection to him: “Thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel, unto

thee, O Baruch. . . Behold, that which I have built will I break down, and that which I have planted I will pluck up, even this whole land. . . but thy life will I give unto thee for a prey in all places whither thou goest” (Jer. 45:2-5). Baruch’s life, like Jeremiah’s, was under divine protection!

Now previously the Eternal had said to Jeremiah, “Verily it shall be well with thy **REMNANT.**” The only “remnant” left for Jeremiah’s mission of transplanting the throne was the king’s daughters. “Verily,” continued the Eternal, same verse, “I will cause the enemy to entreat thee well in the time of evil and in the time of affliction” (Jer. 15:11). This God literally did, as described in chapter 39:11-12 and chapter 40:2-6, which I have covered previously.

Notice, it is to be well with the royal material given to Jeremiah with which to build and to plant—and Jeremiah is to be protected and to go to a land that he knows not! Who else was to go to a land they knew not? The ten-tribed birthright kingdom, Israel!

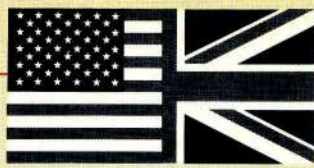
So Jeremiah and his little royal remnant are to escape out of Egypt, return to Judah, and then—where? To the place where the “lost ten tribes” had gone, as we shall see!

Now let Isaiah complete this prophecy: “For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they that escape out of mount Zion: the zeal of the Lord of hosts shall do this. And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall **AGAIN TAKE ROOT DOWNWARD, AND BEAR FRUIT UPWARD**” (Isa. 37:32, 31).

This same prophecy is found also in II Kings 19:30-31. It is a prophecy given through Isaiah in the 14th year of the reign of King Hezekiah of Judah, when King Sennacherib of Assyria threatened invasion of Judah. It was a prophecy to happen later—not during Hezekiah’s reign. Some critics, seeking to overthrow this basic and important truth, argue that this same remnant is mentioned also in II Chronicles 30:6. But that event is *not* a prophecy, but a historic account of an event in the *first* year of Hezekiah—and *that* remnant did not escape from Jerusalem, but they were Jews who escaped from Sennacherib’s forces threatening invasion of Judah—they escaped *into*, not *out of* Judah. And nothing is said here about “taking root downward, and bearing fruit upward,” as in both Isaiah 37 and II Kings 19.

This prophecy is so important it is recorded twice! It does refer to the remnant to escape later—to Jeremiah’s escape. This remnant with Jeremiah—at least one of the king’s daughters—shall *take root downward!* That is, **BE REPLANTED!**

And then *bear fruit upward!* Be **BUILT!** Has God failed in His solemn covenant to keep alive David’s throne? Where was this planting and building? Can we find it in God’s Word? We can! The place and the people among whom the throne was reestablished are clearly identified!



Where did Jeremiah go with Baruch his secretary and one or more of the royal daughters of the king? History stops short at this point. Enlightened students of Bible history have long known that the Ten Tribes—called by the name “house of Israel”—have been lost in identity and historic knowledge, and exist today among the Gentile nations, unrecognized. Their identity and location God has hidden from the world.

Yet, in this end time, when knowledge is to increase, when the “wise” are to *understand* (Dan. 12:4,10), we shall find the secret revealed, through PROPHECY which could not be understood until now. But first, we must consider a mysterious “breach” that occurred in the days of Judah, son of Jacob.

The Mysterious “Breach”

Judah was the father of twin sons. The firstborn was royal seed, for through him the sceptre promise was to be carried down. It seems the midwife knew twins were about to be born. It is recorded that just before birth one of the twins “put out his hand: and the midwife took and bound upon his hand a scarlet thread, saying, This came out first.” But the child drew back his hand and the other was actually born first.

The midwife exclaimed, “How hast thou broken forth? this breach be upon thee [margin, wherefore hast thou made this breach against thee?]: therefore his name was called Pharez,” meaning “breach.” The other twin was named Zarah (Gen. 38:27-30).

Why should this strange occurrence be recorded in Bible history unless this breach was to be *healed* between the sons or their descendants at some future time? Yet it never occurred in their lifetime.

Zarah, of the scarlet thread, had five sons (I Chron. 2:6). Did a descendant of Zarah finally get the throne, in a manner *healing* the breach? David, Zedekiah, Christ—all were of the PHAREZ branch—*none* of Zarah.

Now consider 1) the *fact* of the breach means the transfer of the sceptre from the Pharez to the Zarah line. 2) Such transfer never occurred before King Zedekiah of Judah, who was descended from Pharez. 3) Therefore it had to occur *after* Zedekiah was dethroned. 4) Since David’s line (Pharez) is to *remain* on the throne through all generations forever, it could only occur at an OVERTURN of the throne by a marriage between a Pharez heir to the throne and one of the Zarah line, thus healing the breach.

The Three Overturns

History shows the descendants of Zarah became wanderers, journeying to the north within the confines of the Scythian nations, their descendants later migrating to Ireland in the days of King David.

But meanwhile, the Pharez-David-Zedekiah line possessed the sceptre—was HIGH—exalted. The Zarah line, feeling it rightfully should possess the sceptre, and some

day would, was low, abased—so far as royal power was concerned.

Now consider a much misunderstood passage of prophecy. If you will begin reading at the 18th verse of the 21st chapter of Ezekiel, you will see plainly that the Eternal is here speaking of the captivity of Judah by the king of Babylon. And, beginning in the 25th verse, He says: “And thou, profane wicked prince of Israel [Zedekiah], whose day is come, when iniquity shall have an end, thus saith the Lord God; remove the diadem, and take off the crown [as did happen, through the *first* half of Jeremiah’s commission]: this [the crown] shall not be the same: *exalt* him that is *low*, and *abase* him that is *high*. I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be no more, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it him.”

Let us understand that clearly. “Remove the diadem, and take off the crown.” King Zedekiah, of David’s dynasty, had the crown. This says it is to be removed. *It was removed*. He died in Babylon; his sons and all the nobles of Judah were killed.

“This shall not be the same.” The diadem is not to cease, but a change is to take place—the throne is to be overturned—another is to wear the crown. God’s *promise* to David is not to go by default!

“Exalt him that is low, and abase him that is high.” Who is “high”? King Zedekiah of Judah. Now he is to be abased. He is to lose that crown. Judah has been “high,” while Israel has been “low”—these many years without a king (Hosea 3:4). The Pharez line has been “high”; the Zarah line “low.”

“I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be no more, until he come whose right it is.” What was to be overturned? The diadem, and the throne. Not once—it is to be overturned *three times*. Overturned by abasing Zedekiah, the house of Judah, the Pharez line, and exalting, now, the house of Israel, and one of the Zarah line! The first of the three overturns was performed as the first half of Jeremiah’s commission.

“And it shall be no more.” Does this mean the throne—the crown—is to cease to exist? Not at all! How could it be overturned *two more times*—that is, TRANSFERRED from one to another, if it ceased to exist? How, after these three transfers of the crown, could it be given to Him—Christ—whose right it is, at His second coming, if it ceased altogether to exist? How could he who was “low” now be exalted by the crown, if that crown was to be no more? No, the meaning is: “It shall be no more *overturned* until the second coming of Christ”! And then it shall be given to Him!

God will not break His unalterable promise made to David! Through every generation David shall have a descendant wearing that crown! The *second* half of Jeremiah’s commission must now be performed. That throne must be TRANSPLANTED, and again BUILT. The crown must be overturned—*transferred* to another!

But WHERE? To WHOM? □

(To Be Continued)

Many have been curious about the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation (AICF). How did it begin? What is the basic philosophy behind the foundation and its publication, *Quest/79*? Who is involved in these enterprises? What originally sparked their concept? What are their goals and purposes? Here is "the scoop," the inside story, of an amazing foundation associated with many humanitarian and cultural programs throughout the United States and the world at large.

by Stanley R. Rader

If you are one who is aware of daily happenings on the world scene, it must be obvious that humanity is plunging headlong into a variety of global problems that threaten its very existence. Nuclear proliferation is an ever-present reality. International racial and religious warfare are never out of the headlines for long. Governments try in vain to control inflation. These are the ugly facts of our everyday life. Yet, at the same time, human beings show such tremendous capacity and creativity that it sometimes leaves us gasping. Men go to the moon and back safely. Super-sophisticated space hardware sits on Mars, takes detailed photographs, records and analyzes scientific data of every type and sends the results back to earth. We are continually amazed by some new accomplishment at the hands of man. This is an age of incredible paradox! The age of paradox has at least partially sparked the age of discontinuity. Because of the incredible pressures created by the problems that are everywhere extant in this world, large parts of the population have reacted negatively. It seems that everything is subject to attack in this time of hypercriticism. Reacting to the stresses and strains of the space age, people are openly questioning traditions held dear for millennia. The family, marriage, government—traditional bastions of society which transmitted most of the values and ideals of the past—are now being assailed as outmoded, obstructionist, and virtually unworkable. This revolution in thought and behavior has been more sweeping, more violent, and more destructive than any in modern history. In recent years the Western world has witnessed wide-ranging and continuing attacks on almost every ideal, institution or tradition associated with the past. Even traditional respect for law and order and the rights of others has been challenged, denounced and treated with contempt. It seems that not everybody believes in the continuity or propagation of true values anymore. AICF has experienced its birth pangs in such a world. Never was such an enterprise of positive hope more needed.

THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE



How Did It All Begin? The philosophical basis for the AICF and the correlated *Quest/77*

The Story of the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation



(*Quest/78* and now *Quest/79*) magazine began in the mind of the founder, Herbert W. Armstrong, who is also chancellor of Ambassador College and pastor-general of the Worldwide Church of God. His visionary understanding of the majestic capacity of the human mind and the incredible human potential, even in the face of all of humanity's gigantic problems, provides AICF with its basic overall philosophy.

Some ten years ago Mr. Armstrong began to meet with heads of state, and governmental, educational, and business leaders in many countries around the world to bring them his unique message about man and the human potential—and to discuss the problems confronting mankind everywhere. Today, Mr. Armstrong is known in some of the highest circles of government and education throughout Asia, Africa and the Middle East—and increasingly so in Europe and Central and South America.

The AICF Is Born

As he visited with these world leaders, Mr. Armstrong desired to help in ways relevant to both his host nation and his own overall understanding of the human potential. He would back projects which would help people help themselves. Consequently, before long, joint endeavors were undertaken. Among the first was the archaeological excavations at the Temple Mount in Jerusalem in cooperation with Hebrew University and the Israel Exploration Society. Other projects included mobile schools to educate the mountain people in Thailand and joint participation in anthropological expeditions conducted



by the King Leopold III Foundation.

The natural outgrowth of this flurry of international activity was the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation. In March of 1975, this nonprofit foundation began to officially direct and conduct all of the cultural, humanitarian, charitable and educational activities initiated by Mr. Armstrong in previous years.

The foundation is legally independent of both college and church and is totally nonsectarian in nature. It is firmly and fully committed to emphasizing all activities which properly represent, demonstrate and enhance mankind's spiritual potential in all forms of human activity. It is dedicated to serving humanity worldwide—supporting charitable and humanitarian causes, educational and cultural projects.

Though the initial projects and those added later were diverse in scope, they all focus on the same point: mutual discovery, realization and improvement of man's incredible human potential. The foundation's concern is for people and helping them find their individual and collective potential.

Two fundamental concepts underlie all goals and activities of the foundation: 1) that man is a unique being, possessing vast mental, physical and spiritual potentials—the development of which should be aided and encouraged; and 2) that it is the responsibility of all men to attend to and care for the needs of their fellowmen. This is a precept professed by the vast majority of religions of the world—appropriately summed up in three biblical words: "Love your neighbor."

In keeping with these two basic concepts, AICF supports activities ranging from benefits for handicapped children to major cultural events; from agricultural research to hospitals; from archaeological excavations to parks for children. The eventual scope of the foundation is very broad and its horizons are all but limitless—including its burgeoning support of the numerous performing arts.

Enter Ambassador Auditorium

About five years ago, at the headquarters of Ambassador College in Pasadena, California, Mr. Armstrong was completing his twenty-year dream of building what is acclaimed as one of the finest auditoriums of its kind in the world. Serving multiple functions, the auditorium is primarily used by the college for forums, assemblies and classes. Secondly, it is employed for college chapel and worship services of the Worldwide Church of God.

Finally, it is a magnificent concert hall, the increasingly renowned center for the performing arts presented by AICF. In his dedicatory remarks at the opening of Ambassador Audi-



torium, Mr. Armstrong made a commitment to Pasadena and the greater Los Angeles community of Southern California. It was to bring the *finest* musical and cultural talent in the world to perform in the auditorium.

Already that bold promise has been fulfilled. One local radio personality described AICF activities at Ambassador Auditorium as "setting the Los Angeles cultural scene on its collective ear." Its very first concert series included brilliant performances by such notables as Vladimir Horowitz, Luciano Pavarotti, Joan Sutherland, Yehudi Menuhin, the Panovs, Marilyn Horne, Shirley Verrett, the Berlin Philharmonic Octet and more. Mr. Pavarotti has now appeared three times in the Pasadena auditorium—each time proving beyond doubt that he is one of the greatest tenors of all time. And, of course, the great Arthur Rubinstein



perience to others around the world? The obvious answer was an *international* magazine designed to convey the same inspirational theme of human excellence.

The Origins of Quest/79

Quest/79 provides the perfect complement to the AICF concert series. It is a voice that seeks out and celebrates, for our encouragement, for our enlightenment and for our example, areas of breakthrough—areas where mankind's

spiritual resources find expression in out-of-the-ordinary courage, commitment and accomplishment.



But how was the initial concept for publishing a major magazine actually derived? First of all, it

was in fulfillment of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong's long-standing commitment to publishing as a primary vehicle for reaching the general public with the message of the spiritual potential inherent in humanity. Mr. Armstrong more recently wanted to take the fresh creativity and inspiration of the foundation, as expressed through its worldwide projects and cultural activities, and carry them to a larger audience through the printed medium. He saw the new magazine as an excellent opportunity to swim upstream, giving the public a responsible source of positive information and reading entertainment.

In mid-1975, the working title *Human Potential* was chosen and a mock-up dummy issue prepared. This was the first effort at expressing the basic concept in a graphic manner. The first draft prospectus was

printed on its first page. *Human Potential* served admirably in showing our commitment to produce a really superior publication. It also was instrumental in obtaining the professional expertise so necessary to make the magazine a commercial success.

With the dummy issue in hand, we began to search for the appropriate professional publishing and editorial team. It would have to be welded into the tight, efficient group absolutely essential for the ultimate success of the venture.

The Positive Potential—Man at His Best

To achieve these standards, *Quest/77* needed not only real specialists in the areas of editing, circulation and advertising, but believing converts to the concept of the need for a positive voice in the dimly negative press of today. Hence the selection of Arthur Murphy as publisher, the man most responsible for the successful launching of such titles as *Sports Illustrated* and *Smithsonian*. And, as editor, we appointed Mr. Robert Shnayerson, formerly of *Time*, *Life* and *Harper's*.

Several comments from Mr. Shnayerson clearly show how identical to our own is his grasp of the underlying editorial concepts. Before we met him, Mr. Shnayerson had become "tired of journalistic myopia." Fed up with publications that appeal to man's worst instincts, he preferred to "let other editors drag readers through cesspools of mediocrity."

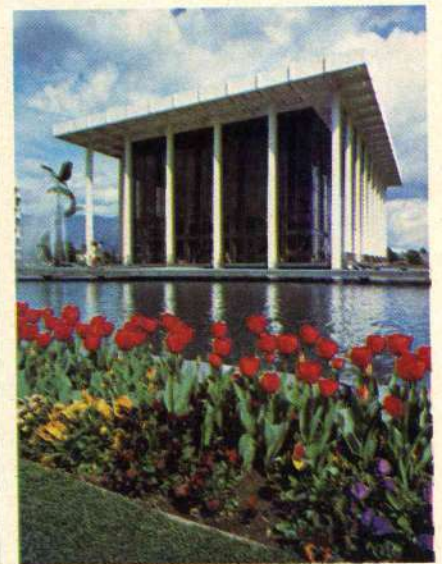
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AICF PROJECTS include the use of beautiful Ambassador Auditorium in Pasadena, California (lower right) for cultural programs such as the nationally televised Gene Kelly special, and the highly acclaimed ballet duo, the Panovs (previous page); a significant archaeological excavation in Jerusalem, Israel; a prestigious, mass circulation magazine on human excellence, *Quest*; and goodwill visits with important world leaders (above, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong meets President Ferdinand Marcos of the Philippines).

has performed in the auditorium as well.

Musical artists performing in Ambassador Auditorium have reflected the highest expression of the human spirit. But that alone was *too small* a stage for sharing. Many people would never set foot in the U.S.A. How could AICF bring the same intellectual, emotional and spiritual ex-



“No, Thank You, I’m on a DIET...”

by Dibar Apartian

Last year, Americans spent over ten billion dollars on reducing aids. They bought pills, powders, liquid protein, sweat girdles and every other device human ingenuity could devise—spending more than the national budget of Switzerland!

What was your own contribution to this huge sum? Are you, like millions of others, concerned about your weight? If you had the means—and the willpower, of course—how much would you be willing to spend, or to sacrifice, to get rid of your excess poundage?

Obesity is something everyone hates. But is obesity physical only? Can it not be spiritual also? It certainly can be—and it often is. Actually, spiritual obesity is much worse than physical obesity. Moreover, there aren't spiritual girdles for sale to deflate expanded egos, swollen pride or vanity. Are you as willing to struggle to reduce your spiritual obesity as you are your physical fat?

Through the Eye of a Needle

What a pity most people are more concerned with their physical condition than they are with their spiritual development! How many of those who faithfully follow the instructions contained in their crash-diet handbooks pay attention to the instructions given in another Manual—a

much more important one—which helps us all to get rid of our spiritual fat? We don't seem to realize that excess spiritual calories are more harmful than excess physical calories.

To overcome spiritual obesity one must follow a *spiritual diet*; this is the only way to have peace of mind and to experience spiritual growth.

The disciples of Christ were often unable to understand His parables. They were even astounded by a statement He made about the rich. A young man had approached Jesus to ask what he was supposed to do in order to inherit eternal life. Christ told him to keep the commandments.

But the young man wasn't satisfied with that answer. He had done this as a matter of form since childhood. What did he lack? What else was there to do? When Christ told him to sell all that he possessed and give it to the poor, he walked away sorrowful and depressed, because he was very rich.

Turning to His disciples, Christ said: “I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God” (Matt. 19:23-24).

As you see, the young man was *too fat* with the pride of possession to be able to pass through “the eye of a needle.” He was in dire need of a *spiritual diet*; he had to learn to de-

tach himself from his material wealth—the obstacle which produced in him superfluous spiritual weight. He needed to be rid of it to enter into the Kingdom of God. However, he thought the price was too high to pay. He didn't wish to slim down in this way; he didn't realize that he was much too overweight with selfishness and the love of the world.

The Narrow Door

On another occasion, Christ gave His disciples the following teaching: “Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it” (Matt. 7:13-14).

A “strait gate” and “narrow way” are certainly larger than the “eye of a needle.” Nevertheless, to negotiate them also requires much spiritual thinning down—a spiritual diet which consists of disciplining ourselves, mastering our nature and deflating our ego.

Generally speaking, we are all very tolerant of ourselves. We condone in ourselves what we are not willing to overlook in others. It seems as though—so far as we are concerned—the golden rule is a one-way street: We want to be well treated by everyone regardless of how we treat them. This is tantamount to entering through the wide gate and following

the broad way which leads to destruction.

Anyone who has ever followed a diet of any kind knows that one has to learn to say "no" to things which are forbidden in his diet. A spiritual diet requires as much determination and strength of will—if not more. If you can learn to say, "No, thank you," when physical food is concerned, you can also learn to say, "No, thank you," to thoughts or acts which are not permitted in your spiritual diet.

Jealousy, selfishness and vanity have the same effect on your mind as fattening foods have on your body. They produce spiritual obesity, which not only hinders you from going through the eye of a needle, but also from entering "the strait gate."

Flattery, gossip and spreading of rumors—like sugary products—may provide you with "interesting" conversation, but will heavily add to your spiritual avoirdupois. The next time you find yourself in these circumstances, have the courage to say to yourself—or to those who are around you—"No, thank you. I'm on a diet!"

Our Diet Handbook

Humanity today for the most part rejects the only Handbook which is the authority on spiritual dieting: the Bible.

Why? For one reason, people don't like to believe that the Bible really contains all the essential principles in life—both physical and spiritual—which are so desperately needed to keep our bodies and minds in good shape. Whatever your religion or beliefs, they cannot alter the truth: The Bible is the indispensable Handbook that helps us to follow the "narrow way" which leads to eternal life. It is our guideline, our Manual, our Instruction Book which contains all the necessary ingredients to maintain a good spiritual silhouette. One of the most basic of these is gratitude.

Have you ever considered what you really have brought into this world? What have you contributed to it? How much have you done for others? What discoveries have you made that were not made before you? The apostle Paul wrote: "But

godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content" (I Tim. 6:6-8).

Paul's tribulations taught him to practice what he preached. He was able to honestly write: "Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Phil. 4:11-13).

Gratitude, indeed, is one of the most efficient spiritual calorie-burn-

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ers. It will allow you to lose many unnecessary spiritual pounds. All God has created is good; the laws He has prescribed are good for us. The way He recommends us to follow is the only one that leads us toward the goal for which we have been created.

When you seriously consider all these things, you can't help but feel a *deep gratitude* toward your Creator. Gratitude creates a desire to share with others, to help them to come to this understanding, to be grateful whatever their problems.

Another effective calorie-burner recommended by our Creator in our spiritual diet is humility. Have you ever tried to use it—generously? Neither pride nor vengeance has any place in humility. Nor does selfish-

ness. The Bible tells us, "... in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others" (Phil. 2:3-4).

Humility is not to be confused with weakness or a lack of character. It takes a lot of courage and strength of character to be truly Christian. Perseverance requires a tough struggle against the obstacles and temptations in life. But God helps us to overcome them. He gives us His Spirit of love and courage when we repent of our sins and are baptized.

You can be very strong—yet very humble. In fact, the humbler you are, the stronger you get. "God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you" (I Pet. 5:5-7).

Examine your *behavior* and *thoughts*. Why do you act the way you do? What are your motives or reasons? Just how much space do pride and selfishness occupy in your mind? These are the undesirable calories—the spiritual "junk food"—that you need to watch in your spiritual diet. They are "empty calories"—utterly useless and harmful. You must eliminate them by the exercise of humility. "The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility" (Prov. 15:33).

Other Great Calorie-Burners

The Bible speaks of other valuable calorie-burners: the "fruits of the Spirit"—joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, meekness, faith and temperance (Gal. 5:22-23).

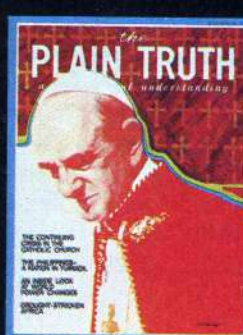
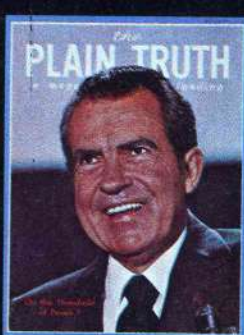
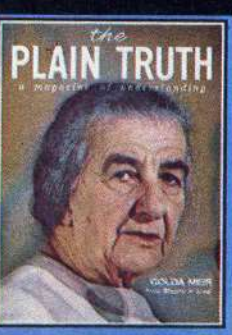
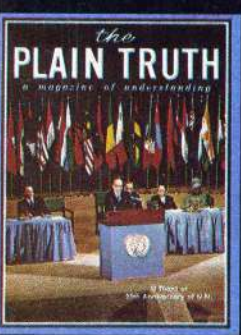
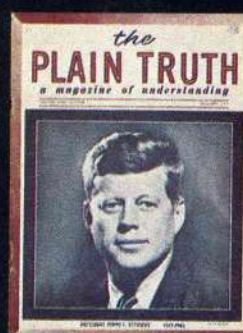
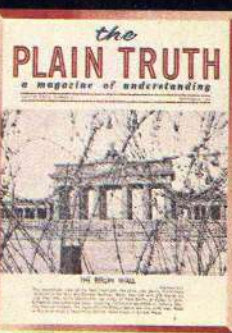
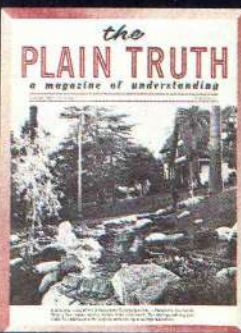
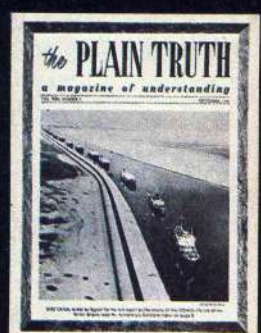
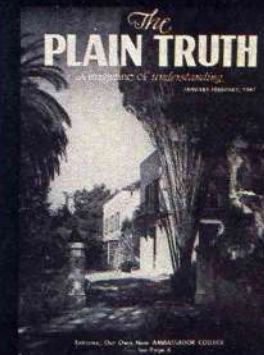
The first and foremost preventative, however—the first fruit of the Spirit of God—is love: love toward God and love toward your neighbor.

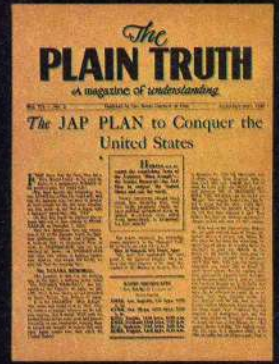
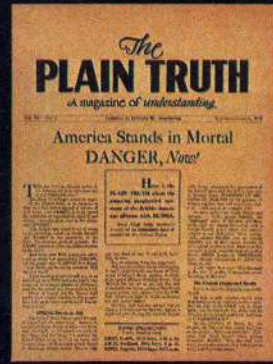
All that you do, say and think should be founded on love; guided by it. Is this the case as far as you are concerned? Love never seeks to hurt anyone. It is not envious. It does not lust. Love is not puffed up with pride. On the contrary, it is full of humility and regards others more highly than

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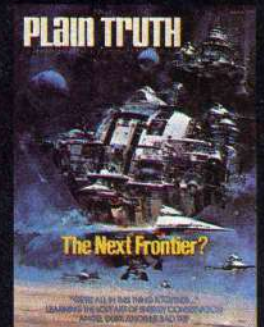
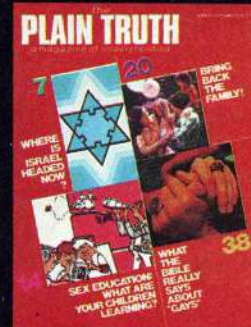
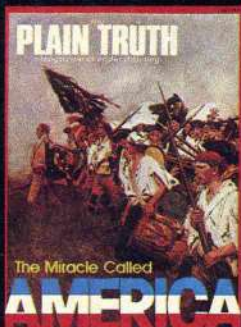
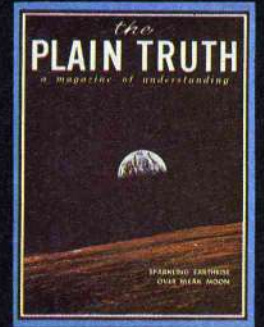
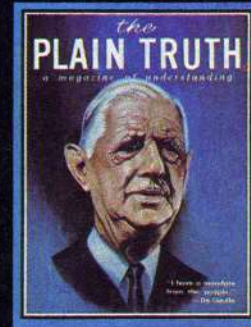
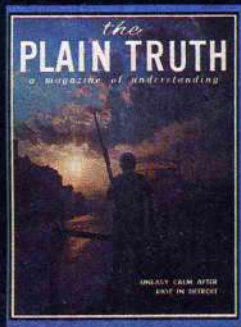
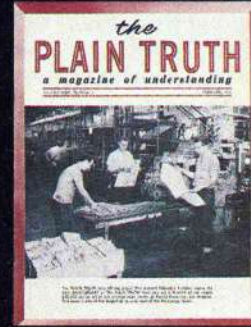


During the years 1936 and 1937, no Plain Truths appeared





45 YEARS OF HELP AND HOPE



PLAIN TRUTH, eh? What's that? Well, why not the MOUNTAINOUS truth?"

Perhaps the brash speaker in his unfamiliarity had a point. Certainly *The Plain Truth's* message is mountainous. In more ways than one. That message is large; it is important; its grandeur is imposing; and it's a message about the Kingdom of God, for which the biblical symbol is a mountain (Isa. 2:3). Certainly, too, the course of *The Plain Truth's* first forty-five years of existence has not been as smooth as a plain. It has been rocky, difficult, uneven, mountainous. Its problems have been great, but its success even greater. Volume 1,

number 1 of *The Plain Truth* “magazine” made its humble debut at the very bottom—the bottom, that is, of America’s Great Depression of the 1930s. Business was at a standstill and almost no money was in circulation. This birth was so humble that the word “magazine” must be in quotes—it was no more than four mimeographed sheets.

Looking Back to Where the Climbing Began

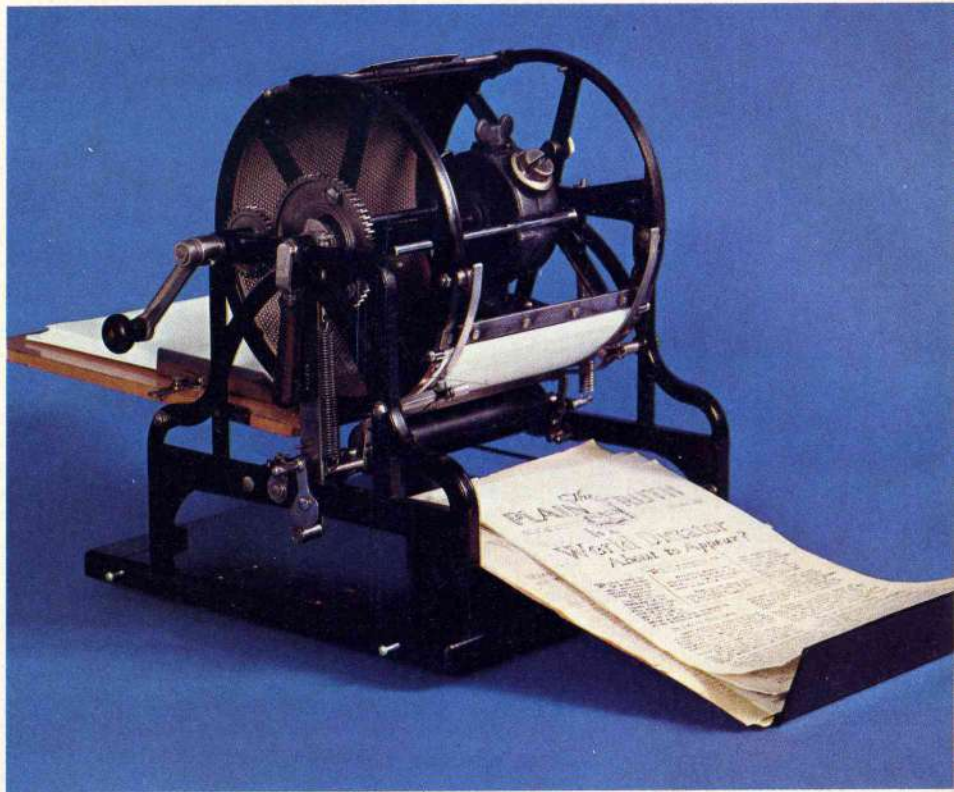
Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong had conceived the idea in Oregon of a magazine to be called *The Plain Truth*—which was intended to make the truth plain and clear—as early as 1927, almost as soon as he began to learn what great truths were contained in the Bible. But for seven years no way appeared to make the idea a reality.

In 1933 there had been a *Bulletin* for the few and scattered members of the Church of God in the Willamette Valley of Oregon. “Now [February 1934], making it a mimeographed ‘magazine’—cutting stencils on a borrowed typewriter and gaining permission of the local A.B. Dick Co. [agent] to borrow the use of his mimeograph,” wrote Mr. Armstrong (*The Good News*, November 6, 1978, p. 16), “I was able to produce the first *Plain Truth*—about 350 copies for about \$5.”

It must have been nearly November when a few special offerings—which in those days often came in pennies, nickels and dimes—made it possible to purchase a very old, used, outdated Neostyle (the predecessor to the mimeograph) for \$10, and a \$10 secondhand typewriter. The Neostyle was entirely hand operated. The sheets of paper had to be fed into it one at a time. But *The Plain Truth* continued.

Mr. Armstrong was the writer and “typesetter.” Mrs. Armstrong ran the “press”—by hand—and she kept the mailing list by pen and ink.

Mr. Armstrong’s editorial in that first issue stated what has been the guiding principle of all our publications: “In these anxious days of stress, turmoil and strife; of revolution and economic collapse; of war and fear of war; of confusion before a bewildering onslaught of creeds, dogmas, fables and false teachings, *The*



Plain Truth makes its humble and modest appearance.

“*The Plain Truth* comes with a definite mission. It comes in a sincere effort to help lead those who honestly are hungering and thirsting after righteousness out of this modern confusion of tongues, and into the truth as it is in Christ Jesus.”

Emphasis on Prophecy

The Plain Truth from the beginning emphasized Bible prophecy. That very first, February 1934 issue, for example, carried as lead article “Is a World Dictator About To Appear?” Much more is said about this aspect of *The Plain Truth* in an accompanying article in this issue. That first number, however, also carried for balance the doctrinal, Christian-living article “What is Real Spiritual-Mindedness?”

Such has been the thrust of the magazine through the years. Many of the booklets since published by Ambassador College and the Worldwide Church of God first appeared in the pages of *The Plain Truth*.

In the early years *The Plain Truth* was not published monthly. The magazine came out irregularly, averaging no more than an issue every two months, exclusive of a complete



A HUMBLE BEGINNING—The first issue of *The Plain Truth*, dated February 1934, was cut on stencils by an ancient version of a Smith-Corona typewriter (upper right) and reproduced on a hand-operated Neostyle (upper left), a forerunner of the mimeograph. The entire work, including publishing and mailing facilities, was centered until 1947 on the third floor, center windows, of the IOOF building (above) in Eugene, Oregon.

gap of somewhat more than two years from mid-1935 through 1937. But continue it did, and it became a printed publication by the August-

September 1940 edition, though still eight pages. It stepped up, temporarily, to 12 pages in March-April 1942; to 16 pages with the first issue in 1947; permanently to 16 in October 1951; to 24 in April 1956; to 32 in November 1958; to 40 in June 1961 and 48 in February 1962.

By July 1967 *The Plain Truth* had become a full-color, worldwide magazine with a circulation of 1,000,000.



Meanwhile, foreign editions had been created, as the Work and the Worldwide Church of God began to spread from the United States into other nations around the world. There are regional editions in the English language reaching the British-European-West African areas, southern Africa, and the India-Australasian regions, as well as Spanish, German, French and Dutch editions reaching out where those languages are spoken.

In the late sixties, the editorial policy of the magazine turned toward more articles of a secular type. The reason for this was not to desert the Word of God. Rather, it was an attempt to attract the favorable attention of more of those people who had, or thought they had, no interest in, nor time nor patience for, "religion." *The Plain Truth* had something to give—but you might be surprised how hard it sometimes is to give something away. Once people's attention had been gotten, their minds prepared to receive the message, it could be given to them.

Another magazine, *Tomorrow's World*, was created and published from 1969 to 1972 for those who knew they wanted the solid biblical diet; in 1972 it was again merged

with its parent publication. *The Plain Truth*, continuing in the attempt to reach the broader reading public and stay abreast of late-breaking news stories and their relation to prophecy, became for one year, in 1975, a tabloid newspaper, published every two weeks. This was again changed when experience proved the present magazine format to be best.

To Give Away the Truth

The World Tomorrow broadcast began just one month earlier than *The Plain Truth*. During the month of January 1934, the weekly half-hour broadcasts offered *The Plain Truth* on an "already-paid subscription" basis. That means that others—co-workers with the publishers of the magazine—freely paid the price of the subscription. That was how *The Plain Truth* was, and is, supported. There has never been a subscription price; there has never been an income from the sale of advertising space.

The most recent great attempt to give away the truth is by means of newsstand distribution. That means that thousands upon thousands of copies to be taken free of charge by the public—a present grand total of one million for this month—are placed on newsstands with other major magazines. Of course, we have to pay a small fee for their handling, but *The Plain Truth* is thus assured an equal opportunity, nestled among the best-known and most prestigious magazines of the world, to compete for potentially interested readers' attention.

After picking up and reading a copy of *The Plain Truth* from a newsstand, a small but predictable percentage of people write in to have their names placed on the mailing list and to have—free of charge—further magazines delivered more conveniently to their own homes.

It hasn't always been easy to get uninterested businessmen to handle *The Plain Truth*. Many distributors and news dealers balk, at first, at the very idea of distributing a free magazine, especially a "religious" one. Perhaps not typical, but far from uncommon, was the first and immediate reply of the representative of a major Swedish distributor when approached by our magazine: "Over

my dead body!" His chain now handles *The Plain Truth*. The magazine's acceptance almost everywhere speaks well for the quality of magazine it really is.

The Plain Truth and You

How can we, the *Plain Truth* staff, interpret the trends in international affairs? And why do so many of the ideas we expound in *The Plain Truth* differ so widely from so many accepted dogmas?

We have an infallible guide—and we make no effort to hide it—the Holy Bible and its message of God.

There are chapters and chapters in the Bible on prophecy—history written in advance. Bible prophecy may be compared to "a light that shineth in a dark place" (II Peter 1:19). And there is an inexhaustible store of equally valuable guidance in moral, doctrinal and personal-living matters. Probably most important of all is the missing dimension in human knowledge and motivation, the unique and awesome potential—and ultimate destiny—of humankind. Look for many more articles on these subjects, which we expound continually in *The Plain Truth*.

Never forget that our editors and writers—we, the magazine's staff—are vitally concerned about *you* as an individual. We're concerned about your hopes and dreams. We want to give you hope.

The Plain Truth exists to help its readers. It exists to help you. And so we would like to hear from *you*.

What problems do you seek to understand better? What is your greatest area of interest? We want to hear from you about what you most need to know.

We hope no one will cancel a subscription simply because they are not in full agreement with an article they have read. If you can only read in *The Plain Truth* what you already know, believe in and agree with—why bother reading it? You can't possibly learn anything new!

If you disagree with what we teach, why not write and tell us *why*? We're willing to read and listen.

Your letters will be most welcome. □

Vital "Keys" to Success in PRAYER

*Do you really get answers when you
pray? Do you know why
and how you should pray?*

by Roderick C. Meredith

There is a real God who sits at the controls of this universe. He is an active, living God. He controls all power, energies and forces!

He sits on a magnificent throne overlooking a dazzlingly beautiful courtlike crystal-clear sea of glass. He is surrounded by twenty-four great, impressive spirit beings who are His counselors. Immediately around His throne are four more spirit beings of even greater office, power and brilliance. At His right hand is the living Jesus Christ.

Out from His throne proceed lightnings, thunders, voices—and angelic messengers going to and from the earth. For this is the throne of the true God (Rev. 4:1-6). He is the Almighty, and the heavens reverberate with thunder when He speaks.

Do You Know This God?

Are you familiar with the God described above? Are you acquainted with Him? Do you pray to this God?

You should.

For great and powerful as the true God is, He delights in the man who will seek to know Him, talk to Him in prayer and serve Him!

God has created man in His own

image. He wants men to draw close to Him, to imbibe of His character, to become His sons. The God of the Bible delights in the prayer of the righteous (Prov. 15:8).

The trouble is, very few people nowadays know the God of the Bible. They have invented their own gods.

The personal Spirit Being of whom Jesus spoke and to whom He prayed they know not. The God who created this earth out of spirit energy, the God who actually sustains its physical laws and forces with His power—Him they know not. The personal God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, of Peter and Paul, they know not. The great Governor over men and nations—the One who has made literally hundreds of predictions in Bible prophecy, who has and is bringing them to pass—this living God they know not.

However, you can absolutely prove the existence and active power of this God if you sincerely want to. (Write immediately for the free booklet *Does God Exist?*)

Come to God Wholeheartedly

You should aggressively check and prove the existence and active power of God! He wants you to do this.

Without a thorough study of God as revealed in His Word, you will always be unsure of to whom you are praying, if He is there, whether or not you can

really believe the specifics of His will as revealed in the Bible.

This process is a vital key. Without it, you will simply be unable to put your entire faith and being into your prayers.

"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Heb. 11:6).

Notice that you must diligently seek God!

Where would you seek God if not in earnest prayer, in the real study of the Bible, in observing and meditating upon the creation of God—noting the perfect design in nature, the absolute, unchanging laws governing the action of all physical things, and the display of fantastic beauty, harmony and power evident throughout the natural world? Also, you should seek to know and understand God by observing and exercising the spiritual help and strength you will receive in your own life as you begin to know and to serve your Creator.

Finally, you should—with a thorough background in Bible prophecy—observe and come to understand God's plan as He directly intervenes in the affairs of the major nations of this world.

For Jesus said: "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be

accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass. . .” (Luke 21:36). Clearly, He meant for us to “watch” the fulfillment of prophecy in world events—and in this way to be stimulated and inspired to pray earnestly to the real God who actively intervenes in human affairs.

The Example of Elijah

Your Bible says in James 5:16-18: “The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. Elias [Elijah] was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.”

Weak and human even as we are, Elijah prayed fervently. He knew God was there. He knew God answered prayer. So he got “stirred up.” He put his whole being into his prayer. And God answered.

In our modern technologically oriented, war-calloused, intellectually vain and psychologized age above all others, we need to seek God with all our hearts! We must prove and know that the personal God of Abraham does hear and answer prayer.

Revealing His attitude toward our prayers, God speaks of His people Israel in Hosea 7:14: “Though it was I who redeemed them, they have lied to me; they never put their heart into their prayers” [Moffatt translation].

Once you have absolutely proved the true God’s existence and active power—and the Bible as His direct revelation to man—a second vital key to prayer is to fervently seek God with your whole being—and to put your whole heart into your prayers!

Vital Steps to Take

Simple but very important steps are prerequisite to this. Notice Jesus Christ’s instruction on prayer in Matthew 6:5-13.

First, as He taught in verse 5, don’t pray to be seen of men—or get the idea that public or family prayer is enough. Jesus always emphasized private prayer.

Second, do not employ standard, repetitious or memorized prayers (verse 7). If you are seeking God with your whole being, you won’t feel the need to repeat or chant some mumbo jumbo. You will want to talk to God personally, intelligently and sincerely.

Third, do make provision both for a time and a private place for personal, earnest, fervent and prevailing prayer (verse 6): “But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret. . . .”

An additional example of how to apply this is given in Mark 1:35: “And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out,

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and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.” Here Jesus set the inspired example of spending the first part of His day in prayer—before anything else could interrupt!

All of us need to set aside specific times for prayer—and early in the morning should definitely be one of these times! Also, we see by the above example that Jesus went out to a private place for prayer. He was alone—where He could literally cry out to God with His whole being. This is a vital step.

Now let us return to Jesus’ instruction in Matthew 6:9-13. Notice that Jesus Himself did not call this the “Lord’s Prayer,” as men have done, or in any manner encourage His disciples to memorize this particular prayer and repeat it over and over.

He had just forbidden them to do that with other prayers in verse 7.

Rather, Jesus said: “After this manner therefore pray ye. . . .”

Jesus was not setting down the exact words we should repeat over and over, but outlining the correct approach to God in prayer and the basic things for which we should pray. In that light, then, let us notice this inspired approach to prayer as revealed by Christ.

Jesus’ Inspired Prayer Outline

“Our Father which art in heaven. . . .” Jesus came to reveal God as the Father. For we are to feel a deep, deep sense of personal love and closeness with the God who brought us into being, who gives us every good and every perfect gift, who protects, provides for and guides us as we yield to His will—and who intervenes supernaturally if we cry out to Him for help.

I’ll always remember my dad playing with me, loving me, teaching me—yes, and spanking me—as I grew up to manhood. Once, when I thought I was going to drown, my dad—who had been a champion swimmer in college—churned mightily through the water after me like Tarzan!

As a little boy, coming back from family outings or camping trips, I remember my dad picking me up gently out of the car after I had fallen asleep on the long drive home and murmuring to me encouragingly as I whimpered in a half-wakened condition, then carrying me into the house and putting me gently into bed. I can remember him comforting me when I was sick. And teaching, exhorting and correcting me when I was well.

This true exemplification of the love and compassion of a father is multiplied an infinite number of times in the real living God—who truly is “our Father” to those who know and serve Him!

Our deep respect and awe for our heavenly Father should be total—for He is not affected by the human weaknesses and mistakes with which all our earthly fathers have been encumbered.

We must come to God, as “our Father.” We must talk with Him, fellowship with Him—show our appre-

ciation for what He has done for us and for all men—and in believing love, ask His help, guidance and blessing.

Learn To Praise God

“Hallowed be thy name.” As we begin our prayers, we should not only address and think of God as “our Father,” but begin by praising and hal- lowing His name, His office, His character, His beneficence.

Notice how David—a man after God’s own heart—addressed God in prayer: “I will love thee, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower” (Ps. 18:1-2).

Again: “I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being” (Ps. 104:33).

This attitude of praise, worship and adoration is something that draws our attention to the true God and enlarges our own human facul- ties to appreciate and fully sense the great Being with whom we are in contact and to whom we are praying as “our Father.”

Learn the Meaning of God’s Kingdom

“Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.”

This section of Jesus’ prayer out- line is perhaps the most overlooked and misunderstood of all. For pray- ing “Thy kingdom come” is asking that God’s literal government be set up on this earth through the return of Jesus Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords! It is praying and long- ing for the time when God’s holy and righteous law—as embodied in the Ten Commandments—will be the actual standard for daily life every- where. It is asking that God’s charac- ter—His law—His love—be written in our hearts and minds here and now, in preparation for a part in the coming world government.

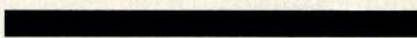
It is yearning and aching for the time when real peace will be re- stored—when the desert will blossom forth as a rose. Then there will be no more starvation and want—in the

prophesied time of “restitution of all things” (Acts 3:19-21).

If you are not familiar with the Bi- ble concept of “Thy kingdom come,” then write for our free booklet *Just What Do You Mean—Kingdom of God?*

This section of your personal prayers, of course, will normally be the longest and most detailed. Here you should ask God to help you un- derstand and surrender to His will—the will of your very Creator! You should ask Him to help you study and understand the Bible.

You should ask God for His divine help in bearing the fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meek-



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ness, temperance or, better trans- lated, self-control (Gal. 5:22-23).

Through prayer, study, meditation and the exercise of His spiritual help, learn to express the love, the affec- tion, the praise, the obedience, the service and the sense of adoration which you should have and feel to- ward your Father who sits at the con- trols of this universe in heaven. Ask Him for—and exercise—these spiri- tual attributes.

Also, ask His help, inspiration and guidance in expressing the love, joy, warmth and affection which you should to all your fellowmen. Ask Him to help you be longsuffering and gen- tle. Ask for meekness and humility and for the power of self-control over your temper, weaknesses and lusts!

Beseech God to help you yield your will to Him and to grow spiri- tually so that you may say with the apostle Paul: “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of [not merely in] the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me” (Gal. 2:20). Ask God for this living faith of Jesus Christ to trust God totally—to know that His way and His law is right—and that He stands behind and backs up His will, His laws and His promises to those who serve Him!

When you pray “Thy Kingdom come,” understand the meaning of what you are asking, and do your part that the tremendous meaning of this request may become a reality in the future government of this earth, in the lives of all men every- where and in your own personal life, character and spiritual growth and power.

Ask for Your Needs—and Confess Your Weaknesses

“Give us this day our daily bread.” Although certainly not put first, this request is necessary—and we can sincerely ask God to supply our daily needs as long as we are seeking first His Kingdom and His righteousness (Matt. 6:33). In these personal re- quests, you can break down the de- tails to fine points and ask God to guide you to do your part. Then be- lievingly ask Him to intervene where necessary that you may live the kind of life you ought in order to be a light to others.

“And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.”

All of us need to sincerely recog- nize and repent of our sins, our short- comings and our innate rebellion against the laws of God and man! Too many modern religionists seem fearful of facing up to this reality, but looking our real problems in the face—acknowledging them and, through God’s help, turning away from them—is the only real solution. Note that God expects us to forgive our fellowman—not harboring grudges or ill will for real or fancied wrongs—if He is to forgive us. This aspect is further illuminated in Mat-

thew 6:14-15 and the parable of Matthew 18:21-35.

"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

In this passage, the original Greek is more correctly rendered: "Bring us not into sore trial, but deliver us from the Evil One." For God tempts no man (James 1:13), but He does permit us to fall into trials and troubles of our own or Satan the devil's devising if we are not keeping close to Him and seeking His help and guidance.

Knowing the deceitfulness of our human nature, we should pray regularly as did Jeremiah: "O Lord, correct me, but with judgment; not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing" (Jer. 10:24). Learn to sincerely ask God that—if you can't learn a needed lesson any other way—He will rebuke and chasten you, correct you, fashion you and mold you, and make you fit to live forever in His Kingdom!

Close With Praise and Adoration

"For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen."

As Jesus' inspired outline of prayer begins with praise and adoration of God, so does it close. This reminds us, again, to whom we are praying and the character and office of the true God who rules over the nations of men!

A wonderful example of this inspired instruction regarding the opening and closing of a prayer is found in the prayer of Daniel when he cried out for the deliverance of the people of Judah (Dan. 9:3-19).

Notice how Daniel began: "O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments; we have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled . . ." (verse 4-5).

Again, notice the heartfelt appeal to God which Daniel made at the close of this fine prayer—a prayer which was heard and answered!

"O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name: for we do not present our supplications before thee

for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God: for thy city and thy people are called by thy name" (verses 18-19).

Not only praising God's name, His office and authority, but having this right attitude of total repentance, submission and obedience—this is another vital key to answered prayer!

Close your prayers with a sincere acknowledgment—in a spirit of worship—that all real and lasting glory and power belong to God—and that the right to all government, authority and kingship belongs to Him who created us all in the first place!

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tion of the vital keys to answered prayer, write for our free article "The Answer to Unanswered Prayer!" You will find it most helpful. So request it—study it—and use it!

To live life to its fullest, to have the divine help of the true God who lives and rules, you need to prove His existence and active power; to believe Him as you pray; to put your whole heart into seeking and crying out to the God of Jesus Christ; and to follow the inspired outline of prayer given by the Son of God!

Do this! You will have answers and intervention in your personal life such as you may never have dreamed possible in a mixed-up world where the true God of the Bible often seems so far away. □

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itself. Love is patient; it knows how to wait without being irritated. It does not suspect wrong motives. Love forgives faults and forgets them—it never seeks vengeance (1 Cor. 13).

Again, ask yourself: Does this describe me?

In essence, this is your spiritual diet. It does work if you follow it faithfully. You must learn to refuse to accept whatever is contrary to it. You will say, "No, thank you, it isn't good for me. It's not in my diet." You won't criticize people, you won't judge anyone, you won't speak evil of your neighbor, because such things add excess calories and increase your spiritual obesity. They are against love. They are prohibited in your Manual.

How would you like to try this spiritual diet awhile? Isn't it more important than your physical diet? What good is the loss of a few physical pounds if you are spiritually gross? As Christ said: "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Mark 8:36-37.)

Actually, we are all much too fat—from a spiritual point of view—to enter the Kingdom of God. We must lose weight daily, get rid of all that is contrary to the teachings of our spiritual Handbook, the Bible. The apostle Paul admonished: "... let us lay aside every weight [including the excess spiritual baggage which drags us down], and the sin which doth so easily beset us . . ." (Heb. 12:1).

What prevents you from trying this spiritual diet? It costs you absolutely nothing, and guarantees your entrance into the Kingdom of God! □

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What the World Needs Now Is... HOPE

A favorite song of recent years is titled "What the World Needs Now Is Love, Sweet Love"—but before the world can have love it must have hope!

by Jon Hill

Every morning we wake up to a cacophony of fear and despair, chaos and cruelty, coups and corruption. In the newspaper, over the morning cup of coffee, we read of crime increases and social disintegrations, bloody revolutions and civil disorders taking hundreds of lives somewhere else while we slept, natural disasters (also somewhere else, hopefully) killing hundreds or thousands in their beds, with perhaps tens of thousands homeless.

Governments are unstable, shaken worldwide by epidemics of distrust of officialdom, the yawning chasms of credibility gaps, the outside pressures of aggressive world powers bent on world domination.

Sword of Damocles

While some of us are dying from overeating, nearly twenty thousand around the world die of starvation every day. The hunger bomb and the population explosion seem about to unite in a critical mass and blow civilization as we know it off this beautiful round blue ball of life we call earth. Our own breadbasket seems in

jeopardy, as weathermen tell us that we are entering a drought cycle similar to or worse than the dust bowl specter of the 30s. The future looks glum—the black horse of Revelation has just been saddled up for his end-time run.

The sword of Damocles in the form of nuclear holocaust hangs over our heads. There is weather upset, fuel crisis, mindless crime, dope addiction, political corruption at all levels, a degenerate low in education for our next generation, pollution of the air we breathe and the water we drink and the land we live on, glowing sparks in international politics that could ignite World War III (literally the war to end all wars, because it could end all life on earth). Our own personal problems seem small in comparison, but they are real: You just lost your job, your family is about to break up, you can't make ends meet, your son is sick, your mother just died . . .

It's just too much. The modern-day pace, communications worldwide and the instantaneous broadcast of all the problems of the world into our own living rooms, combined with the personal crises we face, add up to an overload on our capacity to cope. Hope has long since fled; despair hangs heavy. "What's the use?"

Nothing's going to turn out all right!" is the plaintive cry of many.

Household Word

Doomsdayers, sundowners and prophets of doom all have a heyday—their moans and cries of despair and negativism seem very credible in today's world. *Armageddon* is a household word no longer the property of the religious fanatic. People are more familiar with the four horsemen of the Apocalypse than they are with the winner of the Kentucky Derby. Politicians, newsmen, educators, historians, even businessmen have taken over from the lunatic fringe of the clergy the expression "the end of the world"!

Purpose, direction, a set goal are all missing from our collective lives and from most of our individual lives. Peace, security, happiness are all empty words that have lost meaning in the hopeless world of today.

Thankfully, God has no intention of allowing mankind to meet his demise in either a bang—or a whimper—of despair. Our Creator is not going to allow mankind to die in the throes of World War III. He is not going to sit by and let mankind commit suicide (cosmocide) through any combination of population explosion, lack of food, pollution, disease, natural catastrophes and economic chaos. He has a

hope which He is determined to spend His limitless energies fulfilling—the greatest hope there is!

This world needs hope—you need hope.

Hope means, by dictionary definition, “to cherish a desire for something with some expectation of obtaining it.”

If Hope Were Fulfilled

Let's leave the world scene and start small—with *you*. What do *you* hope for? What do you desire to obtain? What is your own individual and personal hope—apart from a hopeless world? A raise in pay? Maybe just a job? A new car? A home? A husband or wife or children? Financial security? A friendly neighbor? Health? Longevity? Happiness? Freedom from fear?

What if your hope were fulfilled? Let's say you want to get married. So, you get married. Five years pass. You've achieved what you hoped for: You're married. The ceremony is over; it was a lovely church wedding; all your friends were there; you were given fabulous gifts by relatives and friends alike; the honeymoon was a dream fulfilled that you look fondly back on with misty-eyed memory. But now the flower girls are gone; the rose-colored glasses you saw things through have turned to gray. The babies (you so hoped for) are here and the diapers and the sleepless nights along with them. Bills are mounting; your mate is nagging. You both work, but you've spent almost as much time going over your budget with cut after cut as you have working on your job. The car needs repair, you don't know how you are going to pay for increasing insurance and fuel rates, the kids are outgrowing clothes faster than you can buy them, but your overextended checking account, your mortgage, your time-payment bills and your credit-card balances (all in the red) say you can barely afford to put food on the table.

Your hope of five years ago is fulfilled—and it now seems a hopeless situation. Now what do you hope for? A *raise!* If you just earned one hundred dollars more a month... So, you *get* a raise! Your hope is again fulfilled. But you soon discover

that inflation has more than eaten up the advantages of the raise, your four-year-old broke an arm and your wife wrecked the car. You're deeper in debt than before.

Now what do you hope for?

Tomorrow's Silver Lining

Hope is a strange thing. You've probably noticed that you never hope for something you already have. You always hope for some future improvement on your present lot in life. Fortunately, we can change our hopes, upgrade them as each in turn becomes fulfilled (or as we give up hope of them being fulfilled). Hope makes the world go around—the possibility of future betterment, of tomorrow's silver lining for the clouds of today. Without hope people don't try. The fact is that each hope fulfilled demands a new hope to live for.

In human history hope has a strange cycle. Whether you pick Genghis Khan, communism or Christopher Columbus, the same un-failing cycle occurs. Hope begins in despair. That is, the individual seems to be in a hopeless situation—then an idea strikes and hope flares anew. The individual now has a reason to live, because he feels that there may be some slim chance of achieving the goal he has seen. Life has meaning again. He strives (for his individual hope, or perhaps his hope is big enough to encompass a group as large as a whole nation, religion, or empire) to accomplish that hope. He succeeds!

Enter Apathy

Yet, oddly enough, nothing in history fails quite to the extent of success! In the footsteps of success invariably follows one degree or another of apathy. The individual or the group becomes careless with the success achieved. With no bigger, newer hope, there is no reason to strive, to live, to face a challenge anymore. Things bog down. The goal, which seemed so golden at the beginning, loses its glitter. Apathy breeds cynicism. Cynicism, in its turn, engenders despair. And the cycle is right back where it started.

The reason is because the *hope is never big enough!*

A hope, to be lasting, must be big enough so that it can never be accomplished in its entirety. Otherwise a new, bigger and more vigorous hope *must follow* on the heels of the fulfillment of the past hope.

Example From History

Let's take Christopher Columbus's hope for an example. Columbus hoped to prove his idea that the world was round indeed and not flat, as most of the people of his day believed. For most of his adult years, that hope drove him to accomplish the things which he did. Nothing in his life swayed him from pursuing that one goal. All other things were subservient to it. Family, job, his own health were all spent in feverish desire to attain that one hope. The despair of the humdrum life of his age and circumstance was given meaning and reason. It was a great hope. It was greater than anyone else had come up with in his generation. It seemed foolish, but he believed in it and was driven to accomplish it at all costs.

Finally, he convinced the Crown of Spain to back his idea, his goal, his hope. The queen even hocked her jewels to finance his venture. Columbus was given three ships and a crew from the prisons of her government to prove his hope.

But, believe it or not, his hope was *not big enough!* He hoped that by sailing west he could reach the East—India, China, the Orient, fabulously rich. What proving his hope accomplished was greater than his hope! Instead of proving that you could reach the East by sailing west (and so proving that the world was round and not flat), he came upon a *whole new world!*

Not only was his life's hope achieved, but a goal far richer than he had imagined was revealed. Of course, he was hailed as a great explorer, unique as far as the world of his day realized—he was honored, feted, and sent back to govern the new lands he had discovered. The hope of his entire previous life was fulfilled and then some!

But now what did he have to live for? What *new* hope, greater and more significant than the first, did he

have to give meaning and purpose to his existence? Unfortunately, none!

The Human Cycle

The sad circumstances of the life of Columbus *after* the fulfillment of his life's hope are some of the most painful on record. The ignominy, final imprisonment and utter despair (not to mention abject poverty) in which one of the greatest explorers known to mankind finally died exemplifies perfectly the point that unless your hope is big enough to survive success it is indeed hopeless. Columbus failed miserably in governing what he had discovered. Others took away from him the potential and riches he had discovered. He ended his life in poverty, having suffered the indignity of chains and imprisonment in the face of the successful fulfillment of one of the greatest hopes ever maintained by man. He died in despair, a hopeless man.

The human cycle had been fulfilled: despair, hope, success, apathy, cynicism, despair—an empty circle, because his hope was *not big enough!*

What about you?

Hope That Is Transcendent

When we first break ties of economic dependence on our parents and begin an independent life, we hope for things, or the money to get things. If and when those things come to us, we begin to realize "things" are not enough to hope for. Even to keep the things we now have that we hoped for, we need security—and security is *not* a thing. Security depends on the economy, on government, on peace, on health, on future stability. All these are hopes that drive us on—we never seem to achieve any one of them for long (and I do not know of any individual who has achieved all these hopes at any one time).

But are any of these hopes big enough? What if you lived in a peaceful, secure, economically healthy and stable state—what would you hope for then? What hope would keep you from boredom; what hope would you seek to achieve which would give meaning to your life, purpose and reason to live, a goal to strive for?

That's where God enters the pic-

ture. God holds out a hope that is transcendent, that goes above and beyond the goals and purposes of this life, that offers a challenge that keeps you going all life long; a hope that is never fulfilled in this life, a hope beyond the grave, a reason to live.

God's Hope

Do you realize that God Himself lives by *hope!*? Did you know that God has set before Himself a hope so great that not even He will be able to realize it, ever? That His goal and reason for living, that for which He strives, for which He is and was willing to die for, is so vast and eternally occupying that He will never achieve it?

The God who put this world together did so with a plan in mind. That plan was not the hopeless Nirvana of one major religion of the world which promises you will become an unconscious part of the great whole of nothing with no worries forever—because you have no individual consciousness forever. It is not the bliss of slumbering in a hammock slung between two date palms in an oasis, being fed by voluptuous maidens forever, the promise of which the followers of Allah are assured. It is not walking the golden streets with golden slippers, strumming on a harp with your only worry being how to keep your halo straight, as seems to be the promise of the majority of Protestant groups. It is most certainly not the promise of finally being able to look into the face of God and appreciate the beatific vision (whatever that is), as is the promise to those who follow the Catholic faith. What the God who created everything proposes is to bring you into His very family. To be God as God is God! Not just to be a God in the euphemistic sense of us all being brothers and sisters with God as our figurehead Father, but to share His divine nature completely.

Our Redeemer, Jesus Christ, is alive and well, not in hiding, but at the right hand of the Father in heaven. He fully plans to fulfill the promise He made to us in the name of the Father: to bring many sons to glory, to establish His Kingdom here on this earth. God's promise is to make you a son as Christ is now His Son.

To grant you membership in the literal family of God. To give you eternal life as He is eternal. To make you holy as He is holy. As Possessor of the universe, to share with you all power and joint ownership. To share with you the divine nature. To give you the character of God, full of love, peace, joy—*so you may be God as God is God!* This is the purpose of creation—the hope of the world!

Eternal Reason to Live

God's real plan is practical. He says of His family Kingdom that there will never be an end to its expansion. His plan is to continue adding sons and daughters who look, feel, act like Him and who are composed of the same self-regenerating eternal spirit life as He is, forever! That is why the goal God has set before Himself is a hope that not even He will ever fulfill. Endless, eternal, forever creating an ever-expanding family to enjoy and rule the great creation He has already made—and to have you and me share in future creations without end. A busy, practical, interesting, challenging, ongoing plan that gives an eternal reason to live.

There is no boredom in that plan. Never a time when your interest will run out. No mythical, religious-sounding folderol about some spiritual never-never land where you do nothing forever—but an eternal job of creating, governing, problem-solving with visible benefit.

That's a hope worth living for . . . and worth dying for, if necessary, in this life. Because God our Father has our life in His hands at all times. No man can take that away from you—because He has the power to resurrect you from whatever death any man can inflict upon you. He created you in the first place for a reason beyond the imagination of *any* religion on the face of the earth—a reason some in the religious field would call blasphemy (to think that the purpose for our creation could be to make us equal with God in every way).

No matter what your many temporary and interim goals and hopes may be—and may they all be fulfilled—be sure to cherish this greatest possible hope God offers us to give transcendent purpose to our lives.

Make this hope *your* hope! □

Prophecy

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promised the Jews a home—and we have not been getting it!”

And thus the Zionist leader gave answer to my friend, Sheik Hafiz Wabba!

What Has Happened?

And now what has *happened*? On May 15th the British mandate ended. After 25 hopeless years of trying to keep peace in the Holy Land, the British gave up.

The same day the Jews in Palestine declared themselves a nation! They set up a republic. They called it “ISRAEL.”

Twenty minutes after this nation came into existence, President Truman in Washington—still May 14th, Washington time—having switched around from one policy after another on Palestine and having just abandoned the U.S. partition plan for Palestine—dramatically announced United States recognition of the new Jewish nation called “ISRAEL.” It seems the reason for the hurry was to take this action ahead of Soviet Russia, who thus was forced to *follow the United States lead!*

By dawn, May 15th, just a few hours after the “Jewish state of ISRAEL” had been proclaimed, Arab air forces began dropping bombs on Tel Aviv, and the armies of Arab nations began marching on Jerusalem. Thus, while Jews in America prayed for PEACE in Palestine, the proclamation of the “Jewish nation of ISRAEL” was the signal for WAR between that nation and surrounding Arab nations. There was no ushering in of PEACE!

And the Almighty says, prophetically: “All [nations] that burden themselves with it [Jerusalem]” in the day “when they shall be in the siege . . . against Jerusalem”—as the Arab nations are now—“SHALL BE CUT IN PIECES.”

The British have been burdening themselves with it for 25 years. The United States has been meddling, interfering, burdening itself with it. So has Soviet Russia and nearly every nation on earth. The United Nations has been burdening itself

with it. God says “*they shall be cut in pieces!*”

Not Prophesied Regathering

In God’s own due time the Jews are to be released from their persecutions, their harrowing trials, and be reestablished within Palestine IN PEACE! But this is not that prophesied regathering of Israel!

This is merely a blundering human effort to do for themselves, before the time, what they will have to wait for God to do for them.

And this present movement, setting up a nation of Jews and calling it “ISRAEL,” can only lead to more bloodshed and more troubles!

In the first place, the new nation that has declared itself in Palestine is *not* Israel at all—it is only a *part* of JUDAH!

When the great prophesied exodus occurs, it will be Israel and Judah *together*. And they will not do it in their own defiant, embittered power and strength; they will be taken back, by Christ after His coming, from a condition of slavery and from the land of their enemies (see Ezek. 39:25-27). At that time they will take captive their captors and rule over those who had been ruling over them (Isa. 14:1-3—see especially Moffatt translation; Jer. 30:16; 31:11). It will be a greater exodus than the typical one under Moses—this one will be under CHRIST at His return! (Jer. 23:7-8.) They will go back to Palestine weeping, confessing their sins, loathing themselves for having ignored and transgressed against God, seeking the MESSIAH whom they have rejected (Jer. 50:4-5; Ezek. 20:34-43). They will then be converted, changed from sinners into Spirit-filled people living by God’s laws (Jer. 50:19-20; Ezek. 36:24-28).

The Jews in Palestine, and this new nation, fulfill NONE of those prophecies!

But what a strange dilemma!

The Jews Are Not Israel!

Most people today do not seem to know that the Jews are *not* Israel, but only a part of Judah. The first place in the Bible where the word “Jews” occurs, the Jews are at war against ISRAEL (II Kings 16:6).

Four whole books of the Bible are

devoted to showing the historic difference between the two nations Israel and Judah. There were twelve tribes of Israel, originally. But after Solomon died, the nation ISRAEL rejected her king, Rehoboam, son of Solomon, and made Jeroboam, of the tribe of Ephraim, king. Then the one tribe of Judah *split off from the nation Israel* and formed a NEW NATION of their own (just as they are trying to do again today), in order to retain Rehoboam as king. This new nation was called the kingdom of JUDAH. The tribe of Benjamin and a large portion of Levi then joined Judah, leaving the TEN TRIBES in the nation ISRAEL.

Palestine belongs, by divine grant, to Abraham and his descendants. But God rejected Ishmael, the father of the Arabs, from the promise. It passed on, instead, through ISAAC. God also rejected Isaac’s eldest son ESAU, after he had undervalued the birthright and sold it to Jacob for a bowl of red soup. The TURKS are the children of Esau, and so they, too, have always felt Palestine belonged to them. But it was given to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

But *then* how was it passed on down? The dying Jacob passed the birthright, and possession of Palestine, on through the tribes of EPHRAIM and MANASSEH, sons of Joseph (Gen. 48:4-5, 15-16). He named HIS NAME (Israel) ON THEM—Ephraim and Manasseh. It is *their* descendants today, the American and British peoples, therefore, who are truly the national ISRAEL. The Jews come from Judah, and belonged to the nation JUDAH, not the nation ISRAEL!

For a complete exposition and understanding of our national identity as the true nation ISRAEL, the reader is referred to our special booklet *The United States and British Commonwealth in Prophecy*, sent free upon request.

But what a muddle! The Arabs believe Palestine should be theirs because they are descended from Ishmael. The Turks want it because they come from ESAU. The Jews want it because they come from Jacob, but through JUDAH! What a hot firebrand it is! It may yet set the whole world on fire! □

7 PROOFS

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Next, I happened to read where Jesus said, "And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man" (John 3:13). I researched the heaven and hell teaching further. I saw that the inspired Peter, on the day he received the Holy Spirit, said: "For David is not ascended into the heavens" (Acts 2:34).

I was, in utter astonishment, coming to realize that what I had been taught growing up in church was the precise opposite of what the Bible says in clear language.

This is not the place for a lengthy, detailed account of my intensive search in the Bible—when I was bent on proving to *my* satisfaction that "all these churches can't be wrong—for their teachings come from the Bible." The essential point here is the simple fact that I did find irrefutable PROOF of the divine inspiration and SUPREME AUTHORITY of the Holy Bible as the revealed Word of God as originally written. Even all the so-called contradictions evaporated upon unbiased study.

Yet, to my utter dismay and chagrin, I was forced to "eat crow" in regard to my wife's supposed "fanaticism." It was not what I *wanted* to believe, THEN! But by now I had taken a real beating. I had *proved* truth contrary to what I *wanted* to believe.

Let me pause here to add a point to what I wrote above, saying most people believe what they have repeatedly heard, read, or been taught. There are two other psychological truisms in regard to WHY people believe what they do. One is that people carelessly accept what those around them believe. Most Thais are Buddhists, because those around them in Thailand are Buddhists. There is the psychological tendency to "go along" with one's peers. One other reason for people's beliefs is that human nature tends to cause one to believe what he *wants* to believe—and refuse, regardless of proof, what he does not want to believe. There is the

old saying, "One convinced against his will is of the same opinion still."

That is why I have said the experience I was painfully subjected to in this six months' intensive study was UNIQUE in human life and conduct. I know of no world religious leader who arrived at his teachings in such a manner. Perhaps that is why GOD'S INSPIRED WORD *alone*—as I proved—is TRUTH. Only GOD is infallibly correct!

I was brought, by the spring of 1927, to a complete MIND-SWEEPING—my mind swept clean of previous assumptions and beliefs and surrendered to the WORD OF GOD which by then I had *proved* to be TRUE and the SUPREME AUTHORITY.

More, I had been brought to realize my own inadequacy and nothingness. I had been brought to a real repentance—CONQUERED by the GREAT MAJESTIC GOD—and received as God's gift a solid rock-based FAITH in Jesus Christ. I was baptized, and the indwelling of God's Spirit opened my mind to the JOY UNSPEAKABLE of knowing God and Jesus Christ—of knowing TRUTH—and the warmth of God's divine LOVE!

What I once hated I now LOVED. I found the greatest and most absorbing joy of my life in *continuing* to dig out those gold nuggets of TRUTH from God's Word.

Now came a new enthusiasm for biblical study and receiving the REVEALED knowledge of God.

And I was led to find that ONE and ONLY true and original Church of God, founded by Jesus Christ on the Day of Pentecost, A.D. 31.

I now reveal to the reader SEVEN MAJOR PROOFS that identify it.

Proof One:

WHO AND WHAT IS GOD?

It seems utterly unbelievable! The religions of this world do not know WHO or WHAT God really *is*! Yet religion *is* the worship of God. How can one worship what is UNKNOWN?

The only answer is that the Bible

reveals that ALL NATIONS have been *deceived* (Rev. 12:9).

The true understanding of the very identity of God is one proof that the one and only Church founded A.D. 31 by Jesus Christ is, today, the Worldwide Church of God.

It seems inconceivable—but you live today in a world of religious CONFUSION! Among the largest of the world's religions are Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Shintoism, Hinduism, Islam and Christianity, with its hundreds of denominations and sects. The latter is the largest in number of adherents.

And yet only one religion, neither Roman Catholic nor Protestant, knows WHO and WHAT God *is*!

Modern science does not know. Higher education does not know or teach it. The intellectuals of the world in the first century were the Athenians. Certain philosophers of the Epicureans and of the Stoics encountered the apostle Paul.

"What will this babbler say?" queried some in ridicule (Acts 17:18). Others sneered sarcastically, "He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods."

They took Paul and brought him to Areopagus, the supreme tribunal, on Mars Hill.

"May we know," they asked cynically, "what this new doctrine, whereof thou speakest, is? For thou bringest certain strange things to our ears."

Here were the world's most "scholarly." Paul was preaching the truth of GOD.

"Ye men of Athens," said the apostle forthrightly and boldly, "I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious. For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions [idolatrous objects of worship], I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you. GOD that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he *giveth* to all life, and breath, and all things; and hath made of one blood all nations of men for to

dwell on all the face of the earth.”

WHO is GOD? CREATION is the basic proof of God. These Athenian Epicureans and Stoics did not even know that. Perhaps the adherents of many religions do not.

But what of the real NATURE of God? Just WHO and WHAT is God? We need a more concrete understanding than to say, merely, that God is the Being who created all. That is the starting point. Only the one original Church Jesus founded in A.D. 31 has the full answer.

It seems inconceivable that, of all the religions and churches in the world today, only ONE is unique in UNDERSTANDING the nature of the CREATOR of all that is!

Mankind *could* know! God reveals Himself in plain language in His Word, the Holy Bible. But no book has been so distorted, twisted, and misrepresented as this ONE SUPREME AUTHORITY OF TRUTH!

The generally accepted teaching of traditional Christianity is that God is a “Trinity”—God in three Persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, which is designated as a “Ghost.”

By about A.D. 59 the gospel Jesus Christ proclaimed had been suppressed (Gal. 1:6-7). A counterfeit “gospel” had replaced it. From about A.D. 70 there ensued “the lost century” of Church history. All historic record of the true Church of God had been systematically destroyed during that hundred years. The curtain had been rung down on Church activities, and when the curtain of recorded history lifted, an entirely *different* church appeared, calling itself “Christian.” Extreme persecution by powerful forces had driven the true Church of God underground.

The church by the fourth century was more like the Babylonian mystery religion, having appropriated the name “Christianity” (Rev. 17:5).

There had been two heated doctrinal controversies—one called the Quartodeciman controversy between Polycrates and the bishops of Rome on the observance of the spring festival (should Passover or Easter be celebrated?). The other, between Arius, a priest of Alexandria, and the Roman bishops on the Trinity doctrine.

Emperor Constantine, the supreme head of the Roman Empire, called the Nicene Council in A.D. 325 and made both the pagan Easter (named from the goddess Astarte) and the Trinity doctrine LAW!

The Trinity doctrine *limited* God to three Persons. More of that later.

The King James biblical scholars translated the Greek words for Holy Spirit as “Holy Ghost,” under the delusion that the Spirit of God was a third Person.

Also the translators of the 1611 version usually used the pronouns “he,” “him,” etc., in relation to the Holy Spirit, but not always: The pronoun “it” also is used.

But how does God reveal Himself authoritatively?

If one should ask, “Where, in order of time sequence, do we find the real beginning in the Bible?” the reply probably would be Genesis 1:1, beginning with the words, “In the beginning God. . . .”

RIGHT?

WRONG! In order of time sequence the earliest prehistoric revelation is in the New Testament, in John 1:1-3: “In the beginning was the Word, 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.”

The Word was one Personage. God was another Personage. Yet the Word was a Personage separate from God—as shown in verse 14: “And the Word was [much later] made flesh, and dwelt among us. . . .” The Word *became* Jesus Christ.

The English “Word” is translated from the original Greek *Logos*, meaning “Word” or “Spokesman.”

That all things were made by Him is confirmed in Ephesians 3:9, where it speaks of God “who created all things by Jesus Christ.” “He spake, and it was done” (Ps. 33:9).

Here are TWO Personages, yet both are GOD. How is that? A man named David Smith may have a son named Paul. But Paul, though a separate individual, is also a Smith. However, Jesus Christ did not become the Son of God until about 4 B.C., when born in human flesh of

the virgin Mary. Prior to that, He had ALWAYS existed, even as had God. Christ was originally “without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life” (Heb. 7:3).

Now come to Genesis 1:1: “In the beginning God. . . .” This was written originally by Moses in the Hebrew language. The English “God” is translated from the Hebrew *Elohim*—a uniplural noun. It is uniplural in the same sense as the words “family” and “church”—denoting more than one component forming the whole. Not two Gods—but ONE God consisting of more than one Person.

When, only nineteen hundred-plus years ago, Jesus was begotten of God in the womb of His human mother Mary, He was the *only* human ever so begotten *prior to human birth!* Yet, as we shall see later, humans may become begotten children of God—*after* human birth, but preceding a spiritual birth.

Throughout the first chapter of Genesis, the Hebrew name of God is always the Hebrew *Elohim*, which denotes both the Word and God.

But in chapter 2, Moses began adding another name for God—*Yahweh* in the Hebrew, usually combined with *Elohim: Yahweh-Elohim*. In the King James English translation, it is rendered “LORD God,” which is somewhat misleading.

It is interesting, at this point, to explain this name *Yahweh*. There is no one word in the English language which adequately translates it. It means “the self-existent, eternal-living, creative one.” The Moffatt translation renders it “the Eternal.” The Fenton translation uses “the Ever-Living.” Personally, I prefer to use only the one word “Eternal,” instead of “Lord.”

In any event, the English “LORD” in the King James translation refers to that *Person* in the Godhead who in John 1:1 is called “the Word”—the very one who later became Jesus Christ.

Who Was the God of the Old Testament?

That leads to an important point in the UNDERSTANDING of WHO and

WHAT GOD is. Many if not most seem to believe the God of the Old Testament was the one Jesus prayed to as His FATHER. But many New Testament passages quoting from the Old Testament prove that the one of the Godhead who was born in human flesh as Jesus Christ was the *Yahweh* of the Old Testament and the Word of John 1:1. That knowledge is a portion of PROOF #1 identifying the true original Church today.

Jesus came, among other purposes, to REVEAL the Father. Ancient Old Testament Israel knew of only ONE PERSONAGE in the Godhead—although their Scriptures contained the Hebrew *Elohim*. But to them, primarily, God was conceived of as not only ONE God, but only ONE Person! The truth is, Israelites generally knew nothing of God—the Person to whom Jesus prayed and the Father Jesus came to REVEAL.

However, another technical point is: God only *became* the FATHER of the GOD FAMILY when Jesus Christ was begotten and born as a human. Yet He may become *our* Father in heaven when we are begotten by His Holy Spirit. More of that later.

Now notice that God (*Elohim*) is more than one Person, even though only ONE GOD.

In Genesis 1:26, *Elohim* said, "Let us make man in *our* image, after *our* likeness. . . ." Notice! Not "Let *me*," but "Let us"—plural, or uniplural.

Then, in Genesis 2:2-3, "On the seventh day God [*Elohim*] ended his work which he had made. . . . And God [*Elohim*] blessed the seventh day. . . ."

Then, verse 4: "These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God [*Yahweh Elohim*] made the earth and the heavens." Again it was through the Word, in the Hebrew named *Yahweh*, that the earth and heavens were made—as GOD created all things by Jesus Christ (Eph. 3:9).

Does God Have Form and Shape?

God reveals that He is spirit-composed (John 4:24). Unless supernaturally manifested, spirit is invisible to human eyes.

Jesus said to His disciples, "Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape" (John 5:37).

Later "Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us." Jesus answered, "Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? He that hath seen me hath seen the Father" (John 14:8-9). WHY? Because God the Father—if human eyes could see—looks like Jesus. And what did Jesus look like?

Certainly NOT like artists' renderings you have seen which are supposed to picture Him. For one thing, HE DID NOT HAVE LONG HAIR (I Cor. 11:14). He looked like other Jews then in Judea, else the chief priests would not have paid Judas Iscariot 40 pieces of silver to identify Him.

Now notice once again Genesis 1:26: "God [*Elohim*] said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness [form and shape]. . . ." God is described in the Bible as having eyes, ears, nose, mouth, hair, arms, legs, fingers, toes. Jesus was "the express image of his [the Father's] person" (Heb. 1:3).

What Is the Holy Spirit?

If the Holy Spirit is not a Person—a "Ghost"—then what does the Bible reveal about the Holy Spirit?

The natural carnal mind of man simply cannot grasp an understanding of spirit. It is not matter. The Hebrew word for spirit, *ruach*, and the Greek *pneuma* both are often translated into the English "wind," "air," or "breath"—because these *physical* words perhaps most closely explain *spirit* to the human mind—yet spirit is not physical or material.

The Holy Spirit is the spirit (not Ghost) that emanates out from both God and Christ everywhere in the universe. Through His Holy Spirit, God projects Himself, in spirit, everywhere in the universe—yet both God and Christ have form and shape, even as man.

The Holy Spirit is many things. It is the very LIFE of the immortal God, which, entering into a human, begets him with God-life.

It is the POWER of God by which, when Christ "spake," it was done. It is the POWER by which God stretched out the heavens—created the vast endless universe.

The Holy Spirit, entering into man as God's gift, opens the mind to UNDERSTANDING of spiritual knowledge, unknown to the human mind otherwise. It is the LOVE of God "shed abroad in our hearts." It is the FAITH of Christ which may be given to God's begotten children. It is the POWER of God, begotten within humans, enabling us to overcome Satan and sin.

"How Great Thou Art"

We have covered the nature of God. Now consider HOW GREAT He is.

King David was meditating on this, and man's insignificance by comparison. He wrote: "When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; what is man, that thou art mindful of him?" (Ps. 8:3-4.)

Isaiah was inspired to write: "Who hath measured the waters [oceans] in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance? . . . Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance. . . . All nations before him are as nothing. . . ." (Isa. 40:12-17). Then God is quoted: "To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? . . . Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power. . . ." (verses 25-26).

Yet, there is much more to come, in relation to David's comparison of God to man, and why God should be concerned about us, in a later installment—and fantastically thrilling it is!

NONE but the Worldwide Church of God today possesses the REVEALED TRUTH and knowledge of WHO and WHAT God is! □

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MIDEAST TREATY: PEACE OR EMPTY PROMISES?

by Stanley R. Rader

PASADENA, December 25, 1978: Just one week ago I was visiting with Arab friends in Bethlehem, Judea. Today, I read the headlines of my morning paper and they cry out: "Iranian Riots Extend Year of Holy War"; "Negotiations Shaky as Vance Returns Home"; "Christmas Eve Finds Hope and Fear Around the World." Yet other headlines proclaim: "Christmas Glows with the Spirit of Love"; "Pilgrims Flock to Christ's Birthplace"; "President Carter Thankful."

But unfortunately this day once again portends for mankind more fear than hope, more sadness than jubilation. Why must this be so? Why can we find no solution to the problems that have plagued mankind for the past 6,000 years? The answers are simple, but are neither discerned by the many nor heeded by the few who are fortunate enough to be privy to them.

Man has rejected God, God's way of life and His laws. And for 6,000 years man has tried to build his own civilization in accordance with his own ideas about right and wrong, with his own list of priorities and his own concepts of government, education, religion and law.

During our week in Israel, Herbert W. Armstrong and I discussed the progress of the peace negotiations between our Israeli and Egyptian friends—negotiations that were apparently all but concluded three months ago at Camp David; negotiations that followed in the wake of

President Anwar Sadat's much-heralded visit to Jerusalem some 13 months ago; negotiations that were to be reduced to a final peace treaty on or before December 17, 1978 (the very day our official schedule in Jerusalem was to begin).

But it was not to be so. During the 90-day period following Camp David, problems between the two nations appeared—problems that the two Nobel Prize-winning leaders could not resolve, despite pressure from U.S. President Jimmy Carter and his secretary of state, Cyrus Vance.

Why? Because, as Mr. Armstrong told Prime Minister Menachem Begin, Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, leader of the opposition Labor Party Shimon Peres and others, man has been operating on a "get" rather than a "give" principle—a "get" principle that must surely lead to a breakdown of negotiations and to more violence, more conflict, more greed, more hatred and unhappiness, not only in Israel and in Cairo, but in the entire world.

What are the specific differences that have appeared since the Camp David accords—accords that led the Nobel prize committee to award jointly to President Sadat and Prime Minister Begin the Nobel Peace Prize for 1978? There are many specific differences, but all involve one major point: Does Egypt intend to enter into a *real* peace treaty with its neighbor Israel? Naturally, when the representatives of the two parties be-

gan to negotiate some months ago, they were justifiably concerned with the bona fide intentions of their counterparts. Many treaties between nations have been broken in a summary and unilateral fashion, and the resulting havoc has cost the lives of multiple millions.

Israel has been concerned from the beginning that any peace treaty must be entered into with the utmost good faith by the government of Egypt. Under no circumstances can Israel consent to giving up territories in the Suez and the West Bank (in addition to the Gaza Strip) unless the treaty with Egypt would have precedence over any prior obligations of the Egyptian government to neighboring states. Treaties do exist that call for Egyptian participation in the event other Arab states should enter into armed conflict with Israel.

The Israelis claim that the Egyptians have failed to make it apparent to all that a peace treaty with Israel would take precedence over all other existing treaties, limiting Egypt's obligations to its Arab neighbors under those treaties to situations where Israel is "the aggressor." But, the Israeli experience has been, and the world must remember, that Israel when attacked has been labeled by those attacking and others in the United Nations as the aggressor, despite all evidence to the contrary.

Israel knows that it cannot afford to lose its security in exchange for empty promises. Israel also knows that it cannot afford to lose even one war. Hence, all the more reason for the Israelis to be concerned that the Egyptians mean to enter into a real peace treaty, not a treaty of "non-peace."

We wonder how much, if at all, these various leaders of the beleaguered State of Israel, in their efforts to find a just, equitable and real peace with their neighbors, will heed Mr. Armstrong's warning that only the "give" principle will produce the results they so eagerly have anticipated for 31 years.

Only God's laws, laws based upon love of God and love of neighbor, will permit what all people of goodwill so avidly yearn for—peace and prosperity, health and happiness for people everywhere. □

Personal from...

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we'd be glad to put you on. What week would you like?"

"Next week," I answered promptly.

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But where was I going to find the \$2.50 per week? I sent a letter to a small number, mostly converted and baptized from my preaching. It was the BOTTOM of the Great Depression. They were going to try to contribute half of the \$2.50 per week. I went ahead, trusting God on faith, to supply the other half.

That program started the first Sunday in January 1934. One of the most important things about the broadcast was that it gave me the chance, at long last, to acquire subscribers for my dream magazine. Incidentally, *The World Tomorrow* program has not missed a broadcast in all these years. But I still had no money to publish my dream magazine.

Necessity, it is said, is the mother of invention. I went to the Eugene office of the A. B. Dick Company, which sold mimeograph equipment. I bought stencils and asked if they would let me use their mimeograph. I had to use the most inexpensive paper. At a cost of less than \$5.00, I "printed" on the borrowed mimeograph machine volume 1, number 1 of *The Plain Truth*. Circulation was less than 350 copies.

I offered it, gratis, to radio listen-

ers. The first issue came out by February 1. Before another month went by, the salesman at the A. B. Dick office had come up with an old antiquated ancestor of the mimeograph, which I could buy for \$10. Somehow that amount of money came in. That machine was an old Neostyle, but an even older model than the one pictured on this month's front cover.

The words printed in that first issue of my "magazine" are still those that go to the world of 1979—only *more so*. It stated: "We live today in the most tenuous hours of earth's history. Today we stand on the very threshold of colossal events that will stagger the mind of mortal man." *We did! We still do!* Only, the worst is yet to come—to be followed by the WONDERFUL WORLD TOMORROW—A WORLD OF PEACE, universal prosperity and eternal life offered to all!

I'm not sure I could have said "MISSION IMPOSSIBLE" *accomplished*—as yet. It was a real struggle, and a test of FAITH, to keep both the radio broadcast and *The Plain Truth* going.

But faith plus determined effort was rewarded. We have never in these many years failed to stay on the air. Rather, by 1942, we started *daily* radio broadcasting.

We did have to miss a few months, along the way, in publishing *The Plain Truth*.

Meanwhile, tremendous changes have occurred in world events. In the past three or four years the thrones of nations have been overturned on the average of one a month. This was definitely foretold in biblical prophecy. God said, in Haggai 2:21-22: "Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying, I will shake the heavens and the earth; and I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms, and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the heathen..." That is happening NOW!

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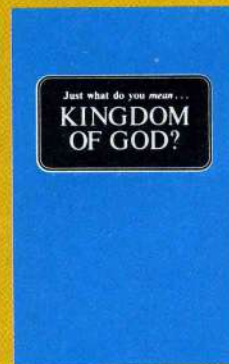
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CELEBRATION

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He further declared, "I'm interested in people as they really are—and could become . . . the quiet heroism of ordinary people coping, healing, teaching. The unknown best and brightest in a billion corners of the earth—unknown because good news isn't news."

In the months that followed, an enormous amount of work was done—including a title change. Market research showed that the title—*Human Potential*—would tend to attract a psychology-oriented, intellectually elite audience (as do *Psychology Today* and *Human Behavior*). The market we desire would transcend this influential but limited stratum of society.

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The very first issue featured the fantastic climb of Mt. Everest in our bicentennial year by eleven young Americans—nine men and two women. *Quest/79* urges its readers to reach the heights by picturing the human spirit at its best. In the January/February issue of *Quest/78*, Virginia Wade told us how she conquered herself and won Wimbledon in 1977. She expounded on the enormous effort and single-mindedness it took to effect a change in something so profound as her basic self.

One of the primary reasons for the existence of *Quest/79* is to report on people who exercise their gifts and talents to the fullest possible extent. The pursuit of excellence is catching! Readers who are constantly inundated with a daily diet of downbeat, cynical and doomsday news from the normal channels in the media sorely need this source of positive inspiration.

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the church and the college have derived enormous benefits from its activities purely as a matter of spin-off. Almost unwittingly the foundation has enhanced the church's ability to do good works and to spread goodwill throughout the world.

Let me explain candidly and forthrightly. Mr. Armstrong and the members of the Worldwide Church of God practice what we call "the give way of life," as opposed to the way of getting. The church sponsors the college as an educational, cultural and character-building institution. As a body we have always desired to contribute to the cultural and character upbuilding of the communities in which our campuses were located, as an integral part of our civic responsibility.

The concert series sponsored by the AICF has made Ambassador College and the Worldwide Church of God household names throughout Southern California. Thousands who would otherwise never have come to the campus either want to know more about "the give way of life" now or will be more receptive to that knowledge at some point in the future. The stature of the artists who perform in Ambassador Auditorium lends prestige to us, and the community is visibly benefited by our presence. But that is only part of the story.

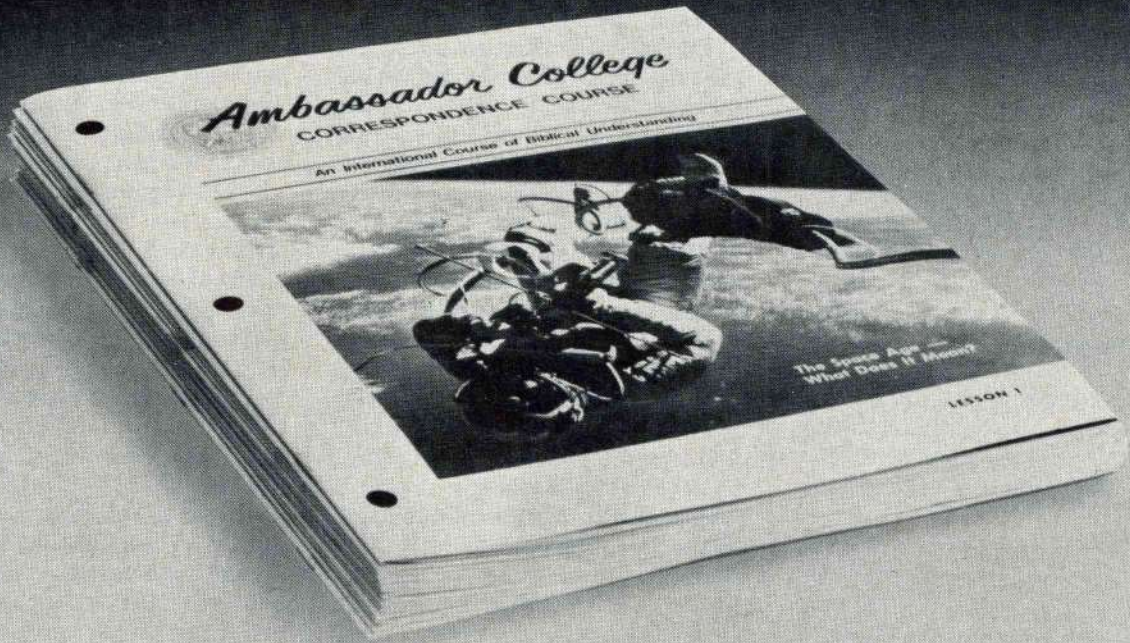
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