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"I have nothing to offer but blood,
toil, tears and sweat."

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The late Sir Winston Churchill, Britain's wartime prime minister, displayed like no other man in our time the qualities of decisive and courageous leadership (see article beginning on page 12). In time of desperate need, he was able to rally his nation to action, winning its confidence and that of the entire free world. His incomparable career has earned him a place among the great leaders of all time.

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Personal from...

Basil Wolverton

A Tribute to Basil Wolverton

How many of you will endure till the very end? Many have dropped off already. But Basil Wolverton endured through every trial and persecution to the very end!

One day, about 1936, I received a neatly typed letter from artist Basil Wolverton.

He had been very angry with me. He said he heard me on radio. What I said angered him, because it was so different from what he believed, yet he could not prove me wrong.

He said he was determined to tune me in again, and the next time he felt sure he would be able to refute me. But, after listening in the second time, he was angered more than ever, but still unable to prove me false.

He listened a third time. Same experience. This time he began checking what he heard on radio with his Bible. He, like I had some ten years before, became astounded to see in his own Bible truths diametrically opposite to what he had believed—and wanted to believe.

I was quite impressed with his letter. My wife Loma and I visited him and his wife Honor in their almost new but comparatively small home in Vancouver,

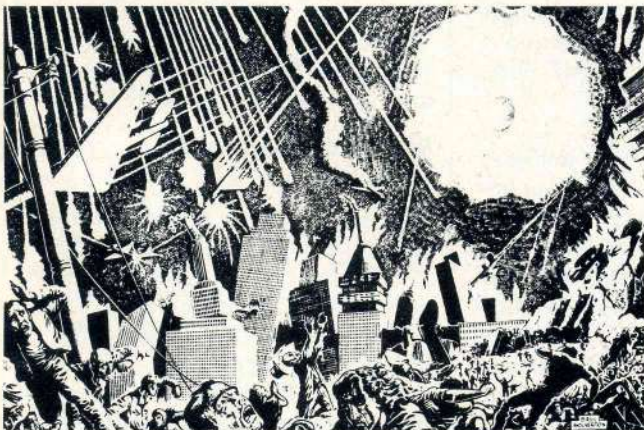
Washington. Immediately a warm friendship generated that never lapsed.

Soon they were both baptized. As the weeks and months whisked by, a small church was raised up in Portland, and one in Vancouver. In due time Mr. Wolverton was ordained a local elder.

After the headquarters of the Work was moved to Pasadena, problems developed in the small groups meeting every Sabbath in Portland and Vancouver. I think that for a time they all had to meet at one place, instead of the two neighboring cities. After the broadcasting and *Plain Truth* publishing grew to national scope, we ran into difficulties because there was no minister to deliver sermons at Portland and Vancouver.

It was especially during these difficult years that Basil Wolverton's loyalty, dedication, and perseverance saved the church in that area. Mr. Wolverton was a nationally known artist—not a preacher. *(Continued on page 39)*

BASIL WOLVERTON is known for his artwork depicting the calamitous prophecies to be fulfilled in the end time, left, and The Bible Story, a six-volume series describing Old Testament stories such as Noah and the flood, center and right.



Part Eight:

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

Previous installments in this series of articles included Proof One: Who and What is God?; Proof Two: The Government of God and Creation of Holy, Righteous Character; Proof Three: What and Why Is Man?; Proof Four: The Truth About Israel; Proof Five: The True Gospel; and Proof Six: What and Why the Church? This month we present the concluding installment.

Proof Seven:

THE REIGN OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD

How incongruous! The churches calling themselves "Christian" do not know that the true gospel is the GOOD NEWS OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD. They know nothing of what the earth will be like under the rule of the KINGDOM OF GOD!

They know nothing of the only GOOD NEWS in today's world—of the

world's only and sure HOPE!

Don't laugh at the word "utopia"! It is regarded in today's troubled world as an impractical, impossible JOKE! Webster's dictionary defines it: "an imaginary and indefinitely remote place; a place of ideal perfection, especially in laws, government and social conditions; an impractical scheme for social improvement."

Jesus Christ was no impractical dreamer. His gospel was the GOOD NEWS that a coming UTOPIA is REAL—it is SURE!

Stop and THINK! WHY should it be impossible to have ideal perfection—in laws, government and social conditions?

WHY?

"Human nature," you answer? Yes, but as shown in a previous installment, human nature was NOT created in us by GOD—was NOT born in us. It has been injected into humans by the "prince of the POWER OF THE AIR," Satan, who is so powerful that he surcharges the air with his morbid attitude of gloom, resentment, rebellion, selfishness, vanity,

strife. Satan broadcasts in self-centered attitudes, and the "human" spirit in every human is tuned in on his wavelength! Thus Satan is now actually WORKING IN the people of this disobedience (Ephesians 2:2).

But when the glorified CHRIST comes in supreme POWER and GLORY to rule all nations, Satan will be totally restrained from humanity. ALL will be called to salvation and eternal life—and, as God's people now are, will become partakers of the divine nature! (II Peter 1:4).

"Human nature" will be GONE! The earth will be as full of the knowledge of the Eternal as the ocean beds are full of water (Isaiah 11:9).

Science's Postulate of the Future

World-famous scientists foresee three possibilities for the future.

1) Some optimists think we shall soon have the magic push-button century 21—with such an array of gadgetry produced by technology that human labor will be all but eliminated, and the world shall be en-

tranced and bedazzled by material technology. But, of course, this would not rid us of human nature. Crime would escalate, family life would break down completely, morals would sink even lower—if possible!

2) We shall have more and more evils, and, with nuclear power and other means of mass destruction, humanity will soon be erased from the earth.

3) Some say the world's only hope, now, to escape cosmocide is to form one gigantic world government, controlling the only military power and weaponry—yet in the same breath they admit the impossibility of it. WHO would sit on the throne RULING the world? The United States and Europe would never accept a Communist in supreme command. The Communists would never accept an American or Western European.

WHY?—yes, WHY should we have a world where more than half of all its people live in illiteracy, abject poverty, filth and squalor, racked with diseases and pains and without hope? WHY?—when the human mind can produce the marvels of technology, the computer, send men to the moon and back, transmit photographs from the surface of Mars and Jupiter to the earth?

Can't we realize there has to be a CAUSE for all these evils—and that the GREAT MAJESTIC GOD has power to eradicate the causes and usher in a REAL utopia?

Don't sell God short!

The Two Alternatives

Let's face it! Right now there are two alternatives. Either there does exist the living almighty GOD of supreme mind and power, who will very soon intervene and SAVE HUMANITY FROM ITSELF, or else HUMAN EXTINCTION is now imminent!

There is no other alternative!

But thank God, there *is* the GOOD NEWS of the soon-coming PEACEFUL, HAPPY WORLD TOMORROW!

When the supreme Creator-RULER comes again to earth, already crowned as KING of kings, in supreme POWER and GLORY and all the holy angels with Him, the Gentile nations actually will FIGHT to resist Him!

But "... their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth" (Zechariah 14:12).

The living CHRIST is coming to RULE WITH DIVINE FORCE! And one of His first acts will be to depose Satan! The CAUSE of the world's evils will be removed!

Jesus, after His resurrection, ascended to heaven, in clouds taking Him up out of sight. He shall return in clouds.

The mighty Lord shall descend with a SHOUT!—with the voice of the archangel and the trumpet of God. The dead in Christ shall rise in a glorious resurrection to SPIRIT IMMORTALITY! The living *in* Christ shall then be caught up in the air with them, *changed* to spirit immortality—to MEET the descending Lord in the air (I Thessalonians 4:16-17).

Christ's feet shall stand that same day on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem (Zechariah 14:4). The immortal saints shall be continually with the Lord—reigning with and under Him from Jerusalem over all nations!

With Satan gone, the KINGDOM OF GOD shall be set up in power. Everyone whom God has *called* out of this world of Satan's has been called to a special mission *preparing for this Kingdom!*

The GOVERNMENT OF GOD will be restored, worldwide! The humans left on earth will be ruled over. No mortal humans will rule—only those who PREPARED and QUALIFIED to rule during their earthly life after receiving God's Spirit.

The Government Organization

God has *not* revealed in specific detail how His government will be organized. He does reveal that it shall be government from the TOP down. Christ will be KING of kings over all nations. It is specifically revealed that King David of ancient Judah, resurrected, shall be king over the nations descended from the 12 tribes of ancient Israel (Ezekiel 34:23; 37:24-25; Jeremiah 30:9). Jesus Himself revealed that the 12 original apostles shall sit on 12 thrones, each

ruling one of these nations (Matthew 19:28; Luke 22:30).

As a theocracy, with government from the top down, it also is revealed that God the Father is the supreme LAWGIVER, and head over Christ and therefore ABOVE ALL. The Kingdom of God is the FAMILY OF GOD—and the Father is supreme head over His family!

Jesus Christ is coming as KING of kings *and* LORD of lords, so the Kingdom of God shall combine church and state, as did ancient Israel—with Christ earthly King and LORD.

NOTE WELL THIS PRINCIPLE: In a world *cut off* from God, God has called out of the world those predestinated. And in every instance the call has been to a definite DUTY, and also in every case that duty has been ONE PREPARING FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

God called Abraham. All the PROMISES of our eternal salvation were given to Abraham, and we inherit them from the fact Abraham is the "father of the faithful." This reveals that Abraham will have higher position in the Kingdom than David. He will be NEXT UNDER CHRIST.

Then again, the Scriptures use the phrase "Abraham, Isaac and Jacob," grouping them together as a team. All the PROMISES were repromised also to Isaac and to Jacob. This indicates they shall be a headquarters TEAM—next under Christ—over both church and state, with Abraham chairman of the team. In Luke 13:28, Jesus said definitely that Abraham, Isaac and Jacob shall be in that glorified Kingdom.

One Government Over All

When the KINGDOM—the divine FAMILY of God—reigns on earth, it shall be the ONE GOVERNMENT over ALL nations. There shall be ONE God, ONE government, ONE religion.

In the transfiguration vision, Peter, James and John saw Christ transformed into the GLORIFIED Christ, His face shining as the sun (Matthew 17:1-7), and with Him in the Kingdom Moses and Elijah. These two, in the vision, represented the offices of church and state.

Both Moses and Elijah, in their
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Matthew Naythons—Liaison

AND NOW... BIG TROUBLE CLOSE TO HOME FOR AMERICA

Marxist-dominated Sandinista revolutionaries have seized power in Nicaragua; Cuban influence is growing in the islands of the eastern Caribbean; Panama takes over the Canal Zone on October 1—peacefully or not. No wonder U.S. policy makers are deeply concerned over what is occurring throughout the vast Caribbean basin, an area of enormous importance to America's security.

by Gene H. Hogberg

Cursed shall you be when you come in, and cursed shall you be when you go out" (Deuteronomy 28:19). What better description could there be of the mounting dilemmas confronting the United States?

America is a nation adrift, confused, virtually leaderless, stumbling and careening from one crisis to the next. On the home front, the list of ills are legion, compounded by an all-pervasive energy crisis that threatens to grind the American economy to a halt.

In the international arena, the United States, traumatized as a result of Vietnam and fearful of projecting its power, appears afraid to act. Washington is a source of great

wonderment to both friend and foe alike.

Distruſted Everywhere

In the Middle East, for example, Washington is caught squarely in the middle of the rapidly worsening Palestinian crisis. (Read the article "The Struggle for Palestine," beginning on page 7 of this issue.) American attempts to achieve peace have backfired.

In Western Europe, key American allies are gravely concerned over their future security needs in the wake of the SALT II nuclear arms pact between the Soviet Union and the United States. (The SALT II treaty has yet to be ratified by the U.S. Senate.) The terms of SALT II

in no way limit the growing Soviet arsenal targeted against West European cities, but place restrictions on the transfer of U.S. technology and hardware to its European allies.

Officials in West Germany, France and other key allies are also deeply disturbed over America's undiminished energy appetite. They have little confidence that Mr. Carter's energy program—a bureaucratic monstrosity if ever there was one—will lift America out of its energy quagmire.

This deepening concern regarding the future direction of the United States is far more critical than most Americans dare realize. Edmund Stillman, the founder and director of Hudson Research Europe, Ltd., wrote in the *New York Times* of May



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4, 1978: "The new European fear is that America cannot cope—that muddle and failure in Vietnam, the sordid (if ill-understood) drama of Watergate . . . the profligacy of energy policy; the pettiness of repeated refusal to contemplate international monetary reform . . . all these attest to a sudden and, to Europeans, inexplicable loss of self-mastery."

But this loss of self-mastery is not "inexplicable." America is on the way down!—and there is a fundamental reason why.

Simply put, the people and leaders of the United States no longer enjoy the protection of the God who enabled their nation to gain unprecedented wealth, world power and prestige (Deuteronomy 8:17-18). Scandalous national sins—ingratitude, divorce, crime (especially juvenile violence), drug addiction, the sanctioning of homosexuality, to name but a few—have at last, after over 200 years of national well-being, cut America off from the Source of her national greatness.

God's message to America today is: "And as the Lord took delight in doing you good and multiplying you, so the Lord will take delight in bringing ruin upon you and destroying you" (Deuteronomy 28:63).

Trouble on Doorstep

With growing problems overseas, the United States can ill afford to have

trouble on its own doorstep. Yet that is what is happening now.

Generally friendly relations with Latin American countries have traditionally permitted the U.S. to enjoy considerable hemispheric security with a minimum use of military resources.

In a very real sense, God has, up until now, "hedged America in." The oceans on both sides have acted as huge protective buffers. Kept out by the imposition of the Monroe Doctrine, no major competing powers or ideologies had, until recently, been permitted to take root in the Western Hemisphere.

But this is no longer the case.

"I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard," God prophesied in Isaiah 5:5. This vineyard, as verse 7 explains, is the "house of Israel." (In his recent series in *The Plain Truth*, Editor-in-Chief Herbert W. Armstrong identified the United States and the British people as being the primary modern-day descendants of the House of Israel.)

Notice now, continuing in verse 5: "I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down."

Why will these protective ramparts be removed? In the latter part of verse 7, God says He "looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for

REVOLUTIONARY SANDINISTA FLAG flies over war-ravaged Leon, Nicaragua (far left). Tomas Borge Martinez (near left), a Cuban-trained Marxist, is Nicaragua's new Interior Minister. Trouble could come when Panama gains sovereignty over American-run Canal Zone on October 1. The hand of Cuba's Fidel Castro (above) is found everywhere in escalating Caribbean turmoil.

righteousness, but behold, a cry!"

The first breach in hemispheric security occurred in 1959 when Cuba was overrun by Communist revolutionaries led by Fidel Castro.

The American attempt in 1961 to unseat Castro's government—the notorious "Bay of Pigs" invasion—was an abysmal failure. A recent report on the invasion described it as "a disturbing story of confusion at top levels of government and complicated plans drawn up in haste, changed at the last minute and executed badly by military amateurs" (*U.S. News and World Report*, August 13, 1979).

God was no longer fighting America's battles!

Ever since that time, Communist Cuba—with a population of less than 10 million people—has been a grievous thorn in America's side, especially painful since U.S. pride in its military power (Leviticus 26:19) was dealt a crushing blow in Vietnam.

In 1975 Cuba exported her revolutionary zeal to Africa, where her soldiers gained great prestige among Third World nations allied against U.S. interests.

And now, finally, Cuba's seeds of revolution have begun to sprout all over the Americas.

First Domino: Nicaragua

The recent victory of the Cuban-supported Sandinista rebels in Nicaragua is a portent of a great upheaval to occur throughout Central America and the Caribbean area.

In Nicaragua, the Marxists are not in complete control—yet. The Sandinistas are split into three main factions—but the most powerful is the Marxist pro-Cuban group. In four days in Havana last March, Fidel Castro is said to have personally spent 48 hours with the leaders, helping them hammer out a workable alliance.

The dominant Communists in the movement are clever, too. They will be cautious about tipping their ideological hand. Reconstruction of war-torn Nicaragua will take four to five billion dollars, much of it expected to come from the United States (Cuba and Russia can't afford it!).

Gullible Washington will probably come across with the money—hoping it can win the favor of the moderates. Meanwhile, the revolutionary junta is nationalizing practically every important industry in the country, but will allow some freedom for foreign private banks and small businesses in order to maintain a non-Communist facade.

At the same time, Cuba is stepping up the training of Communist guerrillas in El Salvador and Guatemala, the latter country now left very much exposed by its open pro-U.S. stance. (Woe be to any country trusting in America these days!)

Mr. Carter has so far resisted pleas for more arms by the governments of Guatemala and El Salvador to control the rebel movements. Most U.S. weapons sales to those countries have been cut off to protest alleged human-rights abuses, as they were earlier to the Nicaraguan National Guard.

Washington's "human-rights"

policy is therefore in danger of becoming completely unstuck. All that it is accomplishing is to give Castro a free hand to train and arm the side he prefers in each conflict. The end result? An authoritarian government is ousted in favor of a Marxist one aligned to Havana and Moscow—and one generally seething in hatred toward the United States.

Central America "Going Red"

On July 24, shortly after the Sandinistas came to power, President Carter declared over prime-time television: "I do not attribute all the change in Nicaragua to Cuba." A few days earlier, however, a U.S. intelligence report revealed that Julian Lopez, a ranking official of the Cuban secret police (DGI), had played a key role in masterminding the Sandinista takeover.

This information—not released to the public—also fits another piece of intelligence that has finally come to light: Command elements of a Soviet brigade have been inside Cuba since the mid-1970s. At least 2,000 Soviet military personnel (some believe the number could be as high as 6,000) are on the island at the present time.

In a shrewd swap arrangement, Soviet pilots have also assumed responsibility for Cuba's air defenses, thus freeing up Cuban pilots for Russia's service in Angola, Ethiopia, Afghanistan and elsewhere.

"While intensification of Soviet-Cuban interests in the Caribbean is either ignored or overlooked by [President] Carter," report columnists Roland Evans and Robert Novak, "its meaning is well understood by his own professional analysts in national security and intelligence: Central America is going Red.

"Only the time, not the eventual outcome, is in question, unless there is a reversal of U.S. policy.

"Specifically, the President's most sophisticated advisers do not doubt that, sooner or later, the Sandinista regime will be overtly Communist. Present cordiality from Managua is like Fidel Castro's smiles in 1959, an effort to shake down Uncle Sam before the true colors are shown.

"Nor is there any doubt about what's next on the agenda: Extension of the Soviet-Cuban thrust into El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras over an undefined but probably protracted period. However slowly, Central American dominoes are falling."

The Cuban government has been very astute in disguising its heavy hand in the government-toppling business, so as not to overly antagonize Washington. Havana still hopes for closer economic ties with Washington, especially the lifting of the two-decades-old U.S. trade embargo.

In the case of Nicaragua, Cuba shipped supplies of Russian AK-47 rifles, machine guns, mortars and anti-aircraft weapons to Sandinista staging grounds in Costa Rica aboard Panamanian air force planes.

Islands to Fall Also?

American officials fear that if the so-called "domino theory" prevails in Central America, the upheaval may spread to the tiny, independent islands that form the eastern rim of the Caribbean basin.

Many of these small, yet overpopulated mini-states are ripe for revolutionary overthrows. Nearly all of them are facing bleak economic futures, with rising unemployment. The pullout over the last decade or so by Britain—the colonial power which ruled most of them—has left a power vacuum. Cuba, for one, is anxious to fill it.

The roots of Washington's concern in the eastern Caribbean island chain go back to the March 13 coup that overthrew the government of Grenada and put a self-proclaimed "radical-leftist" regime in control of that tiny (population 106,000) republic.

Grenada's new government insists that it is neither Communist nor a Cuban satellite. But, in a move that sent tremors through the White House and State Department, it immediately turned to Havana for arms, military advisers and other aid.

Since then, an island-hopping ripple effect has inspired other leftist

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THE STRUGGLE FOR PALESTINE

The most complex and crucial issue of all in the Middle East today is the fate of the Palestinian Arabs and the West Bank. It is an explosive issue which will not go away.

by Keith W. Stump

In an interview last July, Saudi Arabia's Oil Minister Sheik Ahmed Zaki Yamani warned that the United States must be pre-

pared to "face the consequences"—meaning a cutoff of Mideast oil—unless it acts quickly to pressure Israel to allow the creation of a Pales-

tinian homeland on the occupied West Bank of the Jordan River.

Yamani observed that "the Palestinians are growing ever more des-

perate, and I wouldn't be surprised if one day they sank one or two supertankers in the Strait of Hormuz to force the world to do something about their plight and Israel's obstinacy. This would block the channel through which pass 19 to 20 million barrels daily. This would make the present [energy] crisis seem like child's play."

This is just one of many possible ramifications of the still unsolved "Palestinian question," the subject of current negotiations by Israel, Egypt and the United States. Far from being a remote concern of only regional significance, the Palestinian dilemma could well become in the near future an issue which will impact in a very real way on the daily lives of millions the world over.

The emotional, highly charged issue is seen by many as the crux of the Middle East conflict, and possibly the most explosive issue in the world today. Experts agree that no genuine peace will be seen in the Middle East until the question is somehow resolved.

Who are the Palestinians? What do they want? What lies behind the decades-old controversy? An understanding of the Palestinian question is vital to a full comprehension of the Middle East situation.

Two Nationalisms

At the heart of the conflict is the clash of two intense nationalisms over the same territory. And both sides are certain they are "right."

Palestine—so named by Roman Emperor Hadrian after the Philistines who lived there in biblical times—was the homeland of the ancient Israelites. The Jews or "House of Judah"—the tribes of Judah, Benjamin and Levi—inhabited territory only in the southern portion of the region, with capital at Jerusalem. The ten northern Israelitish tribes, headed by Ephraim, were called the "House of Israel," with capital at Samaria.

Israelis commonly refer to the disputed 2000-square-mile West Bank of the Jordan River as "Judea and Samaria," the biblical names for the region. Despite the fact that the ancient Jews never occupied "Samaria," religious Jews today consider the

Bible to be their title deed to *all* of Palestine, their "Holy Land." Some 60 Israeli settlements with a combined population of over 8,000 have been established on the West Bank. These settlements are bitterly resented by the native Arab inhabitants of the area, who see them as "imperialism" by "expansionist" Israel. Israeli settlers and Palestinian Arabs frequently clash over the establishment of new settlements.

The Palestinian Arabs also have religious and historical interests in the area. The Palestinians are those Arabs who are native to the West Bank and to much of the territory which is now the State of Israel. Palestine has been Arab in language and culture for some 1300 years, having been wrested from the Byzantine

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Empire in A.D. 640 by the Moslem armies of Caliph Omar. Many Palestinian families can trace their lineages back for over a millennium on that soil, their forefathers having farmed it for dozens of generations.

Yet Palestine has never been a separate, independent Arab entity. From being a province of the Omayyad and Abbasid caliphs, the region passed into the hands of various invaders, ultimately becoming part of the Ottoman Empire until Turkey's defeat in World War I.

From 1922 to 1948 the inhabitants of Palestine—both Jew and Arab—were ruled under British mandate. Following the failure of the 1947 U.N. Partition Resolution, which would have divided the Holy Land into a Jewish state and an Arab state, Jordan seized the West Bank and

East Jerusalem with the stated purpose of defending the Palestinian Arabs, large numbers of whom were displaced from their traditional homes during the Jew-Arab fighting. West Bank Palestinians lived under Jordan rule until 1967, when Israel seized that region, along with Syria's Golan Heights and formerly Egyptian Gaza and the Sinai Peninsula.

Today there are some 3.5 million Palestinians throughout the Middle East, roughly half of them in Israel and the occupied territories and half of them in nearby Arab nations, many in often squalid refugee camps. Some 700,000 Palestinians live in the Israeli-occupied West Bank alone, 450,000 in the Gaza Strip on Israel's opposite flank, and 500,000 in Israel itself.

Most Palestinians are Moslems, but a sizable number—between 15 and 20 percent—are Christian. Palestinians are considered the most industrious of the Arabs, and have an educational level far above the Arab world's average. They fill key professional and administrative positions in many Arab countries.

Autonomy or Sovereignty?

The framework for peace negotiated at Camp David in September 1978 stipulated that the Palestinian people must be able to take part in the determination of their own future. Egypt, Israel and the United States agreed that negotiations on self-government for the 1.2 million Palestinians living in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza were to be completed within a year, beginning last May. The Camp David accords call for a five-year period of Palestinian self-rule and negotiations to determine the final status of the region after the period comes to an end.

But just what "self-rule" means is hotly disputed by the parties involved. The contradictory interpretations are at the heart of the ongoing controversy.

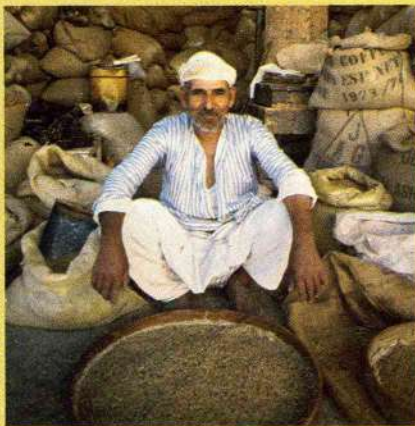
Egypt—negotiating for the Palestinians, but without their authorization—wants a firm political commitment from Israel that the West Bank and Gaza will attain true self-government, leading eventually to the creation of a sovereign Palestinian state.



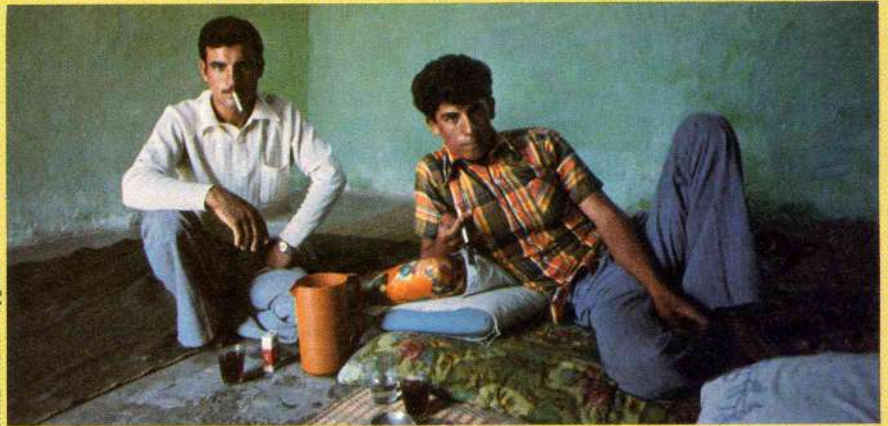
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LIFE AMONG A DISPLACED PEOPLE

Counterclockwise from top: Palestinian youths in training at a PLO camp in Syria; a Palestinian coffee merchant displays his beans to passersby; making bread in a West Bank Palestinian bakery; Palestinian women tend crops on the West Bank; two unemployed Palestinian farm laborers wait for work.



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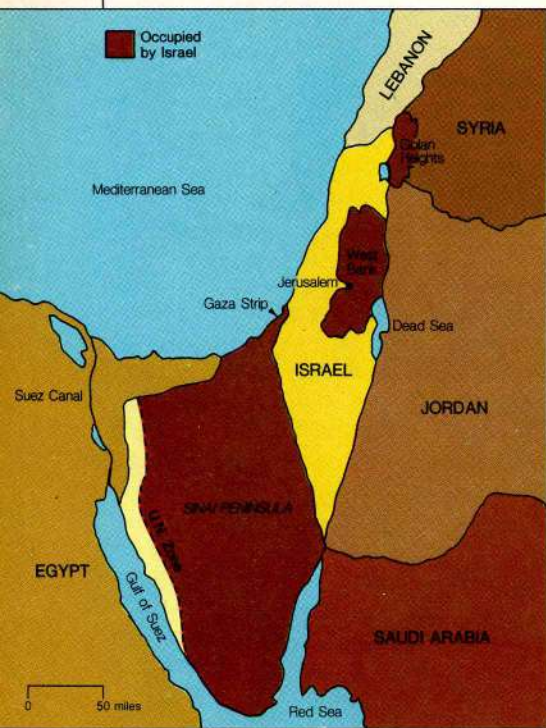
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ISRAELI-OCCUPIED territories include West Bank and Gaza Strip, heavily populated by Palestinians.

The Israelis say no. Israel asserts that the “full autonomy” agreed to at Camp David for the West Bank-Gaza region is for the Arab *inhabitants* of those areas, not for the territories themselves. Israel demands ultimate sovereignty over the occupied areas.

“What I must make clear, and what must be understood from the outset,” said Israeli Interior Minister Yosef Burg, chairman of the Israeli negotiating team, at the first session of the autonomy talks in Beersheba in southern Israel last May, “is that autonomy does not and cannot imply sovereignty. . . . We must by definition reject *a priori* an independent Palestinian statehood.”

The reason for this Israeli position? “It [a Palestinian state] would be the certain prescription for violence and war,” Burg maintained. “Indeed it would be a mortal danger to Israel and a grave peril to the whole free world. . . . No hostile element or agent or force dare control the heartland of this land to threaten the lives of its city dwellers and villagers and thereby hold a knife to the jugular vein of Israel.”

Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin has himself declared that there will “never under any circumstances” arise a Palestinian state in the occupied territories, viewing the West Bank as a vital buffer against attacks by Arab armies and Palestinian guerrillas.

What, then, does Israel offer? Israel proposes that the Arab inhabitants of the West Bank and Gaza shall exercise control over their own daily lives and affairs—such as health, schools and social welfare—through a self-elected Arab administrative council. Israel, however, would continue its military occupation of the region.

This offer, however, does not tempt even most Palestinian moderates, much less Palestinian extremists. Most Palestinians demand *total* Israeli withdrawal and self-determination in a full-fledged, independent state of their own. Studies indicate that a West Bank-Gaza state could eventually sustain up to 4 million people if properly industrialized and urbanized.

Some Palestinians would prefer some sort of federation of the new Palestinian state with Jordan, which is predominantly Palestinian in composition. But the common denominator is a Palestinian desire for immediate removal of all Israeli forces and the “illegal” civilian settlements from the West Bank and Gaza areas, and the establishment of a national “homeland” of their own. Palestinians cite the Fourth Geneva Convention, which states that “the occupying power [in this case, Israel] shall not . . . transfer parts of its own civilian population into the territory it occupies.”

Palestinians assert that current Israeli proposals for limited self-rule are only a device for perpetuating Israeli control—a “fig leaf” for continued Israeli occupation. They say that they have “had it” with what they see as Israel’s “high-handed,” “oppressive” and “arbitrary” administration of the occupied areas, which includes frequent security checks and body searches, curfews, roadblocks, confiscation and expropriation of private Arab land and detention without trial. Palestinians want an identity,

an elected government and a nation of their own. The autonomy plan, they say, would just legitimize the Israeli occupation.

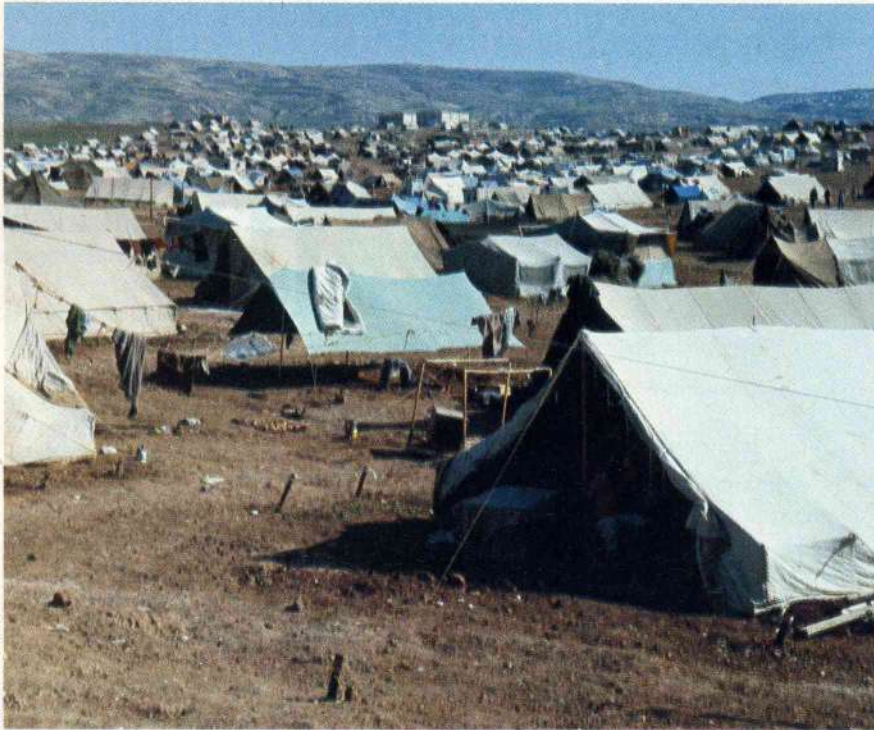
Consequently, West Bank-Gaza Arabs have been unwilling to participate in autonomy talks with Egypt, Israel and the United States. “You have invited us to dinner at a pot that is empty, and we won’t eat,” declared one West Bank mayor. “We are not boycotting the talks,” he explains, “but no Palestinians will take part in the West Bank talks until there is the proper basis on which to talk.” “No to autonomy” is a frequently heard slogan on the West Bank.

Palestinians also demand that East Jerusalem (the “Old City”) be returned to Arab sovereignty. They see it as the capital of their hoped-for state. But again, Israel has declared it will never agree to a divided Jerusalem—the “eternal capital” of the Jewish state. Some analysts have suggested the implementation of some sort of borough plan as a solution. Each borough would be a separately administered, independent unit within an overall united city framework in which Jews, Moslems and Christians would enjoy free access to their holy places and unrestricted movement within the city as a whole. But this and other plans (such as the “internationalization” of the city) have thus far been rejected.

The PLO

The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), founded in East Jerusalem in 1964, is officially recognized by the Arab nations and much of the world at large as the “sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people”—a kind of shadow government of their hoped-for state. Though the organization’s legitimacy was once strongly challenged, it is now generally felt that the PLO is accepted by the vast majority of the Palestinian community. Even the moderate West Bank Arab mayors—though they would prefer more negotiating and less saber rattling—view Yasser Arafat (see photo on page 6), the PLO chairman, as without question their “leader.”

Once regarded as primarily an Arab terrorist group notorious for



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PALESTINIAN REFUGEES, displaced from traditional homes, live in camps (such as the one at left) in the Israeli-occupied territories and in neighboring Arab countries. At right: a Palestinian youth practices assembling a rifle at a PLO training camp in Syria. PLO officials work with refugees, distributing food and medicine and giving military training to youths.

skyjackings and other acts of international terror, the PLO has become a bit more “respectable” in recent years. International recognition has reduced the need for headline-grabbing violence. Most Palestinians, of course, have never participated in acts of terrorism.

Even the Palestinian guerrillas themselves—in Arabic, the *fedayeen*—resent their characterization as “terrorists,” viewing themselves instead as “patriots” and “freedom fighters” in their “mass struggle for liberation.” They point to Israeli Prime Minister Begin’s career as leader of the underground guerrilla organization *Irgun* in the anti-British days—an organization which committed acts of terrorism and assassination against the British, whom it regarded as illegal occupiers. Palestinians often cite the April 1948 *Irgun* attack on Deir Yassin, near Jerusalem, in which 254 defenseless Arabs—including many women and children—were murdered. Criticism of the PLO, Palestinians assert, is hypocritical in the absence of equal censure of Begin

and of current Israeli actions, such as Israel’s raids on civilian targets in southern Lebanon.

Headquartered in Beirut, the PLO is an “umbrella” organization encompassing many diverse Palestinian groups. The largest, best armed and best organized of the guerrilla groups is *Al Fatah* (Conquest), a force of some 20,000 headed by Arafat. Another major faction, to the left of Fatah, is the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), a Marxist group headed by Dr. George Habash which has been responsible for some of the most notorious Palestinian terror acts.

The PLO is plagued by serious internal divisions. The infighting—often violent—among radical guerrilla hardliners, moderates and “doves” is the result of differences in approach to the question of how to deal with Israel—from coexistence to the total annihilation of the Jewish state.

The PLO receives major financial support from Saudi Arabia and other oil states. Other strong allies include Syria, Iraq and Algeria. Palestinian groups have also been draw-

ing closer to Libya of late. Libya is said to have pledged to eventually supply ground-to-air missiles and other sophisticated weapons to the Palestinians at the recent Palestinian-Libyan conference in Tripoli.

A de facto truce currently exists between the PLO and King Hussein of Jordan, whose Bedouin troops killed some 5,000 Palestinian guerrillas during the 1970-71 Jordanian civil war and expelled thousands more. Hussein now recognizes the PLO’s leadership role, but still envisions the possibility of some sort of eventual federal union between Jordan and a Palestinian state.

Striking a Bargain

In theory, the stated long-range goal of the PLO is to reconstitute Palestine as an “independent, secular, democratic nation” of Moslems, Jews and Christians coexisting together—a nation which would replace the present State of Israel.

On a practical level, however, the PLO “mainstream” has shelved its hard-line talk of “total liberation of

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World Crisis In LEADERSHIP

by Raymond F. McNair

Do today's world problems (crime, broken homes, energy shortages, etc.) reveal a deep-seated lack of effective leadership? Is man searching vainly to find workable solutions to his ever-increasing problems? There is a crisis of leadership worldwide! Where are the modern Churchills, Eisenhowers, DeGaulles or Adenauers? Where are today's Davids, Elijahs, Abrahams? Where can today's nations find men with the ability and quality of character to take over the reins of government?

Problems Without Solutions

We live in a world of mind-boggling problems—problems which seemingly defy solutions. How can the world stop nuclear proliferation? And how can mankind ensure that the ever-growing club of nuclear nations doesn't become trigger happy?

Can the world find a way to clothe and feed its "hungry millions"—which could become its "hungry billions"? How can we check the population explosion?

But that is not all. Can mankind find a way to prevent or even cure such frightening scourges as cancer, heart disease, mental illness?

Then there is the ever-increasing reality of crime and terrorism—much of it senseless and with no apparent motive. How to prevent or at least cope with crime is by itself a huge headache for the world's leaders. And there are many other problems: juvenile delinquency, marital

breakups, immorality, racial strife, drugs, drunkenness.

These are just a few of the many world headaches which refuse to go away. But where can we find the leaders to cope with these colossal problems? Are today's youth being effectively trained to take the helms of big governments and grapple successfully with these and other problems confronting mankind?

Many believe that given enough time man will find solutions to all his problems. Man is a born optimist. But all too often men believe that they, totally apart from God, have all the answers.

There are, however, those who say that man, with his present nature, does not have the solutions to any of the really big problems. They not only doubt man's ability to solve his own problems without bringing apocalyptic upheavals among the nations, but many of these same pessimists also doubt the very existence of God. Or if they believe in God, they think He has gone way off and left man to solve his own problems to the best of his limited ability.

Failure of Home, School and Church

There are causes for all effects—reasons for everything. What are some of the reasons for today's lack of leadership? We need to look at 1) modern home life, 2) education, 3) religion.

First of all, look at modern family life. More and more families are breaking up. But why? In great measure because the husband and father fails to supply the wise leadership needed to guide the home. More mothers are having to take over the

reins of the home because of absent or derelict fathers. The denigration of fatherhood is having an adverse effect on the youth of today—and will ultimately affect their ability to be able to take the lead in a world sadly lacking in solid leadership.

A young man who is brought up in a home where there is no father, or where the father has abdicated his leadership role as head of the family, will be a confused adult, utterly lacking in the ability to fulfill his God-given role as leader in tomorrow's home.

Secondly, look at the training of our youth in schools and colleges. Most of today's teachers are admittedly lacking in the ability to give the students under their charge the inspiration and the answers which they need. More and more, students are being turned off. All too often, their teachers tell them they must reconcile themselves to living in a hostile and confused world with huge, unsolvable problems.

Is it any wonder today's students are not receiving the proper training necessary for dynamic leadership in tomorrow's world?

Thirdly, what are the churches doing to supply the leadership which is needed so badly?

Again, as in the home and in the institutions of learning, the churches are failing to give today's youth the leadership training which will make them capable of coping with tomorrow's crushing problems.

One might ask: "But surely the churches, those who know God and His Word, ought to be able to point the way for today's youth?" Yes, the churches ought to be able, but they aren't.

Why? The blunt truth is that the many hundreds of religious bodies are themselves too divided to speak with a united voice. How can they fail to confuse others when they themselves are in confusion?

The veritable babylon of doctrines, often contradicting one another, is enough to thoroughly confuse any honest inquirer. Thousands have asked: "Which of these religions is right? Which religion possesses the real truth? Don't they get their beliefs and practices out of the Bible? Then why can't they agree?"

How is it that the churches can't even agree on the proper "moral code" which we are supposed to follow?

Thus we see that today's potential world leaders aren't being taught real, positive, dynamic leadership in the homes, schools and colleges, and—sad to say—not even in the churches. Why is this so?

Why have the basic institutions of this world been unable to point out, with clarion voice, the true path which today's youth should follow? How come they are unable to teach the principles of true leadership to these potential world leaders?

The simple truth is, few really know what leadership qualities they should be developing in today's young people. How can they teach the right qualities of true leadership when they themselves haven't learned them?

A prominent educator voiced his concern about the lack of leadership in the world today. Derek Bok, president of Harvard, said: "There is a very obvious dearth of people who seem able to supply convincing answers, or even point to directions toward solutions."

Not only in the United States but around the world, leaders are daily frustrated by their inability to get a handle on such world problems as



WINSTON CHURCHILL, Britain's war-time prime minister, employed principles of strong and decisive leadership in guiding his nation through the dark days of World War II.

nuclear proliferation, the population explosion, ever-increasing sickness and disease, shortages of food and energy, rampant crime and economic crises (especially inflation).

Pointing the Way

The real dynamics of leadership are found in the world's most widely distributed and read book—the Bible. Only here are to be found the real answers to the problems of the world. Permanent solutions to the big problems are not contained in the uninspired writings of mortal men.

It is only in the Bible that mankind is shown the way he should properly order his life. Only in this best seller can parents, teachers and religious leaders learn the way to develop true leadership.

But since the world has rejected God's way as revealed in this book, it continues groping—stumbling along trying out its own human-devised philosophies and methods of inculcating leadership.

The Bible, then, tells us what kind of character traits we must develop if we want to learn how to be leaders. But the world overlooks or totally

ignores what this book says.

This world often looks upon men who have exercised great military or political power over other men as great leaders. "Might makes right!" they think. But were men like Hitler, Napoleon, Charlemagne and Alexander the Great really great men in God's eyes?

Men are often called "great" who were conquerors of vast amounts of real estate. Many of the world's "greats" were butchers of thousands and even millions of people.

But what is the true criterion of greatness? It is high time we looked into biblical revelation to find what God says are the character traits which we should be developing

in ourselves and teaching our children.

Fearing God

Nearly three thousand years ago, God anointed a man to be king over Israel who really understood the essence of true leadership. King David, who proved himself to be an able administrator, was loved by his own peoples and feared by the surrounding nations.

David wrote: "He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the *fear of God*" (II Samuel 23:3).

Few realize just how much truth is contained in that statement. Those who fail to grasp this important truth (that God is to be *revered* with godly fear) are missing one of the most important points of leadership.

None who deny the very existence of God can possibly lead their peoples in the right direction: "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity . . ." (Psalms 53:1).

As an example of atheistic leadership, look at Communist Russia and

China. Scores of millions died violently in various purges, pogroms and civil wars as Communism took over and its atheistic leaders began forcing their anti-god, communistic beliefs down the throats of their subjects.

Even certain Russian leaders later repudiated their former "great" leader Joseph Stalin. Following Stalin's death, a wide de-Stalinization program was initiated for the purpose of obliterating from the minds of the Russian people as much of the ideas and memory of Stalin as possible. And this same thing will be repeated in other countries when their leaders die—unless those leaders have really had the welfare of their peoples at heart.

What is the essence of a good leader? Some say that a leader is one who can "persuade" others to follow him. But there are good and bad persuasive leaders. Countless millions blindly followed a persuasive Hitler to their shame and destruction.

Leaders Should Be Servants

Jesus Christ, the greatest leader of all time, revealed what constitutes true leadership—at least in the eyes of God. Christ said: "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles *lord it over them*, and their great men *overbear them*: not so with you. Whoever wants to be the great man among you must be your servant, and whosoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of all; just as the Son of man has not come to be served but to *serve*, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:25-28, Moffatt translation).

In the eyes of God Almighty, what makes one great is his ability to *serve* others. Who is the greatest Being in all the universe? God is! But why? Because He is the greatest servant.

If a man wants to assume an office or a position simply because of the benefits or the prestige and glory which he will receive from holding that office, then he is not qualified to rule others.

Nearly four thousand years ago, a very able leader and administrator named Moses appeared among men. To this very day he is acclaimed as one of the greatest legislators and

administrators of all time. (Actually, the laws which Moses gave came from God.)

Moses came to understand the essence of true leadership: "Moreover," said Moses' father-in-law, "thou shalt provide out of all the people *able men*, such as *fear God, men of truth*, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens; and let them judge the people at all seasons . . ." (Exodus 18:21, 22).

Leaders should be able men, men who fear God, men of truth, and they must resist corruption through bribes—"hating covetousness." Any city or nation which has such men for its leaders will be wisely governed.

One of the greatest leadership

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traits is that of honesty. During the "Watergate mess," America experienced lying, deceit and downright dishonesty in high offices. Watergate only underscored the importance of leaders always being open and honest. But it is doubtful that we have really learned this lesson.

Honesty

A true leader will establish his office or his administration on *truth*; he will abhor deceit and lies; he will cultivate honesty and faithfulness.

Jesus Christ once said: "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much; and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much" (Luke 16:10).

Former U.S. President Harry S. Truman reportedly always refused to

use Government stationery or stamps for strictly private matters. Would to God that we had more men in high office who were faithful in such matters—shunning all favors and bribes, and refusing to take so much as a postage stamp that didn't belong to them.

America's tragic Watergate episode has taught the world that deceit and hypocrisy (and outright lying) in government can only be bad for the individual and for the nation.

Jesus Christ was a frank, open, honest person at all times, "who did no sin, neither was guile [deceit] found in his mouth" (1 Peter 2:21, 22).

Humility

Another character trait of a real leader is that of humility. Notice how this was emphasized by Christ: "But he that is *greatest* among you shall be your *servant*. And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall *humble* himself shall be exalted" (Matthew 23:11, 12).

Remember, a true leader is there to *serve* and *assist* his subjects—not to lord it over them in an arrogant or haughty manner, as some of this world's leaders so often do. Everyone hates conceit—at least in others. "By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, and honor, and life" (Proverbs 22:4).

No man can long bear rule unless he learns to be very assiduous. He must be alert, and must work hard. In short, he must be *diligent*. King Solomon wrote: "The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute" (Proverbs 12:24). And, "Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men" (Proverbs 22:29).

Seeking Wise Counsel

Another most important leadership characteristic is that of learning to always seek wise counsel. No man knows everything. To make wise decisions, we need to learn to get sound, broadly based counsel.

Read the wisdom of Solomon, as recorded in the book of Proverbs, about obtaining wise counsel. "... In the multitude of counsellors

there is safety" (11:14). "... He that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise" (12:15). "Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors they are established" (15:22). "Every purpose is established by counsel: and with good advice make war" (20:18).

Today's potential leaders must be taught the importance of seeking "wise counsel"—of getting all the input possible on every important matter *before* coming to a decision (Proverbs 24:6).

Why is it that so many parents, educators and even ministers seemingly throw up their hands in despair, saying, "I just don't have the answers"?

If we will look reverently to the Word of God, we will see that it gives us the answers to the really big problems which confront modern man.

Ten Commandments Point to Solutions

Biblical revelation gives the sound, practical answers to all of man's woes. The Bible tells man how to be at peace with himself and how to live with his neighbor. The Ten Commandments reveal God's basic way of life for man. If they were obeyed by all nations, then we would have no wars, no strife, no headaches and heartaches to wrack and distort our lives.

Only when man begins to look to God and His Word for the answers and solutions to all his problems will he begin to find the way out from under his mountain of woe and misery. Then man will come to understand who he is, why he was put on this earth and what his ultimate destiny (his thrilling inheritance) really is!

Man must quit worshiping the false gods of science and materialism; and he must look to his Creator for the guidance that only God can give. Only man's Designer and Maker understands what really makes man "tick"—what man must do to be happy, healthy and successful.

Where Are We Going?

Only the Creator God can reveal to man his true purpose.

Shortly after his flight to the

moon, Neil Armstrong addressed the U.S. Congress. He said: "In the next 20 centuries... humanity may begin to understand its most baffling mystery—where are we going?... Man must understand his universe in order to understand his destiny."

The Bible reveals that man's ultimate destiny is to achieve sonship in the divine family of God. Men are destined to become co-inheritors of the entire universe, joint-heirs of "all things" along with Jesus Christ. "He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son" (Revelation 21:7).

Man's ultimate destiny is mind-boggling—really too great for our puny minds to fully comprehend.

Fallible, corruptible, mortal man is to be made immortal, incorruptible, infallible (I Corinthians 15:42-44). God will bequeath on those who overcome sin the gift of eternal life in the endless ages of eternity. Man is actually destined to become a "son" in the great spirit-composed God family. Only then shall man inherit all things.

At that time, the then-made-immortal sons of God (former fallible humans) will be able to flash through the universe at the speed of thought. Man could never really explore his universe with mere physical tools. He needs to take on a new dimension. Man must receive *immortality!* Only then will he be qualified to rule wisely.

Real leadership is learning to think and act like God. This means learning to love instead of hate. It means humility instead of pride and vanity; faith and hope instead of doubt and despair; the fear of God instead of ignorance of God; a desire to serve instead of always being served; honesty and truthfulness instead of deceit, hypocrisy and lying; impartiality instead of being a respecter of persons; diligence and not indolence.

These are the real leadership traits which God is seeking in man. This is the essence of true leadership.

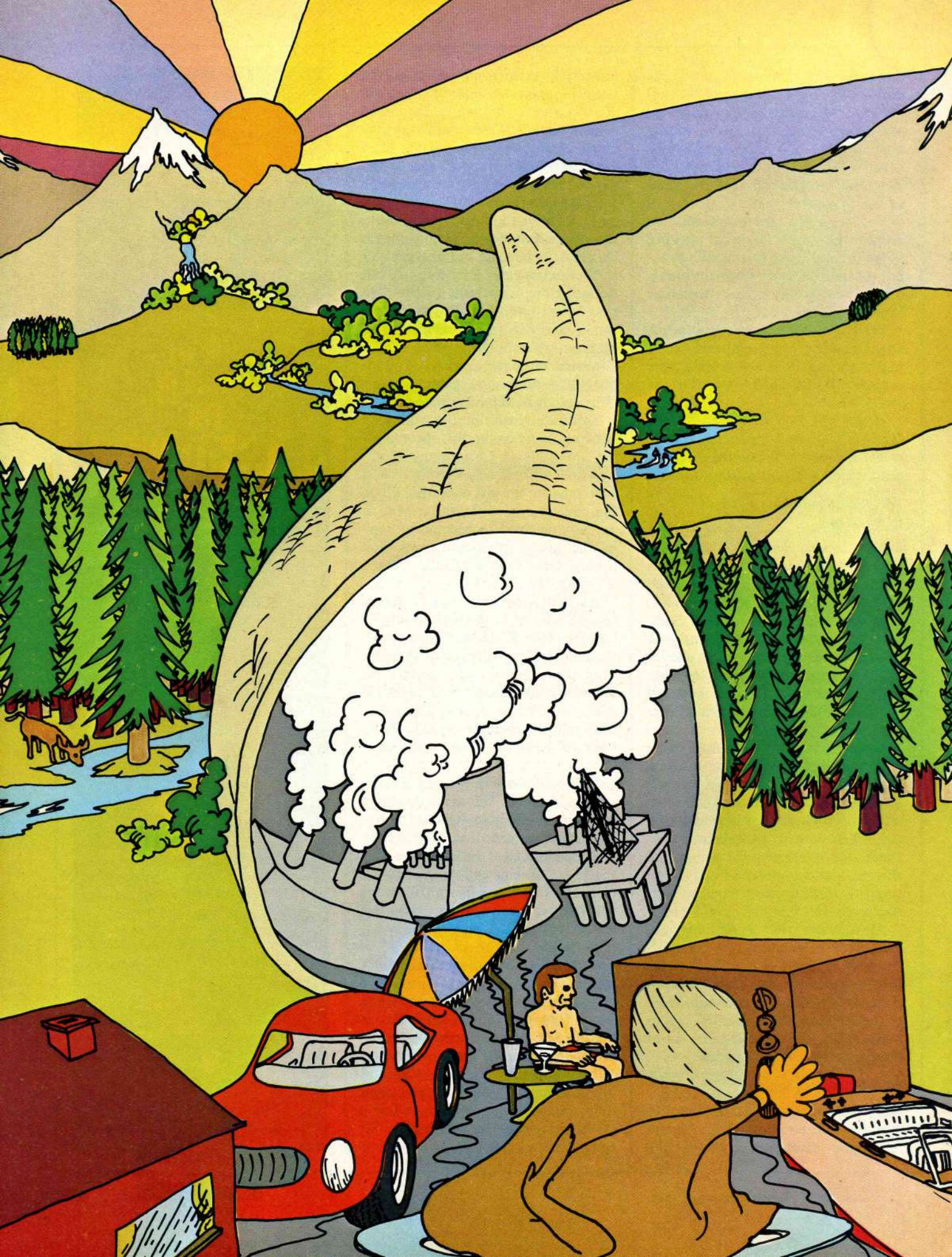
Leaders with the real answers and solutions to life's big questions and problems can only be developed when they are taught those Godlike traits of character which will endure for all eternity. □



ARE WE LIVING IN THE LAST DAYS?

For centuries, prophets, evangelists and assorted religious gurus have been launching impassioned warnings about the end of the world. Every natural or unnatural disaster has been seen as a sure sign of the end. Because so many harebrained predictions have been made in the past, people have become skeptical. The religious prophets have cried "Wolf!" once too often. But today, a whole new "school of prophets" is raising a collective voice of warning about a number of human problems that appear to be reaching "critical mass." The population explosion, the energy crisis, global pollution, and the potential for nuclear war are only a few of the gigantic problems that currently plague mankind. Is doomsday at our door? The free booklet *Are We Living in the Last Days?* gives the answer. To receive your copy, use the Literature Request card in this issue or write to *The Plain Truth* at the address nearest you. Request your free copy today.





Materially speaking, the United States and Canada are undoubtedly two of the most blessed nations in history. Never have two nations risen to such dizzying heights of prosperity and technological advancement. Truly we live in "bountiful lands"—but have we forgotten the source of those blessings? Will we acknowledge the one who made it all possible?

by Brian Knowles

It is generally agreed that the first Thanksgiving in the United States occurred when the Pilgrims held a three-day festival to commemorate the harvest of 1621. The festival was ordered by governor William Bradford.

It was not until 1660, however, that the harvest festival became a regular annual event in the Massachusetts Bay Colony. George Washington proclaimed November 26, 1789 the first *national* day of Thanksgiving. By mid-nineteenth century most of the northern states had adopted the custom.

President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national harvest festival on November 26, 1863. From that time on, Thanksgiving Day has been a national holiday proclaimed annually in the United States by the President and by the governor of each state. This year, Thanksgiving will be observed November 22 in the United States, and on October 8 in Canada. (Canada's historical Thanksgiving tradition is somewhat different than that of the United States, but the essential meaning of the day is the same.)

Today's Thanksgiving

Originally, the meaning of Thanksgiving had to do with the fall harvest. All of the appropriate fall symbolism was present—pumpkins, turkey with all the trimmings, and harvest colors

of orange and brown. While much of the symbolism remains the same today, the meaning of Thanksgiving has extended far beyond the harvest itself.

Today's Thanksgiving, ideally, should be a grateful acknowledgment of the multiple blessings bestowed upon these neighbor nations all year round. Never in history have two peoples been so blessed in every significant respect as have the United States and Canada.

Geographically, Canada is the second largest nation in the world—next only to the Soviet Union. It covers a territory of some 3,851,000 square miles and is rich in mineral and natural resources. Canada has booming industries in motor vehicle manufacturing, petroleum refining, pulp and paper production, slaughtering and meat production, iron and steel production and other smaller but proportionately prosperous endeavors. Fishing is also a major Canadian industry. And Canadian grain is sold to most major nations, including China and the Soviet Union. With a population of only 24,000,000, Canada is a veritable cornucopia of food and natural resources.

U.S. Bounty

The United States is the most technologically advanced nation in the world. It is also the richest. If you include all 50 states, the United

States encompasses a land area of some 3,615,000 square miles. Her population is approximately ten times that of Canada, but there is still plenty of room for everyone (except, perhaps, in some of the overcrowded urban areas).

In the United States, the median family income is more than \$16,000 annually. Labor-saving devices abound in both Canada and the United States due to technological advancement and mass production. With about five percent of the world's population, the United States consumes about 30 percent of the world's energy.

According to *The Wall Street Journal* (May 1, 1979), "This may come as a surprise. But the United States still enjoys the highest standard of living—by far—of any major industrial country."

Just how long that will last is anyone's guess. President Carter is experiencing great anxiety over the nation's energy and economic problems. Something must be done to cut the use of energy so long as the major industrial nations are dependent upon fossil fuels—a nonrenewable resource. Once the oil is gone, it's gone. Alternative fuels must be found, and found fast.

Inflation is another major worry. In the United States, inflation has been surpassing the rise in wages by a considerable amount for some

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years. The purchasing power of the average American dollar is getting less and less each year. In this regard, today's dollar is worth only 50 cents compared to the dollar of 1969. And now the government of the United States has announced a recession. Things are slowing down. Some financial prognosticators are concerned about a possible full-scale depression if something is not done to shore up the sagging dollar.

And something has to be done about inflation and the squandering of natural resources and fossil fuels. But who will do it? Who will make the first move? Is it all up to the President and his cabinet? Can we blame the present government for the erosion of national blessings? "America the bountiful" could become "America the bankrupt" if we do not soon learn to use more wisely the incredible national blessings we have been granted.

The Meaning of Thanksgiving

That brings us to the meaning of Thanksgiving. While this national festival is not of biblical origin, it does tie in with clear biblical principles. In taking stock of the national blessings of Canada and the United States, it is important to keep two principles in mind: 1) the importance of gratitude, and 2) the biblical principle of stewardship.

The United States has been called "one nation under God" and its coinage reads "in God we trust." Canadians sing "God save the Queen." God, it seems, is an official part of American and Canadian patriotism. But is God in the thoughts and hearts of the people? Is God really seen as the one in whom "we live, and move, and have our being"? (Acts 17:28.)

We are instructed in the Psalms: "Let us come into his presence *with thanksgiving*; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise" (Psalms 95:2).

In Psalm 100 we read: "Enter his gates with *thanksgiving*, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him, bless his name!" (Verse 4.)

It is *to God*, not to conventional economic wisdom, that we should give thanks for the bounteous national blessings bestowed upon these great countries. It is God who blesses

with material prosperity. "The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts" (Haggai 2:8).

The Principle of Stewardship

All that is belongs to God. What we have, we have been allowed to *use* — ideally to His glory and honor. For what we have been given, and it is much, we should be grateful. But the fact that we have been given so much implies great *responsibility* toward God. It should involve a sense of *stewardship* toward what we have been given.

A "steward," according to the dictionary, is "a person who manages another's property or financial affairs, or who administers anything as the agent of another or others" (*The Random House Dictionary of the English Language*).

God has given us, in America and Canada, an inordinately large share of the earth's bounty—of *His* wealth. As the recipients of these vast national blessings, we have a duty of stewardship toward God. We have a duty first to be grateful for what we have received in trust; and secondly, we have a duty to use that wealth to glorify God.

To greedily squander the national blessings bestowed upon us by God is to treat lightly those magnificent national blessings, and it is to insult our Creator! The time of squandering and abuse should have long been over. There is a thin line between prosperity and poverty. The difference is responsible usage. As economic and energy problems mount, we should be sobered by the reality that we may soon become one of the "have-not" nations of the world.

A national lesson can be derived from Jesus' own teaching on responsible stewardship. Speaking of His own ministers who have been set over the household of God (the Church), Jesus said: "Who then is the faithful and wise steward, whom his master will set over his household, to give them their portion of food at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master when he comes will find so doing. . . . But if that servant says to himself, 'My master is delayed in coming,' and begins to beat the menservants and the maidservants, and to eat and drink and get

drunk, the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know, and will punish him, and put him with the unfaithful" (Luke 12:42-46).

It is the responsibility of those in power over the nation and its resources to see that those blessings are doled out in "their portion" and at the "proper time." It is the duty of all of us as consumers to exercise responsibility in the usage of these national blessings and resources. It is a time to conserve and to use wisely—not a time to squander recklessly those magnificent bounties bestowed upon us by our Creator. If we continue to be irresponsible in the usage of our national blessings, as we have been, then we will undoubtedly lose them. As the apostle Paul told the Corinthians: "Moreover it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy" (I Corinthians 4:2).

Have presidents, congressmen, and citizens alike been proven trustworthy in the use of national blessings? Have we used those blessings wisely and judiciously? If we had done so, would we be in the present economic pickle? Would we have an energy crisis? Probably not.

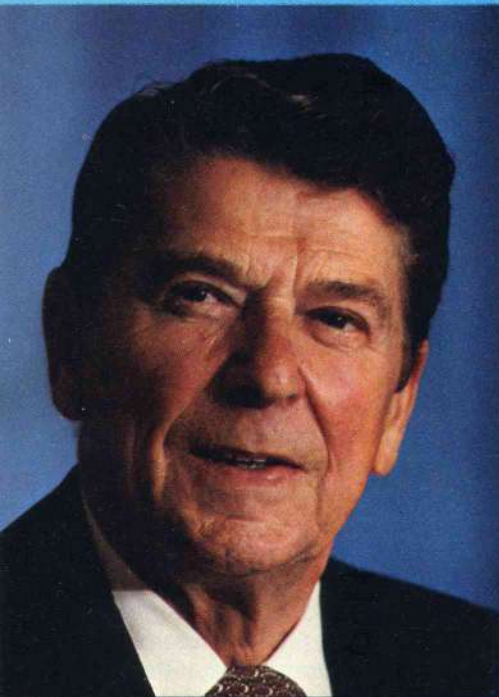
Taking Stock

As Thanksgiving Day approaches in both Canada and the United States, perhaps it is high time to take stock and consider just how responsible we have been, as peoples, over the wealth God has bestowed upon our nations. It is time to consider the sheer magnificence of our national blessings, and the possibility of losing them.

If our peoples would turn to God in faith and in gratitude, perhaps we could be bailed out of the current difficulties. While our problems are serious, they don't have to be terminal. God could save us from the consequences of past greed and irresponsibility. He could forgive us and prosper us once again. But it will only happen if we turn to Him, begin to use our blessings rightly, and follow the admonition of the apostle Paul: "Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication *with thanksgiving* let your request be made known to God" (Philippians 4:6). □

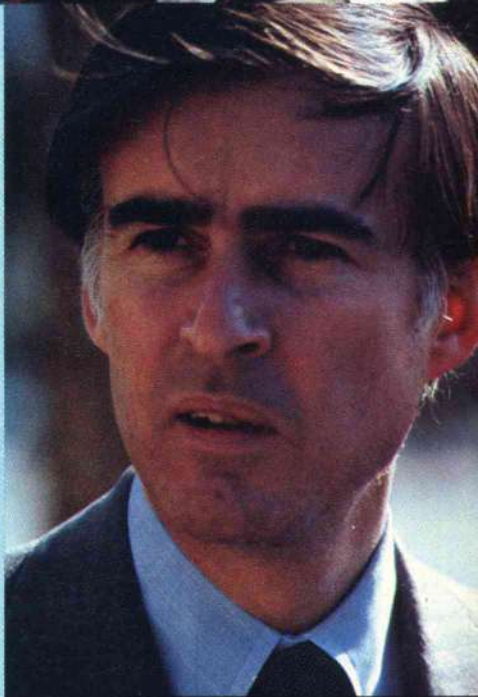
The United States is already gearing up for next year's presidential election. Several men have already declared their candidacy and are running full tilt. But as the campaign commands ever more attention, few realize the real significance of this election.

Clockwise: Steve Liss—Liaison, Steve Liss—Liaison, Tornø—Liaison, Jim Moore—Liaison, Steve Liss—Liaison.



by Jeff Calkins

WHO REALLY SHOULD BE PRESIDENT ?



Who will the next champion be? Which new face or old politico will convince the voters that he and only he is the one with all the leadership qualities and answers?

Even though the U.S. presidential election is a year away, the presidential campaign has been going on for over a year now. Taking a page from President Carter's own campaign strategy, a number of candidates began their run for the presidency about *two full years* before the final votes will be counted. "Once again," as *Time* magazine says, "the presidential field is prematurely swarm-



ing with contenders and pretenders, each selling a face and figure as heaven-sent for White House display."

Just the very act of running for President is a *harrowing* ordeal! The would-be candidate faces an array of primaries, caucuses, and conventions, a constant treadmill of nonstop speaking and traveling. Life consists of living out of a suitcase in hotels, of often eating poor quality food, of rarely seeing one's family—of constant meetings, fund raisers, and speeches. It is a "trial," which Vice-President Mondale has termed "mindless," at the end of which, in the words of Adlai Stevenson—who went through it all twice himself—"victory goes to the last survivor."

Both campaigning and the presidency take a tremendous toll on a man's personal life. Max Lerner, a political writer who knew six Presidents, has claimed that only *one* of them had a true love in marriage. This bears out the truth of the Bible's statement: "There is a time wherein one man ruleth over another to his *own hurt*" (Ecclesiastes 8:9).

The Lure of Power

In the United States, presidential elections cost around \$70 million. Untold millions of man-hours and volunteer time are poured into a grand effort to elect a human ruler. What could possibly motivate so many people to make such zealous personal commitments?

The answer, of course, is *power!* The candidates themselves may be motivated by anything from, on the one hand, a sincere desire to make this world better, to, on the other, a naked lust for the power, glory and fringe benefits of the office of the President. As Max Lerner has written: "A President's life is a massive glory trip." But whatever a candidate's motivations, he strives for the *power of government*—in his case, the power of *human government*.

An incident in the life of Christ shows just how common the lust for power is. At one point, His disciples James and John, the sons of Zebedee, asked Him a favor (Mark 10:35). They wanted Christ to appoint them

to sit on His right hand and His left hand when He came into His "glory" (verse 37). Such positions, of course, would have given them great authority and power. But Christ told them they needed to be *qualified* first: "Ye know not what ye ask: can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" (Verse 38.)

Christ went on to teach them that power should not be sought for *its own sake!* "But Jesus called them to him, and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them. But so shall it not be among you . . . whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all" (verses 42-44).

The point of Christ's statement is plainly *not* that authority in itself is in any way wrong, because there is authority in God's own government and Church (Hebrews 13:17). The authority in God's government is a *good* thing, because God—who is supremely good—personally directs it (Psalms 103:21). The point *is*, however, that the *purpose* of authority is not aggrandizement but *service*.

A Corruptible Crown

The most important fact that anyone will ever learn about "political science" is that there is a huge difference between the government of God—which is intrinsically good—and the human, civil government of man—which is only good insofar as it fulfills the purposes for which God has "ordained" it. Human presidents strive for the human glory of temporary power (and even that is severely limited under the U.S. Constitution), which means the chance for a few lines or pages in the history books. But it's all physical. The presidency, like all things which are part of this world, is a "corruptible crown" (I Corinthians 9:25)—which will *one day be worth nothing!* (II Peter 3:10.) Office in the government of God, on the other hand, will last forever. Candidates who "win" offices in God's government will gain a "crown of glory that fadeth not away" (I Peter 5:4).

Moreover, human government is

profoundly limited in whatever little good it is able to do. There are two big reasons for this. First, when Adam sinned against God, the earth was cursed (Gen. 3:17-19) so that *scarcity* would always plague mankind. Resources are *finite*. The production of wealth now requires more human effort and toil ("In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread") than it would if God were to supernaturally make the earth itself blossom forth abundantly. (When God's government is restored, however, "the desert shall . . . blossom as the rose" [Isaiah 35:1].)

More importantly, an evil being, Satan the devil, remains the "prince of the power of the air" (Ephesians 2:2) and the "god of this world" (II Corinthians 4:4) who sways, tempts and deceives human beings to go contrary to the ways of God and to do evil. While the Bible says that "he that ruleth over men must be just" (II Samuel 23:3), the Bible also says that "there is not a just man upon earth" (Ecclesiastes 7:20), *at least in comparison to Christ*, for "there is none righteous, no, not one" (Romans 3:10) and "all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

Human government, then, is an evil—a necessary evil to be sure—but an evil nonetheless. Indeed, human government is necessary for the very reason that it is an evil! It is necessary because humans are swayed by the devil. And if human beings are going to be able to live together at all, some institution must have a *monopoly* on *brute force* in order to prevent evildoers from harming others. But the leaders of human civil government themselves are susceptible to the sway of the devil; in fact, God often allows the "basest of men" (Daniel 4:17) to be in charge of human government.

Human government is *unique* among human institutions. In every other institution, *no one* is allowed to use *brute force*. But since human government has a *monopoly* on brute force, it alone can give unlimited scope to evil and sin!

As Mr. Armstrong has put it, when Adam sinned, God said in effect, "You have rejected my govern-

ment. I now *sentence* you to devise your own government!”

The God-Given Limits on Human Government

The only government which is intrinsically good is God's government. God's government is good because only God is truly good (Matthew 19:17), and God puts His own righteousness into His government. Human government, as we have seen, has its place for the time being, but it is still intrinsically evil.

Yet there are those who argue that the apostle Paul's statement that “the powers that be are ordained of God” (Romans 13:1) and that the human ruler is “the minister of God to thee for good” (Romans 13:4) means that God has given *unlimited* authority to the human civil government. They are wrong! For one thing, human authority is always limited by the direct commands of God Himself (Acts 5:29)—eternity is more important than a finite lifetime.

Moreover, the authority of “the powers that be” is necessarily limited by the *purpose* for which God has ordained them. That purpose has been spelled out: It is to be a “revenge to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil” (Romans 13:4). Thus when human government goes beyond the limits of curbing evil, it exceeds the bounds of biblical authority. Indeed, as many prestigious legal scholars down through history have acknowledged, when human government issues commands against God, or beyond the scope of its rightful authority, such commands are not “law,” they are only “mere force.”

No one in his right mind could ever seriously contend that God gives authority to civil government to persecute His own saints. God's opinion of such governments is demonstrated by His personally having the leader of one such persecuting government tossed into a lake of fire! (Revelation 19:20.)

The Government of God

Because human government is intrinsically flawed, it cannot solve the pressing problems and ills that beset mankind. No human savior can! As long as the devil rules in the affairs of men, the good that can be accom-

plished in this present evil world will always be profoundly limited! An American political columnist glimpsed this fact when he recently wrote: “The cold truth is that no American President—neither Jimmy Carter today nor a new one next year—is going to be able to come up with an imperial magical solution . . . to the domestic and foreign difficulties that will confront us in the '80s.”

But the Bible does speak of a “solution” to the deep-rooted problems which plague not only Americans but all peoples everywhere. The government of God will *replace*, by force, the government of man!

Christ will return to earth as a conquering King. At His return “the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever” (Revelation 11:15). The kingdoms of this world—the government of man—will be “smashed” by the government of God: “And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall *break in pieces* and consume all these kingdoms . . .” (Daniel 2:44).

Many Presidents have complained that the pressure of reelection every four years keeps them from pushing good policies. By contrast, the government of God will have all the time it needs to carry out its policies: It shall “reign forever and ever.”

Another complaint that modern Presidents make is that “international considerations” (meaning other countries may have their own ideas of what the world should be like) prevent the President from bringing peace and prosperity to the people. God's government, by contrast, won't have to worry about any competing powers. God's government shall rule over *all* nations (Psalms 72:11).

As Mr. Armstrong has written, “the gospel of Christ—the gospel Jesus brought from God and preached—was a message about government.”

True Leadership

“The U.S.,” according to *Time* magazine, “is eternally looking for some-

body who supposedly looks like a president.” People become all wound up in “image” and “charisma.”

But real leadership is made up of more important qualities than such trifles as the particular side on which a man parts his hair, or whether he wears blue jeans on his farm or sweaters in his office. True leadership has to do with *qualifications* and *good* policies.

The United States Constitution sets relatively lenient qualifications for the presidency. A candidate need be only a natural-born citizen and at least 35 years old. Such a policy may be best for the government of man. But the Bible puts much more emphasis on the idea of qualification. Mr. Armstrong has often pointed out that God would not displace Satan in his position of rulership in this world until a successor became *qualified*. That successor has already been found. He is Jesus Christ.

Now consider: Christ has already passed the supreme test—one far more arduous than merely making the rounds on what American politicians call the “rubber-chicken circuit.” As a “candidate” for high office, He went over forty days and forty nights without any food or water (Matthew 4:2), yet still remained loyal to the higher authority of God under extreme temptations. As a human being, Christ could have sold out to the devil to obtain raw power, but refused because power is of no worth without God's blessing (Matthew 4:8-10). Power is only *glorious* when it is used rightly.

Thus Christ met the basic criterion of leadership—putting God first before his own desires: “He that ruleth over men must be just, *ruling in the fear of God*” (II Samuel 23:3).

Not only is Christ qualified, but He will do the right things. When He restores the government of God to the whole earth, He will rule justly: “Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment” (Isaiah 32:1). Christ's “foreign policy” will maintain peace among *all* nations (Isaiah 2:4), and His domestic policy will ensure abundant prosperity for all (John 10:10).

Obviously, it is Christ who *really should* be President. □

ENERGY FOR TOMORROW

by Robert A. Ginskey

As energy prices soar and reserves dwindle, the industrialized world is coming under increasing pressure to find new ways of providing the energy on which our society depends. Solar power, wind energy, refuse burning, alcohol and methane production all show promise, but each is not without its limitations and disadvantages.

One source of future power being given serious consideration is geothermal energy.

About 20 miles below the crust of the earth, there exists a hot molten mass called magma. In some places the magma is relatively close to the surface (five to ten miles down). In a geothermal field, water trapped in fractures in the near-surface rocks is heated by the magma. This results in hot water and steam, which often can escape along fractures to the surface of the earth. Usually the steam is under considerable pressure, and when such a reservoir is tapped by drilling, the steam can be used to drive a turbine.

Actually, geothermal energy is not new. Roman documents 2,000 years old tell of a steam field west of what is now Florence, Italy. Today, Italy produces some 4,000,000 kilowatts of geothermal electricity.

The United States has the largest geothermal steam system in the world, located about 90 miles north of San Francisco. Known as the Geysers Power Plant, it currently produces nearly 1,000,000 kilowatts of electrical power and may eventually double that capacity.

Since the fuel for geothermal power is free, the cost of producing electricity from it is only that of tapping the steam and maintaining the equipment. Total operating cost (fuel plus capital) for geothermal electricity at the Geysers plant is well below

nuclear power, coal, and fuel oil.

Each 100,000 kilowatts of geothermal energy replaces one million barrels of oil per year. Since the Geysers plant may eventually produce 2,000,000 kilowatts of electricity, some 20 million barrels of oil could be saved each year at a monetary savings of about half a billion dollars per year.

However, geothermal energy does have several drawbacks. First, fairly pure steam from the earth is quite rare. The less useful hot water (with more impurities) is much more common, but steam is far more desirable. Also, almost all the geothermal sources worldwide have the noxious odor of hydrogen sulfide gas associated with them. Special equipment must be used to reduce the hydrogen sulfide odor where geothermal plants are located near inhabited areas.

In spite of these difficulties, geothermal power does have many advantages. Unlike power plants fueled with coal, oil or natural gas, there are no combustion products emitted to contribute to air pollution and smog. There are no long-lived and dangerous waste products as in the case of nuclear power.

Moreover, fossil fuels and nuclear fuels, diminishing in supply, are rapidly increasing in cost; by contrast, the steam of geothermal plants appears virtually inexhaustible. Unlike hydroelectric power plants, geothermal plants do not require that rivers be dammed. Condensed steam from the geothermal system can be recycled in the cooling process and reinjected underground into the steam reservoir.

Geothermal resources are not the total answer to man's energy demands, but in an increasingly energy-hungry world, geothermal power will undoubtedly make a lasting contribution to energy needs in the world of tomorrow. □



Hendrickson—Plain Truth



STEAM FROM THE EARTH hisses from numerous vents in the hills located 90 miles north of San Francisco. Tapped steam reservoir (inset, left) represents first step in harnessing geothermal energy. Insulated pipes (inset, center) deliver steam to turbine generator of the Geysers Power Plant, which produces electricity for distribution (inset, right).

Part 2

Your Best INVESTMENT

In the September issue we showed that money is not the root of all evil. We explained what money really is, how it originated and how our whole banking system developed. In this concluding installment, you will discover who is the true source of wealth and what is your best investment.

by David Jon Hill

ON ONE side of a five-dollar bill I have in my hand, it says: "In God we trust." It is through a great deal of controversy that this statement has remained on our money. But what does *this* mean? Unfortunately, I'm afraid it doesn't mean much more than the hollow circular reasoning behind the expression "Federal Reserve Note," which was explained in the previous installment.

In fact, when you understand what money is, it seems that there must have been a typographical error in the printing of this currency. It should read, "In *this* God we trust." Surely you have heard the expression "the *almighty* dollar"!

We do literally trust in that physical piece of paper to bring us our needs—to supply us with goods and services of our choice at the time of our choice. Our trust is in the money itself and in what stands behind the money—the economy of the nation.

There is a deeper hypocrisy in bringing God into the picture than might be supposed. Let's read again that verse from the Phillips translation mentioned last month. "Tell those who are rich in

this present world not to be contemptuous of others, and *not to rest the weight of their confidence* on the transitory power of wealth but on the *living God*, who generously gives us *everything* for our enjoyment" (I Timothy 6:17).

God's message clearly throughout the Bible is that we should put our trust in Him, not in princes or governments or land or money or people or institutions, but in Him! This does not mean that the land and the resources on that land, and the money and everything else that is freely given to us from God, is evil of itself or should not be *used* freely; but that in the use of it we should always maintain our ultimate trust and faith and confidence in God and not in any of these *things*! It's all too easy to focus on the physical.

Source of Our Wealth

Let's understand where the wealth comes from in the first place—the real wealth! The Eternal God is the Possessor of the heavens and the earth as well as being their Creator. It is He that made the earth habitable for mankind in the first place. It is that great God who put the abundance of wealth into the earth for man to dig it out. It was a loving Creator that covered the millions of square miles of the surface of this globe with riches beyond imagining in the natural resources we not only

take for granted, but greedily destroy beyond measure as we consume them.

That same great God made a covenant with a man called Abraham and promised that man that if he would serve Him unswervingly, if he would put his absolute and total and complete trust and confidence in the living God, no matter what, that He in turn would share as a co-owner with Abraham this entire earth and indeed even the entire universe! And you share in that promise if you are Christ's and heirs to that promise made to Abraham (Galatians 3:29).

That promise God made to Abraham was dual: Part of the promise showed that Abraham was to have that inheritance from God *forever*. In order for that to happen, Abraham had to have offered to him eternal life as well as all of those great possessions, or else the sad and incisive truth would come to pass that Christ mentioned in the New Testament: If a man gain the whole world and lose his life, what has he got? (Matthew 16:26.)

In Which God Do We Trust?

So the great God who *gave* all the wealth is rather upset when He sees Himself denied by those possessing and using that wealth and yet sees His name mockingly printed on the nation's money!

In Hosea that God says: "Little

she knew it was I who had given her the grain and oil and wine, who had heaped on her silver and gold [they devoted it to Baal]. So now I recall my grain in its season, my wine in its month; I reclaim my wool and my flax, that went to cover her nakedness; and I leave her all bare to the eyes of her lovers [international allies and trading partners]" (Hosea 2:8-10, Moffatt translation).

This principle applies to *any* nation, because God is the Creator of the whole earth. "Their land also is full of silver and gold, neither is there any end of their treasures; their land is also full of horses, neither is there any end of their chariots [that is, in modern language, automobiles and mobile weapons of war]: Their land also is full of idols; *they worship the work of their own hands*, that which their own fingers have made [they trust and have confidence in their own ability to produce a prodigious economy]" (Isaiah 2:7-8).

Since the great nations came to affluence, they have steadily departed from even a semblance of godliness. They have been absorbed in their own affluence. They worship their own economies and forms of government. They are hell-bent on a toboggan slide to the depths of immorality. They have trust and faith and confidence in what their economies can produce and *not* in the God who gave them the resources from His earth to produce those manufactured goods. The mocking statement, "In God we trust," is printed blasphemy!

The God of Abraham Lives

That same God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, disowned and unrecognized by modern peoples, is right now in the process of *taking away* the great wealth that He gave to us—because of our blatant and total rebellion. Actually the main way God takes these things away from us is merely by letting the natural laws He set in motion take their toll. To *permit* the greedy nature which has led us into the economic chaos in which we live to destroy us. To *allow* us to fall into the pit we have dug for ourselves.

God is going to allow us to fall into *total collapse* in the near future. A

collapse in every sense of the word—and a final, *actual* physical captivity! A financial collapse, a moral collapse, a collapse in the health and even the daily sustenance of food on our plates, a collapse of our great cities in nuclear holocaust, a total collapse of the entire nation and economy in which we trust and have our confidence—that which our money is based upon—our *god*: our manufacturing capacity!

Not until the remaining few left alive, who are in captivity, come to *see* their mistakes and *recognize* who their God is, will He intervene and restore to them, not only the riches they had before, but those far beyond our ken in the wonderful world tomorrow.

Beware the Golden Calf

Although last month we showed the key role of gold and silver in international finances and monetary history, we by no means advocate the buying or hoarding of gold and silver as your best investment.

This series of articles is neither pro- nor anti-gold, neither right- nor left-wing. Rather it is third-dimensional, revealing to you the best *long-range* investment.

If you wish to invest in this world's securities, be sure to consult experts in the field. Trust neither the "underground" investment letters, nor the established "name" stockbrokers, but seek a *multitude* of wise counsel, from all financial viewpoints, before investing.

Christians, above all, should avoid making an *idol* out of any investment, as the Israelites worshiped the golden calf of Aaron (Exodus 32). Instead, use your investment capital as a tool toward your *best* investment, as Christ showed in Luke 19:12-27, which is to do the *will* of God, support His Work on earth, and inherit eternal life.

It is not wrong to invest in this world. Jesus Christ said: "Make to yourselves *friends* of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations. He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much . . ." (Luke 16:9, 10). But He also said: ". . . Be ye therefore *wise* as

serpents, and harmless as doves" (Matthew 10:16). Be extremely cautious with your investments.

Unfortunately, the tradition of men in regard to money has all too often made money take on a role God reserves for Himself.

At that moment when the great God of heaven and earth decides to intervene in mankind's affairs, and particularly in the affairs of the descendants of His friend Abraham, people will begin to recognize that there is only *one* source of true confidence, the *most* reliable "nonhuman Governor" who will establish His desperately needed discipline (Hebrews 12:6), one secure hope for eternal prosperity: God Himself!

"In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made each one for himself to worship [whatever you have trust and faith and confidence in, whatever you worship, is your god], to the moles and to the bats; to go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth. *Cease ye from man*, whose breath is in his nostrils: for wherein is he to be accounted of?" (Isaiah 2:20-22.)

God is returning to take over the governments of this world, to establish the economy of the world tomorrow, to put down all war and see to it that people do not learn to make war anymore. The Creator God is coming to restore this polluted planet to its intended beauty by teaching man how to *use* the great blessings He gives.

All men everywhere are going to discover that whatever they trusted in before, whatever they had confidence in before, is no longer of any worth or value. Everyone will discover—of his own hand, of what he can manufacture or make, with a gold or silver or paper representation of wealth—that he cannot even supply the simple necessities of food, clothing and shelter for himself but *must* in *all things* rely on God.

Expanding World Economy

When man's society, drunk on its own apparent success, sees that God

of heaven and earth intervening, a great cry of *lament* shall go up: "And the merchants of the earth shall *weep* and *mourn* over her [the end-time Babylon which controls the world at the return of Christ]; for no man *buyeth* their merchandise any more: The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble, and cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men. . . . The merchants of these things, *which were made rich by her*, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, and saying, Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls! *For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. . . !*" (Rev. 18:11-17.)

God's Economy

Along with all her other monstrous debts, public and private, the United States of America has a debt to its Creator God! This past year alone that debt amounted to a figure in excess of 200 billion dollars! "How can that be?" you say. That can be, because that figure is roughly one-tenth or ten percent of our gross national income for this year. One-tenth of that which we worship *as* a god instead of giving it to God.

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for *ye have robbed me*, even this whole nation" (Malachi 3:8, 9).

Yes, any nation, forgetting its God, wandering godless in a godless world, refusing to recognize its debt to its Creator is guilty in the light of this scripture.

This nation spends, on its defense alone, an amount *billions* greater than its tithe would be! It trusts in its manufacturing ability and armies to preserve it in the face of enemies; it

trusts in its economy to sustain it financially. It trusts in its technological know-how to continue to produce a giant volume of goods from the good earth—*rather* than trusting in the *Creator* of the good earth!

Let's notice just briefly, in contrast to the world's way of doing business, what God's way of doing business is. Instead of God *loaning* us some hard piece of metal which we would agree with Him represents wealth, God *gives* us the earth! Out of that earth by His generous laws, sustained by His might every second, come the untold riches God designed to be ours in the first place: that is *one hundred percent of everything we have!*

Instead of requiring us to pay back that 100 percent to Him every year plus 30 percent, or 20, or any other figure we might pick (where we would *get* that percent I don't know!), God gives us the full 100 percent and requests that we return to Him *ten* percent!

It's *all* His!

But He tells us that if we have our faith and trust and confidence in Him, then we will return to Him that which is His anyway. But He only requires *one-tenth* of all the 100 percent He has *given us freely in the first place!*

If we put our trust in Him rather than in the manufactured goods or the cold metal that comes from the earth, then His promise is that He will pour us out such a blessing that there will not be room to receive it! That the crops of the next years will exceed those of the years before. That our health, our well-being, our safety will be ensured—this promise applies to every individual as well as to every nation! (See Malachi 3:8-12.)

Things Money Can't Buy

As you well know, happiness cannot be purchased with money. True love cannot be purchased with money. Health cannot be purchased with money. Safety from our many enemies cannot be purchased with money, and certainly eternal life cannot be purchased with money! Salvation, forgiveness of sin, sonship in the Kingdom of God cannot be purchased with money. Not even by the

faithful paying of tithes and offerings!

Let's notice an unusual statement made by God in the book of Isaiah: "For thus saith the Lord, Ye have sold yourselves for nought; and ye *shall be redeemed without money*" (Isaiah 52:3).

That's good news!

To think that, very soon, the great God who made everything is going to set His hand to save the world! To think that God is not going to require payment of any kind but gives freely all those things which cannot be purchased is good news!

The purpose of this Work of God is to see that as many people as possible realize that the time of God's intervention is at hand. That it is time for all of us to check our securities, to examine our true wealth, to find out what it is we have our faith in and how confident we are in the true and everlasting values of good character as described by our Maker!

And so, as it goes on to say in verse 7 of this same chapter in Isaiah: "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth! The watchman shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion" (verses 7-8).

Use Money God's Way

No, money of itself is not evil—it is how we think about it or what we do with it that is either evil or good. So those of us who know and believe this truth from the innermost part of our beings *have put* our confidence and faith and trust in God and His promises. To prove this, in every way we endeavor and strive to *do* what God says, whether it is with our time, our effort and energy, or our money. Jesus Christ put it very aptly in the New Testament when He said: "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:21).

If we trust in money, whatever its form, to solve our problems, give us health, protect us, heal and help us,

then we have our trust in money and we are worshipers of that god called mammon about which the Creator God has a great deal to say.

He uses many analogies regarding money, such as the parable of the talents, which shows that we should *use* everything that we have been given by God to serve Him and to increase—with the power of His Spirit and according to His laws—those gifts that He has given to each and every one of us (Matthew 25:14-30). He warns us very sternly not to put our trust and confidence in physical representations of wealth that we have laid up where “moth and rust”—and He might well have added “inflation and collapse of an economy”—corrupt, but to make for ourselves treasure in heaven (Matthew 6:19, 20).

That is not just an ecclesiastical phrase. It is not just a gimmick to get the clergy supported. It is a statement from your Savior endeavoring to get across the important point that your total trust, your absolute confidence, must be in God who made all things, and not in any physical representation of wealth dictated and stipulated by your fellow mankind—that you do not trust in *things* but in the Creator of all things!

Our Creator goes on to command of us that we be good stewards of the physical things that we find in our hands (Luke 16:1-13). That is, that we use the money, the property, the abundance that comes from the soil, to serve and to worship God and not to worship that abundance itself as a god.

God wants us to be His business partners. We establish that partnership, we prove our trust and faith in Him, by returning to Him one-tenth of what He gives to us. A very simple token and a small one, as physical and monetary proof of our belief.

Those of us who have so dedicated our hearts and treasures in complete trust and confidence into the hand of Almighty God will come with confidence to that place in human history when all the economies of all nations dissolve into nothingness. At that time the great treasure which God has in heaven will be brought with Him *from* heaven to this earth and

given freely, abundantly, overflowing in the currency of *true wealth*—in the *sharing and possessing of the heavens and the earth as a SON OF GOD!*

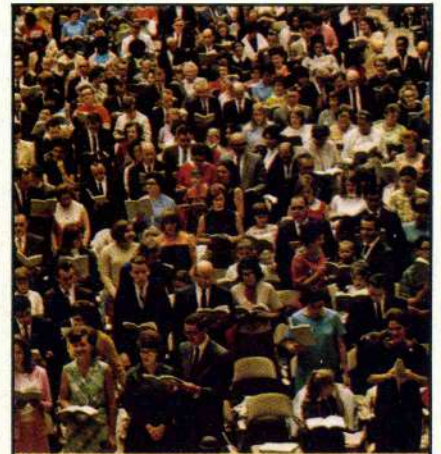
Truth Is Free

Truth should be given freely. “Freely ye have received, *freely give*” (Matthew 10:8). Let’s see some inspiring things that God has to say about the spiritual truth of the purpose of life and the reason for His creation of mankind: “Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? Harken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with *you*, even the sure mercies of David” (Isaiah 55:1-3).

This is talking about that soon-coming time when God will be ruling this earth. The good news of tomorrow’s world! It does not mean that money or gold or banks will not be used. It means that the trust and faith and confidence will be in God and not in things.

In so warning us ahead of time, God urges us to recognize what our true source of wealth is, and so he says: “Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked *forsake* his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him *return* unto the Lord, and *he will have mercy upon him*; and to our God, for *he will abundantly pardon*” (Isaiah 55:6-7).

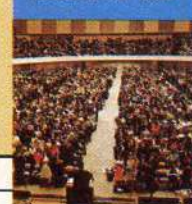
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The name means "hallowed evening." But is it really? Where did it come from? What is it all about? And is it really good for children?

WHAT'S SO "HALLOWED" ABOUT HALLOWEEN?

by Clayton Steep

Creepy goblins, ghosts and demons, witches on brooms, spiders and bats, dead men's bones, flickering jack-o-lanterns, black cats, eerie costumes and parties.

What a weird festival this is!

And an increasingly costly and dangerous one too! Each year following this strange celebration, gruesome accounts surface of the giving of booby-trapped "treats" to children: apples with concealed razor blades; candy bars with hidden needles; cookies containing ground glass; bonbons laced with harsh laxatives or spiked with poisons. This is to say nothing of the cases, reported and unreported, of muggings and molestations which occur on the eve of "All Hallows."

In addition there are other incidences of bodily harm inflicted during the course of Halloween festivities, some on purpose, some accidentally: the automobile driver failing to see the child dressed in black crossing the street at night, the burns resulting from a flammable costume which is ignited by a candle in a jack-o-lantern.

Are these instances not related to the theme and purpose of this festival? Perhaps they are, after all.

At one time in rural America perhaps the "ultimate" in Halloween mischief was moving the outhouse off its foundation. There may have been an uncomfortably inconvenient change of the owner's normal routine

the next morning, but it was basically not too serious. Sometimes, unfortunately, far more extensive destruction is done to private and public property by senseless vandalism. Any of us could face the soaring costs of repairing property damaged by tricksters.

Is It Good?

The Halloween period is big business. It is one of the three top candy-selling seasons of the year. Hundreds of millions of dollars sweeten the cash register tills in exchange for hundreds of millions of pounds of confections. Greeting card companies, manufacturers and retailers of costumes and decorations take their share of the profits too. For them it pays well to keep the Halloween "spirit" alive.

But in calculating the price of Halloween, we can't stop there. We must include the added cost—impossible to calculate—that all of those refined, chemical-laden "treats" ultimately exact in dental and medical bills.

Besides whatever physical harm children may suffer from Halloween, there is an as yet unmeasured damage inflicted on the child's standard of values. After all, are not children taught by Halloween to beg? Isn't it an attempt to get something for nothing? And what is "trick or treat" but extortion? "Give me something . . . or else!" Impressionable minds cannot fail to see how richly it pays off, and then may expect the same to

continue in the days and weeks that follow.

Still, every year millions of people refuse to let these negative aspects stand in the way of their Halloween fun and frolic. Children and adults alike adorn themselves with bizarre and frightening costumes and engage in a hectic night of partying, merry-making and general mayhem.

But just how did these strange goings-on get started anyway?

The Origin of Halloween

It really is no secret that Halloween has been around for thousands of years. Centuries before the birth of Christ, ancient Druids performed mystical rites and ceremonies in honor of the dead on their "New Year's Eve" (October 31).

History books and encyclopedias freely and openly describe this pagan origin. Even newspapers, as an item of curiosity, print articles at Halloween time explaining the pagan beginnings and their parallelism to today's customs.

The point is, Halloween is pagan.

Still, most people, particularly those who are parents, will justify Halloween's observance by saying, in effect, something like this: "So what? So it was started by pagans. We aren't thinking about pagan gods today. We're just having fun. And it's great for the children. Where it came from doesn't make any difference."

Well, it doesn't make any difference unless . . .



Unless you care what God says on the subject! And if you accept the teachings of Jesus Christ and true Christianity, then it does make a great deal of difference! God's Word, the Bible, as we shall see, has a great deal to say about why you should *not* be involved with customs such as those centering on Halloween.

Let's be honest. One only has to look at Halloween costumes and decorations to see that it celebrates death, devils, witches and darkness. Christianity is the antithesis of these things! Christians are supposed to conduct themselves in a way that exemplifies light and life, not darkness and death.

The diametric contradiction between these two approaches is noted by Ralph Linton in *Halloween Through Twenty Centuries*: "Among all the festivals which we celebrate today, few have histories stranger than that of Halloween. . . . it commemorates beings and rites with which the church has always been at war." He then goes on to describe Halloween festivities as customs

which were "once forbidden to good Christians."

Somewhere along the line, these alien pagan customs have worked their way into what the world considers as Christianity.

G.W. Douglas discloses in *The American Book of Days* that "the mystic rites and ceremonies with which Halloween was originally observed had their origin among the Druids centuries before the dawn of the Christian era in the celebration on the eve of the festival of Samhain [the lord of the dead—Satan]. . . . The early [medieval] Christian church adopted the eve and the day following and gave new names to them, as it did with many other Christian observance [sic]."

Writer Dorothy Wood of the *Wichita Beacon* stated the case clearly back on October 30, 1959. She wrote: "This ancient night of revelry for the devil and his cohorts has degenerated. . . . It's the Christians who are to blame. For centuries, they've been grabbing off all the old heathen festivals. The midwinter

feast with its greens and feasting and drinking has become Christmas. The wild spring festival has become Easter, and the worshippers of Christ boldly use the old pagan symbols of fertility—chicks and rabbits and eggs. Now they've completely taken over Halloween."

A Serious Matter

God does not look at this lightly. He does not want His people to "borrow" pagan customs (Deuteronomy 12:29-31) with their inevitable detriment to the development of spiritual character. He plainly and directly commanded through the prophet Jeremiah: "Learn not the way of the heathen . . ." (Jeremiah 10:2).

Through Moses, God condemned as abominable all that has to do with witchcraft, necromancy (black magic), and other demonic works of darkness (Deuteronomy 18:9-12).

In view of this biblical condemnation, we should want to stay as far away as possible from whatever falls into these categories. Instead, all across the land in this "Christian" nation, children—and adults—dress as witches, demons and other manifestations which honor the "lord of death" on his special night.

People do not seem to realize that Satan and his demons are the *enemies* of God. Halloween purposefully worships Satan. "Halloween decorations," says the *Good Housekeeping Book of Entertainment*, "are quite as important as the food. When planning them, remember that if the room is to be *dimly lit* . . . the decorations must be bold to be effective. Orange, black and red, *the devil's colours*, are the colours associated with Halloween. . . . you could make a giant spider's web . . . complete with a large spider—one of the devil's favourite followers."

The apostle Paul summed up the attitude true Christians should have and should teach their children: ". . . For once you were darkness [in the past—before becoming Christians], but now you are *light* in the Lord; walk as children of light [not dressed as demons, witches, zombies, and other beings of darkness] (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true); and try to

learn what is pleasing to the Lord. *Take no part* in the unfruitful works of *darkness*, but instead expose them [by letting your light shine]. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret [let alone to participate in them]" (Ephesians 5:7-12).

Counterfeit Days

Very few seem to realize that Halloween and the other religious "Christian" holidays are actually counterfeits that have been subtly introduced to take the place of the holy days God instituted. (For a complete explanation of the days God ordained, write for a free copy of our booklet *Pagan Holidays—or God's Holy Days—Which?*)

The holy days of God are listed in Leviticus 23. These are the days that were observed by Jesus, the apostles, and the early New Testament Church. Shortly after the death of the apostles, however, the keeping of these days was discontinued by a developing great counterfeit religious system—a system which ultimately brought in its own sacred days adapted from heathen religions.

It seems, in fact, that throughout history man has continually sought to replace that which God originally gave for man's good with that which is inferior and a corruption of the truth. Halloween is a classic example of such a counterfeit.

Some of the before-mentioned feast days God established (see Leviticus 23:24, 27, 34) fall in the seventh month of the sacred calendar, at a period which varies slightly from year to year but centers on early October. Ancient Israel was ordered to observe these God-ordained days. But instead of keeping the feasts of God in the seventh month, King Jeroboam ordained his own feast one month later (I Kings 12:27-33). This counterfeit festival, in the middle of the eighth month, was approximately equivalent timewise to Halloween today!

A provable connection? No. But the point is, God rejected the inferior substitute that was made for something He had instituted—and rejected the whole people because they had rejected Him.

There is a lesson in that for us.

A clergyman recently jolted the readers of a magazine well respected in mainline Protestantism, saying that Halloween is "thoroughly, utterly, totally pagan: the worship of the dead, the placating of evil spirits, the honoring of the Lord of the Dead..." But then he added, "I don't think you can simply take it away from the children without putting something in its place."

What could be better—for children and adults, too—than restoring the observance of God's holy days according to His instructions? Better than Halloween, Christmas, Easter or any of the other humanly devised substitutes.

During the early part of October, while commercial advertisements begin to prepare people for yet another Halloween, the members of the Worldwide Church of God observe the Feast of Tabernacles, one of God's Festivals. They enjoy themselves in good, clean fun at some of the most beautiful locations on earth, while rejoicing in light and truth, learning how to give and share—the exact opposite of the "get" mentality of death-oriented Halloween observance—and preparing themselves for the soon-coming world tomorrow.

Once a person properly keeps the days God has commanded, he realizes what cheap, inferior, meaningless substitutes are the religious holidays of the world. If you haven't yet experienced them, you're really short-changing yourself and your children. You're missing something good.

What Is "Hallowed"?

God commands us to hallow His holy days—which include both weekly and annual Sabbaths (Ezekiel 20:20). In the world tomorrow all people will be taught to hallow God's Sabbaths (Ezekiel 44:24). (Request our free booklet *Which Day Is the Christian Sabbath?*) The word "hallowed" means "regarded as holy or sacred."

At the start of this article the question was asked: "What is so 'hallowed' about Halloween?" The answer is nothing. Absolutely nothing. But the setting of the sun at the beginning of one of God's holy and sacred Sabbaths ushers in a truly meaningful and hallowed evening. □

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Sex—a controversial subject from time immemorial—has been labeled as everything from "a necessary evil" to a panacea for almost everything. Sex has been stigmatized and sensationalized; yet today's sexual revolution has not brought human happiness and well-being. Now you can understand the reason why. Our free booklet titled *Is Sex Sin?* reveals the God-ordained purpose of sex. The booklet is not pornographic, and it isn't a sex manual. Instead, it is a frank discussion on what the Bible says about sex and marriage. No young adult or married couple should be without this knowledge. It is written for adult minds but is a handy reference tool for parents when discussing the subject with their children. It shows how you can achieve a balanced viewpoint and counter wrong values. To receive your free copy, just use the Literature Request card in this issue or write to *The Plain Truth* at the address nearest you.

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Tapping Your INNER POWERS Is Not Enough

There is an outside force available of which very few know—and even fewer utilize. This article makes plain what that power is and how it can be exercised in your life!

by Roderick C. Meredith

This generation does have a rendezvous with destiny. Never at any time in human history have man's powers and abilities seemed greater. Yet, paradoxically, man's future was never more clouded. The prospects for universal famine, for national and racial wars, and for human annihilation were never so great.

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

Yet there is hope!

Man's True Hope

Men today have become so obsessed with their technical and scientific abilities that God, to them, is nonexistent. It never enters their minds that God exists, with power to intervene in human world affairs.

You may not have thought about it in those terms, but haven't you felt that way about God? Be honest!

The "fruits"—the actions and results—in the lives of nearly all professing Christians graphically demonstrate that man is unaware and unconcerned with the power of his Creator.

When God drove Adam and Eve

out of the Garden of Eden, He *cut off* mankind from Him and access to Him (Gen. 3:23-24)—all except the very few God has called for service, preparing for the KINGDOM OF GOD. So, mankind as a whole has its mind solely on things physical—of this world—not spiritual, or of God. But I tell you by authority that this generation is destined to come alive and awake to the Creator's existence and power!

But man was cut off from God for 6,000 years. And that 6,000 years is now near its end.

Unless you are cut off by premature death, the vast majority of you now reading this article are going to be shocked and stunned by the most fantastic display of supernatural power in human history. You are going to see—with your own eyes—gigantic upsets in the weather, which will lead to terrible floods and famine, mass starvation, earthquakes and huge tidal waves such as have never been dreamed of by modern, "educated" men. You will see awesome displays of supernatural power in the very heavens—culminating in the dramatic return of the very Creator to His creation in the person of the living Jesus Christ!

It will be in this generation!

Finally, you will live into another world—the world tomorrow—where the great power of God will be regularly used to keep and enforce peace,

to change human lives and attitudes, and to remove the vicious nature from even wild animals! It will be used to heal the sick, to control the weather, and to bless human beings as long as they serve and obey their Creator.

These events are certain.

Understanding God's Power

True Christians today are in training to become kings and priests in the soon-coming world tomorrow (Revelation 5:10). We must learn lessons of character and faith in God's wisdom and power so we can qualify to judge (or "manage," Moffatt translation) angels in the world tomorrow (I Corinthians 6:2-3).

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

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

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

How, then, can you become more

aware of the fantastic reality and power of God—and better prepare to utilize that power as an instrument in His hands?

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

I. Proper Fear of God

Should you fear God as some sort of monster? No! Not at all.

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

Let me illustrate.

As a grade-school child, I attended a school that had an elderly principal. This principal was, I am sure, a very fine person. But she was somewhat senile and slow moving.

Like God probably seems to many of you reading this, she seemed far off, out of touch, venerable but passive, and almost helpless to really do anything about explosive daily problems. The point is, we did not fear this elderly principal or her office. Yet we should have!

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

Proper Fear

In my final year or two of grade school, this principal, described above, died. She was replaced by a fairly young, alert, masculine fellow who immediately took steps to alter the somewhat permissive atmosphere.

On the second or third day after he became principal, a large group of students was coming in from the playground. As we lined up, there was the usual pushing, shoving and pulling of the girls' pigtails by us "bad little boys." There was constant

giggling and scuffling—few paying any attention to the admonitions and warnings of the other teachers.

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

Clutched in the principal's hand, a large wooden paddle streaked down and landed with a fierce "whop" on its appointed target. A wowl of shock and fear came from the boy's lips—quickly giving way to real cries of pain and penitence.

Immediately, all scuffling and misbehavior stopped! Great peace and tranquillity descended upon West Central Grade School!

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

But we knew he would not tolerate misbehavior. We respected and feared his determination and power to enforce his standard of behavior. His "presence" was always felt with a certain awe and respect.

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

Since God has allowed man to go his own way for six thousand years, men have begun to assume that their very Creator is "dead," impotent, or "way off" somewhere. They have never realized He is nearby and very available for help. They have never prayed to the true God. They have never expected a supernatural answer, if that is required. They have never feared to disobey His plain written Word and His commands!

Because of this, mankind is in ter-

rible trouble. Man is about to blast himself off this planet!

The true God is going to stop it.

The Beginning of True Wisdom

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

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

Again: "The fear of the Lord is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate" (Proverbs 8:13). This proper "fear" of God causes us to understand the nature of evil and to sincerely hate it—to turn away from it and from all the self-willed vanity and rebellion that causes every human woe and ill today.

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

After that time—and after he had learned a great lesson—Nebuchadnezzar was restored to his kingdom, and he lifted up his eyes to praise and honor the true God. Nebuchadnezzar said: "All the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he [God] doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou? . . . Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase" (Daniel 4:35, 37).

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

Build this concept into your mind. Deeply study and drink in of the prophecies of the Bible and prove them to yourself.

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

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

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

II. Walk With God

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

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

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

Put simply, this means that you must obey your Maker, learn to live and act as He does, and be in constant communion with Him through the study of His Word, through prayer, meditation, fasting, and exercising His character throughout your daily life. The great men of the Bible have all done this!

Notice this account of Enoch's life: "And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah: and Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: and all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years: and Enoch walked with God: and he was

not; for God took him" (Genesis 5:21-24).

Examples of Noah, Abraham, and Micah

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

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

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

Thus, when the birthright which he received was transferred to Isaac, God declared that this fantastic blessing was given Abraham "because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws" (Genesis 26:5). Abraham obeyed his Maker—he walked the way God walked.

The prophet Micah summarizes this basic approach to God which we must have to receive His blessing and power: "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" (Micah 6:8.)

If you are unsure of just how to walk with God—how to keep His

commandments—write for our free booklet *The Ten Commandments*. It is in full color and fully illustrated. This booklet shows you how the Ten Commandments apply in today's modern, technologically oriented world.

Jesus' Example

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

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

What was the remarkable source of Jesus' power?

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

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

But, to get to the point, have you ever noticed what Jesus did just before He walked on the water? "And when he had sent them away, he departed into a mountain to pray" (Mark 6:46). Then He walked on the water (verses 47-51) in order to catch up with the disciples. They were amazed and afraid.

Why?

"For they considered not the mira-

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

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

How about you?

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

III. Exercise God's Power

The Gospel of Mark narrates a dramatic incident in the life of Jesus and His disciples. A man brought his son to Jesus' disciples. This son, according to the account, was possessed by a demon, which caused him to froth at the mouth and throw himself on the ground in convulsive fits. Jesus' disciples had been unable to cast out the demon, and the distraught father turned to Jesus when He arrived and cried out: "Have compassion on us, and help us" (Mark 9:22.)

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

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

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

Obviously, Jesus had been praying and fasting—getting really close to and communing with His Father in heaven, yielding His will to God's

and drinking in of His Spirit and power. He expected the answer—and He got it!

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

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

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

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

Not Emotionalism

True Christianity is not connected with unrestrained emotionalism. It is simply believing that Jesus said what He meant and meant what He said. It is following His example of obeying the commandments of God, trusting God to keep His promises, and privately—as Jesus instructed—praying, meditating and fasting to get closer to the God of the Bible, the Creator, and seeking His power and intervention according to what He has promised in His Word, the Bible.

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

As Elijah ascended up to heaven, his mantle fell on Elisha. Elisha then went back to the bank of the Jordan River where Elijah had just smitten the waters so they could walk over on dry ground. This time the young, new

prophet Elisha smote the waters, saying in faith: "Where is the Lord God of Elijah? And when he had also smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over" (verse 14).

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

For as John the Baptist came in the spirit and power of Elijah (Luke 1:17), so God says of our day: "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: and he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse" (Malachi 4:5-6). That commission is being accomplished through this Work!

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

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

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

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

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KANSAS

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WUHQ, Battle Creek — 41, 7:30 a.m., Sun.
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MINNESOTA

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MISSOURI

KMTC, Springfield — 27, 6:30 a.m., Sun.
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 KWNB, Hayes Center — 6, 8 a.m., Sun.
 KHGI, Kearney — 13, 8 a.m., Sun.
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 WOR, New York — 9, 10 p.m., Sun.
 WROC, Rochester — 8, 9:30 a.m., Sun.

NORTH CAROLINA

WRET, Charlotte — 36, 7:30 a.m., Sun.
 WNCT, Greenville — 9, 11:30 a.m., Sun.

OHIO

WAKR, Akron — 23, 11 p.m., Sun.
 WLWT, Cincinnati — 5, 11:30 a.m., Sun.
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OREGON

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PENNSYLVANIA

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WRCB, Chattanooga — 3, 12 noon, Sun.
 WKPT, Kingsport — 19, 12 noon, Sun.

TEXAS

KTVV, Austin — 36, 9:30 a.m., Sun.

WASHINGTON

KXLY, Spokane — 2, 11 a.m., Sun.

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WVTV, Milwaukee — 18, 10 p.m., Sun.

PALESTINE

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Palestine" and "driving Israel into the sea." Having confronted the reality of Israel for over 30 years, Palestinians now appear ready to strike a bargain for peace, willing to compromise and accept a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza—an area not even a fourth of all Palestine.

"The PLO will accept an independent Palestinian state consisting of the West Bank and Gaza, with a connecting corridor," declared Arafat last December, "and in that circumstance will renounce any and all violent means to enlarge the territory of that state."

But Israel is not so sure. The PLO has not as yet recognized U.N. Resolution 242, which concedes Israel's right to exist within peaceful borders in exchange for Israeli withdrawal from territories occupied in the 1967 "Six-Day" Jew-Arab war. Moreover, Article 15 of the PLO constitution remains unaltered, calling for the Arabs to "purge the Zionist presence from Palestine." Consequently the PLO is outlawed in Israel and the occupied territories. American policy also bars any contacts between Washington and the PLO until the organization accepts 242 and Israel's right to exist.

Palestinians say they reject 242 because it ignores them. Arafat says he would back a new resolution with virtually identical wording *if it also guaranteed a Palestinian state*. Many observers believe that Arafat will recognize Israel's right to exist as a nation if and when he believes a West Bank-Gaza state is within reach. Recognition of Israel is a vital card for the PLO, not to be played until the time is ripe.

Thus it appears to be a question of who will be the first to budge. Neither side trusts the other, or is willing to take the first step.

While the PLO cannot, of course, hope to alone recapture by force the land they believe is theirs, they nevertheless can veto any plans for a genuine peace in the region. It is a force which cannot be ignored, strong enough to upset the delicate balances

in the area. If the vicious cycle of raids and reprisals (in which often, on both sides, civilians pay most of the price) is ever to be halted, say experts, the PLO will have to be brought into meaningful negotiations with the Israelis.

Solutions

Like many, Prince Fahd of Saudi Arabia sees the unsolved problem of the Palestinians as the fundamental destabilizing factor in the Middle East. Towards effecting a solution, he has declared that his nation will make formal peace with Israel if the Jewish state withdraws to its pre-1967 borders. Moreover, he says Saudi Arabia would help guarantee the security of the new borders.

Israelis, however, contend that the Palestine issue is *not* the core of the problem. They assert that returning the land would not prevent another war, pointing out that it did not prevent the wars which took place before Israel occupied the land in 1967.

Most Arabs, however, dispute that argument, asserting that times have changed and that Israel's retention of the occupied territories is now the *only* barrier to peace. If those territories were returned, they maintain, Israel would then be "fully acceptable" to her Arab neighbors and secure within her borders. The Israelis can have land, or they can have peace, but not both, they declare.

Palestinians insist they are seeking peace, not a springboard for war. A sovereign Palestinian state, they claim, could never be used successfully as a base for terrorist attacks against Israel. The new state would be preoccupied with its own internal problems, which would be enormous. Moreover, with the establishment of a Palestinian state, they say, the Palestinian guerrilla forces would become the regular Palestinian army; if it were ordered to operate against militarily superior Israel, it would be an official act of war, in which their newly gained state would undoubtedly be lost forever. Palestinians say they would never be so stupid as to risk losing the state for which they had struggled so hard and so long.

Anyway, Palestinians observe, Israel could reoccupy Gaza in ten min-

utes and sever the vital land link between the Strip and the West Bank anytime it chose. The vulnerable West Bank itself could be retaken in a few hours. If anyone has to be concerned about security, Palestinians say, it is *they*, not the Israelis.

The Prospects

Most observers agree that there will never be a stable resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict unless the national aspirations of the Palestinians are somehow satisfied.

Can the Palestinians be persuaded to accept "autonomy" instead of sovereignty, "self-rule" rather than their own "homeland" free of Israeli presence? It is highly doubtful.

Alternately, can Israel be persuaded to withdraw totally from the occupied territories in return for firm guarantees of peace and security? In time, a possibility, observers feel.

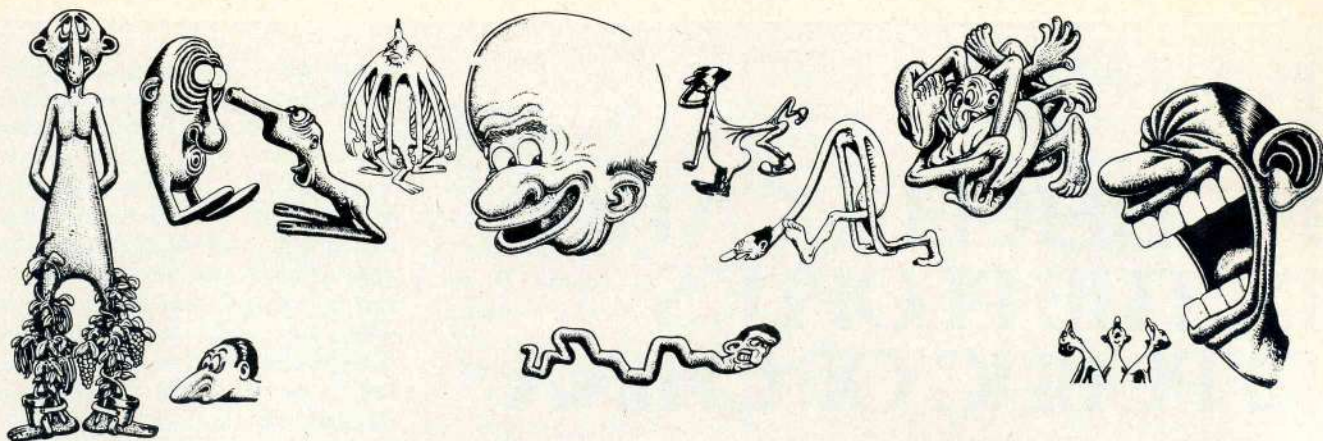
At the moment, however, the West Bank is a simmering caldron threatening to boil over. Any early threat toward a Palestinian settlement—despite approaching deadlines—looks extremely dim. The gulf between the parties remains wide and deep. False optimism is certainly out of place.

Given the intense national feeling on both sides, the Middle East situation can be settled *only* by compromise. Four wars in the past 30 years have solved nothing. Total victory for either side is impossible.

A new war in the Middle East would be far more bloody than any in the past. The danger of superpower involvement would be great. The stakes are indeed high!

What are the prospects? Despite the peacemaking efforts which continue in the region, Bible prophecy indicates that the future of the Middle East holds *war*, not peace.

Real peace will come only with the reestablishment of the government of God on the earth in the coming millennial rule of Christ. But unfortunately, for the immediate future, Yasser Arafat's dire prediction of continued conflict may be heading for fulfillment. "It is approaching," he says, "it is pushing . . . the whole atmosphere to the direction of war." □



Personal from...

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But he led those flocks, kept them together, and held Bible studies until we began graduating ministers from Ambassador College. Otherwise, those churches would have died before they really were started.

Basil Wolverton became one of my lifetime close personal friends, as well as serving as elder in the Vancouver and Portland churches until Ambassador College graduated ministers. The churches grew—through the loyalty and continuous labors of Mr. Wolverton.

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This unique *Bible Story*, starting with Genesis 1, appeared for a long while month by month in *The Plain*

Truth. Finally it was done into a *Bible Story* book.

As a memorial tribute to Basil Wolverton, I am now ordering a new edition of *The Bible Story* book. I



have not, at the moment, decided whether to publish it as a paperback cover book to be offered again gratis or to produce it as a high-quality hardbound book to be put on sale in bookstores throughout the English-

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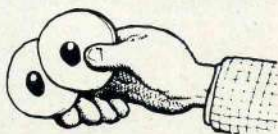
I loved Basil very much—as did all who knew him. And the same is true of his lovely wife Honor, who also “endured to the end” in her loyalty to caring for Mr. Wolverton from the time of his first stroke until his death. Honor, too, will surely be “honored” in the Kingdom of God. I know Christ would have me pay tribute to Honor, a most gracious and charming and devoted wife to Basil through the years. □

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HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

by Stanley R. Rader

Paving the way for a visit by Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong to the People's Republic of China (PRC), I recently met with a number of high officials in the PRC's Ministry of Education and at several prominent national universities and libraries. We spoke about, among other things, the state of higher education in the world's most populous nation.

The Chinese leaders are putting a renewed emphasis on education these days. Education is slated to play a vital role in Peking's ambition to become a modern industrial superpower by the year 2000.

While the "modernization" campaign has been toned down a bit since its inception almost a year ago, the fact is that the government's long-term plans still call for vast changes in the PRC's economy. The leaders in Peking know, for example, that in order to be able to compete in world markets or even make the best use of the resources they have, they're go-

ing to have to produce many millions of technologically sophisticated people. Current plans are to raise up a "vast army" of scientists, technicians, and skilled workers. The PRC already has the muscle power it needs—what it lacks is expertise.

And yet the PRC's educational system is only just now beginning to recover from a decade of turmoil and radicalism. In the middle and late 60s, and early 70s, the PRC went through a period of student unrest not unlike that experienced elsewhere in the world.

In China, most of the turmoil was stirred up by four high-level officials (who have since been deposed) called the "gang of four." One of them was the wife of Mao Tse-tung. The gang of four were extreme zealots for a completely *equal* society. Education, which necessarily stresses such things as study, diligence, and excellence, came under fire. To the gang of four, education had to become

subservient to the political objective of making society more equal. Naturally, standards fell and chaos reigned.

According to officials in the Ministry of Education, in some colleges and universities controlled by the gang of four (including Peking University, where I visited) some classes spent only *eight weeks* a year in study! Laboratories were smashed, libraries were deserted. Teachers and students who worked hard were accused of becoming "capitalist roaders" by becoming "expert."

Students, of course, found it easier to engage in "political criticism" of their teachers than to study. The gang of four even went so far as to abolish entrance exams to get into the universities. Admission depended on having the correct "political outlook," rather than on competence. Gang of four-inspired radicals said that anything which required diligence or study smacked of "elitism" and was too "middle-class" for a Communist society. At Fudan University (where I also visited on my recent trip), all scientific research stopped. It was too "elitist." At Peking University, subjects such as psychology were dropped from the curriculum. A correct "class outlook," said the radicals, made the subject unnecessary.

It was during this period that most of the officials with whom I met at the Ministry of Education and at Peking University had to tread very carefully and maintain an extremely



low profile since, as professional educators, they were easy targets for political criticism themselves.

Today, with the gang of four overthrown, and the pressing need to modernize, education is getting back to normal. Subjects banned by the gang of four have been restored. Scientific research is going again. The Ministry of Education is once again in control of Peking and Fudan Universities.

Exams and grades have returned also, though exams are still fairly lenient. Tests are all "open book" and papers are only marked "excellent," "good," or "not good enough." Evidently, education officials still follow Mao's dictum that teachers should not wage "guerrilla war" against their students by asking them difficult exam questions.

Nevertheless, some of the problems created by the gang of four still linger. Many students who graduated from universities during the reign of the gang of four are woefully under-trained. Others, who spent their time developing the proper "class outlook" instead of studying, may find that some educational opportunities are now denied to them.

The renewed emphasis on education in the PRC also highlights the fact that educational resources are in short supply. Even the offices of full college professors are often bare of books. Libraries are desperately lacking in reference materials. There is also a tremendous shortage of books, in particular English books.

This situation, of course, represents an *open door* to the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation, of which Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong is Founder and Chairman. During my talks with representatives of the Ministry of Education, we were able to reach an accord that will ultimately lead to the purchase of books in excess of \$500,000 and the training of teachers and students in library science. Many of these books will be published by Everest House, a publishing company affiliated with the AICF. Mr. Armstrong's own powerful and inspiring work, *The Incredible Human Potential*, will head up the list.

After years of being isolated from the world, the recent changes in the PRC represent a very real opportunity for the AICF to aid in furthering the worldwide educational work being done by Mr. Armstrong. Mr. Armstrong has spent a lifetime promoting the true values in education. It now looks as if he will have the opportunity to extend his efforts to the world's most populous country. □

PREPARING THE WAY for Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong's China visit, Mr. Stanley Rader recently met with several important officials at Peking Teacher's University. While there, he showed them a copy of *Quest* magazine (below). Mr. Rader also met with some of the Peking Teacher's University's most prominent librarians at Peking University (middle) and with the staff at the Fudan University library (left).



U.S. TROUBLE

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groups throughout the eastern Caribbean to engage in labor strikes, demonstrations and other forms of confrontation with government.

The escalating unrest raises fears—both in Washington and in many of the Caribbean's larger countries—that what happened in Grenada could be repeated in Dominica (population 78,000), Antigua (70,000), St. Lucia (120,000) and St. Vincent (112,000).

"Circles of Trouble"

The rumblings in the eastern Caribbean—coupled with the strife in Central America—are causing U.S. officials to worry increasingly about what some call "concentric circles of trouble."

By this is meant that the troubles on both sides of the Caribbean (once called an "American lake" because of the predominant U.S. influence) could reach out in shock waves to other larger countries such as Jamaica, Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

Unrest could conceivably spread to the northern and southern reaches of the Caribbean basin as well, taking in Mexico and Venezuela, two critical sources of oil for the United States.

Syndicated columnist Marquis Childs adds an especially chilling note concerning the potential impact upon Mexico: "If worst comes to worst, a stronghold of dictatorial Communism will exist at the heart of the Central American peninsula. This is of the greatest concern to Mexico which has its own problems of poverty and terror. Guatemala has a long and often ill-defined border with Mexico's southernmost province of Chiapas and is in proximity to Mexico's rapidly developing oil fields."

As he left for exile, deposed Nicaraguan president Anastasio Somoza warned that Communist insurgents could be "on the Rio Grande"—the U.S.-Mexican border—in a few year's time.

The mind boggles at the impact upon the social fabric of the United States were a Communist revolution

to sweep Mexico. The millions of illegal aliens now living sub rosa in the U.S. would be joined by additional millions (perhaps tens of millions) seeking political asylum!

Canal Zone Turnover

Viewing these disturbing events in the strife-torn Caribbean basin, there could not possibly be a more disadvantageous time for the United States to relinquish exclusive control over the Panama Canal, the lifeline of U.S. oceanic commerce.

Yet "T-Day"—October 1, 1979—is now upon us. That's the day that the U.S.-controlled Canal Zone ceases to exist and the 547-square-mile territory is officially *turned over* (that's what the "T" stands for) to the Republic of Panama.

The Canal itself, running down the middle of the former U.S. Zone, is scheduled to be jointly operated and defended by both countries until the end of this century, after which time Panama will have total control. But the key date is October 1. At this time, Panama assumes sovereign rights to the territory encompassing the world's most strategic man-made waterway. The United States, as of this date, becomes, in effect, a mere concessionaire, with limited rights and privileges. (For the full story on the importance of the Panama Canal to the economic security of the United States and the entire Western world, see the article "Canal Zone Handover: America's Strategic Surrender?" in the June 1977 *Plain Truth*. Or request a free reprint of this article.)

For all practical purposes, Panama has been sovereign over the Zone ever since April 1 of this year, when the Panama Canal treaties, signed in 1977 by President Carter and approved last year by the U.S. Senate by a two-vote margin, became the law of the land. However, there is an official six-month waiting period. Hence, T-Day is October 1.

During this six-month period, the House of Representatives, charged by the Constitution with the responsibility of disposing of U.S. property, was to enact "enabling legislation" to implement the treaties and provide funds and technical means for setting

up new post-treaty procedures—such as transferring U.S. bases and equipment to Panama and establishing a joint U.S.-Panamanian commission to operate the canal between October 1, 1979 and the end of the century (when U.S. responsibility totally ceases).

The House, however, is still, as of this writing, balking at the key elements of the enabling legislation.

For one thing, the House members have been finding out that the cost of disposing the Canal Zone property and the expected future cost to the U.S. of the new arrangement are turning out to be much greater than expected. (How ironic. The U.S. is now worried about whether or not it can afford to give away the canal!)

The latest estimate is that U.S. taxpayers will shell out at least \$350 million by the time the canal is transferred to Panama. But since there are so many uncertainties involved in the complicated process, and because Panamanian demands beyond the scope of the treaty are escalating almost daily, the actual cost could be much greater. One long-time opponent of the new canal treaties estimates that by the end of the 20-year life of the pacts, the U.S. Treasury will be out to the tune of four billion dollars.

Angry representatives are charging that the State Department deliberately misled senators about the cost of honoring the treaties. As proof of this, they cite Secretary of State Cyrus Vance's 1978 testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, in which Vance said flatly: "The treaties require no new appropriations, nor do they add to the burden of the American taxpayer."

With "T-Day" approaching around the corner (it may have passed by the time you read this article), now is certainly not the time for the U.S. Congress to "count the cost." That should have been done during the Senate debate on the new treaties last year.

What happens if "T-Day" comes and legislation to implement the treaties has not been finalized? No one seems to know at the moment. But one thing is for sure: If the date arrives and the U.S. does not relin-

quish control of the Zone, there will be big trouble! "T-Day" will be "Trouble Day."

Panamanian strong man Omar Torrijos has warned about just that. Asked what alternatives Panama has if the United States does not implement the treaty, Torrijos said that, in his view, such failure would erase the 1903 treaty now in effect. "If they come in violating a new treaty, then there is no treaty," Torrijos added. "Therefore we could, without violating any norms of international law, push them [the Americans] from the canal."

Even if all goes well, and October 1 passes peacefully, it will certainly be a milestone marking America's precipitous decline, with thousands of jubilant Panamanians streaming over the border onto the former U.S. property.

Treaty Pitfalls

The new treaties with Panama are only the beginning of trouble for the U.S. on the isthmus. The pacts are full of ambiguities and are bound to cause friction in the future. "Dual sovereignties," especially between such unequal parties, rarely work. Henceforth, trivial disagreements will be blown up into major clashes.

The safety of skilled American workers—no longer protected by the Zone buffer—will be constantly jeopardized. Should a mass exodus of these workers occur, it would mean a shutdown of the canal, crippling American trade, especially the transport of oil and the massive exports of U.S. farm goods.

"The plain fact is that conflict with the United States—even violent conflict—is built into the very structure of Panamanian history," says Latin American expert Marc Falsaff. "Anything less than the complete surrender of the canal by the United States will eventually be unsatisfactory."

The United States, for example, claims the new treaty arrangement gives it the right to defend the canal unilaterally if necessary. Panama claims any such action would violate Panamanian sovereignty.

The seeds of violent disruption have thus been sown.

Panama, though it is not Communist, nevertheless cooperated hand in glove with Cuba in the Nicaraguan revolution. Undoubtedly the Communist tide will eventually sweep over Panama itself. What then?

"The Caribbean Gulf area is well on the way to becoming a Red Lake," Dr. Donald M. Dozer told *The Plain Truth* in 1977. "Upon the defense of the Canal Zone by the United States depends the fate of the Canal. Upon the fate of the Canal depend the safety of world sea lanes and the fate of the entire Caribbean Gulf area. On these factors depend the survival of the United States as a free and independent nation and the safety and welfare of the American continents."

Long-time readers of *The Plain Truth* who have also read Mr. Armstrong's recent series "The United States and Britain in Prophecy" know that the United States, Britain, and the English-speaking Commonwealth nations have been the end-time recipients of the birthright promise of national greatness conferred by Almighty God upon the patriarch Abraham.

In detailing elements of this promise, God told Abraham: "That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies" (Genesis 22:17). The Fenton translation phrases it in this manner: "... And your race shall possess the gates [plural] of its enemies."

The "gates" of enemy nations are the strategic land and sea gates of entrance to or exit from these nations. In their rise to world power, Britain and America came into possession of nearly every major land and sea gate in the world. But today, most of them, such as the Suez Canal, Aden and Singapore, have been lost as Britain's sun has set and that nation has shriveled back to "little England."

America's Panama Canal is next on the list to go.

Surrounded by Enemies

The Nicaraguan revolution and the imminent Canal Zone "T-Day" are



CARIBBEAN HOT SPOTS: Marxist-dominated revolution in Nicaragua (1) could spill over into neighboring Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala. In the eastern Caribbean region, a leftist government took over control of the island of Grenada (2) earlier in the year and immediately asked for Cuban aid. A new government on St. Lucia (3) also appears to be coming under Havana's influence. Meanwhile the United States relinquishes full control over the Panama Canal (4) on October 1.

just the beginning of major woes for the United States in its own "backyard."

In an article in *El Mercurio*, Chile's most influential newspaper, Guillermo Martinez wrote: "The United States will soon be surrounded by visible and active enemies, with the one exception of Canada."

And one wonders about the last part of that prediction as well. Canada itself may never be an enemy, but its territorial integrity is endangered by the threatened secession of the French-speaking province of Quebec. A referendum to that effect will be held in Quebec in the spring of 1980.

Western intelligence experts are deeply concerned over the political radicalization of the province should the Quebec nationalist independence drive be successful. They fear that joint North American (Canadian-U.S.) military defense may be gravely impaired. (For the likely impact of an independent Quebec on the security of the United States, refer to the May 1978 issue of *The Plain Truth*, article "Behind Canada's Unity Crisis.")

God is taking away, one by one, the ramparts and bulwarks that have

protected the American nation throughout its history!

Time of Punishment Ahead

What does God say will happen to the United States—part of the "anointed" covenant people of modern-day Israel—in the coming months and years?

Notice Psalms 89, verses 38 through 43: "But now thou hast cast off and rejected, thou art full of wrath against thy anointed. Thou hast renounced the covenant with thy servant; thou hast defiled his crown in the dust. *Thou hast breached all his walls; thou hast laid his strongholds in ruins. All that pass by despoil him; he has become the scorn of his neighbors.* Thou hast exalted the right hand of his foes; *thou hast made all his enemies rejoice.* Yea, thou hast turned back the edge of his sword, and *thou hast not made him stand in battle.*"

The rest of this psalm reveals that God "will not hide himself forever," that after a time of national punishment and captivity He will turn again to deliver His people. That is the good news over and beyond the bad. □

CHURCH

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human lifetime, qualified for chief positions in church and state, respectively, next under Abraham, Isaac and Jacob—Moses over all national GOVERNMENTS—Elijah over church. It was Elijah who restored KNOWLEDGE of the worship of the true God.

All these men, who were CALLED to special missions by God during their physical human life, were prepared and qualified for these positions in the KINGDOM.

Actually, the preaching of the gospel and spread of religion IN THE KINGDOM will be primarily RELIGIOUS EDUCATION—since ALL shall be called, and the decision will be made individually by each person. It is significant that Elijah had founded THREE COLLEGES (II Kings 2:3, 5; 4:38) at Bethel, Jericho and Gilgal, teaching God's TRUTH in a world corrupted by false paganized education.

The one original true Church of God is UNIQUE in the knowledge that THIS WORLD HAS BEEN CUT OFF FROM GOD—its inhabitants who were un-called are therefore NOT BEING JUDGED—yet! They have been neither "saved" nor "lost." But THEY HAVE BEEN DECEIVED!

As Jesus said, many would go out claiming to represent Him, proclaiming that Jesus was the CHRIST (Messiah)—yet DECEIVING THE MANY! (Matthew 24:4-5, II Corinthians 11:13-15).

Millions have been deceived into a FALSE SALVATION. What about all these sincere people—are they "LOST"? Of course not. But neither did they receive the "salvation" they were deceived into expecting. They simply were not—YET—judged. THEY SHALL BE—all who have died—in the resurrection of the Great White Throne Judgment (Revelation 20:11-13).

Salvation shall surely come to all who—once the TRUTH is revealed, and they are undeceived—are as willing as they thought they were in the false salvation they were deceived into accepting! This will include

many whom our readers may have supposed were "lost." It is a GLO-RIOUS HOPE!

Now notice Matthew 25:31 on.

"When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory." Combine that with other scriptures already covered. When Jesus comes in His glory, He will come as He went to heaven—in clouds. The dead shall rise first—in a resurrection—then the living *in* Christ shall be instantly changed to spirit immortality and be caught up in the air with them to meet the descending Lord. His feet shall stand that same day on the Mount of Olives. The resurrected and changed saints shall be continually from then with Him. Then He shall sit on the throne of His glory—in the City of David, Jerusalem.

All the holy angels will be with Him. In Revelation 12 we find that a third of the angels followed Lucifer into rebellion. But what about all these HOLY angels—the other two-thirds? I have said angel creation was not COMPLETE until by their own decision CHARACTER—either righteous or evil—had been formed in them. What about this two-thirds of angels, here called HOLY! God does not reveal HOW their character, and therefore their creation, was completed. But, in some manner not revealed, it is apparent the two-thirds had formed holy and righteous character, for here they are called HOLY angels, and in many parts of both Old and New Testaments they are described as definitely holy and in God's service.

All Nations Gathered

Now continue, Matthew 25:32, "And before him [Christ] shall be gathered all nations . . ." This can refer only to the people in all nations still remaining alive at that time—all MORTAL, human, flesh-and-blood people.

Remember, many who had been called and truly converted will then be sitting with Christ in His throne at Jerusalem. Continue: ". . . and he shall separate them one from another . . ." Remember the dead and living IN Christ had already been separated and risen to meet Christ in the

air. This separation refers to the still-living MORTALS—who had not previously been called—who had, up to now, been cut off from God and from salvation. But now, with Christ on the throne and Satan gone, ALL are spiritually called! Now continue, still verse 32: ". . . as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats. And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then [verse 34] shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

All then still living will be called. Those who decide for God's Kingdom—with Satan then out of the way—will INHERIT the Kingdom of God—be BORN INTO IT!

"Then [verse 41] shall he say also unto them on his left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels [demons]." That fire is described in 2 Peter 3:10-12—the face of the earth becoming a molten inferno—burning up the mortal incorrigible. However, this fire will not take place until the end of the millennium.

Verse 46, "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal." That "everlasting punishment" has been construed by the deceived to mean "everlasting punishing—but it is punishment—and the wages of sin is DEATH (Romans 6:23). True, some few scriptures speak of the fire NOT BEING QUENCHED—and the deceived misconstrue this to mean an eternally burning hell. Often I have illustrated this before audiences by placing a small piece of paper in a metal pan and lighting it. I say to the audience, "Now watch! This fire shall not be quenched!" Then I put the remaining ash on the floor, step on it and quote Malachi 4:3, ". . . they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet . . ."

WHAT A FABULOUS POTENTIAL lies ahead of all humans willing to BELIEVE when called!

WHAT WONDERFUL TRUTH God has revealed to His one and only true original Church, small and persecuted, yet vigorously ALIVE with God's WONDERFUL TRUTH! □

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L E T & T E R S

Showdown Over Namibia

Please discontinue sending me any issues of *The Plain Truth*. I am very displeased with the article "Showdown Over Namibia." This article portrays South Africa and its ruling circles as paragons of decency, justice and democracy toward the Namibian people. We all know how to this very day the government of South Africa denies to its black majority in both Namibia and South Africa the right to develop one's potential without regard to race and color.

Orlando Ivey,
Toledo, Ohio

It is something unusual to read a realistic appraisal in any overseas press of anything applicable to southern Africa. We in this part of the world are so used to distorted and often deliberate false reports that we have developed a sort of immunity.

Then your report on "Showdown Over Namibia" (June/July *Plain Truth*) changed the whole set-up. What makes this particular report so praiseworthy must be ascribed to the fact that *The Plain Truth* is not a magazine devoted to increased circulation based on sensationalism. This magazine reports facts plainly, regardless of whether anybody likes them or not, something very rare nowadays. Reading this article is like a breath of fresh air.

Ben van Heerden,
Sea Park, South Africa

May I respectfully suggest that copies of the excellent article "Showdown Over Namibia" be sent to each and every congressman and senator in Washington. It would seem that quite a few of them are sadly in need of unbiased and true information concerning the Dark Continent.

Charles Teefey,
Cheektowaga, New York

Nuclear Garbage

I found the article on nuclear garbage (May *Plain Truth*) of such excellence that I should very much like to receive

from you two or more copies to give to friends. I have kept up to date on nuclear development in America and elsewhere in the world, but have found nothing quite equal to your article in lucidity and plain exposure of facts.

Roy Vandergoot,
Culver City, California

I do not understand why you would put an anti-nuclear-power article in your magazine. It seems that the latest "trendy" topic is nuclear power and its negative aspects. No one speaks or writes about the positive aspects of a great and inexpensive source of energy.

We are currently seeing only the tip of the iceberg regarding energy problems. Without the continued development of nuclear power and especially the breeder reactor, we will run out of energy in America in the 1990s. The "plain truth" is that this will affect every facet of every American's life and will especially hurt and hinder the progress of minorities. Without power to run factories, unemployment will increase and growth will stagnate.

You mention the negative aspects of nuclear wastes, but you do not state that current technology has the means of safely storing and treating nuclear wastes. What a disservice you do to America by jumping on the anti-nuclear bandwagon.

Fritz Clemm,
Belmont, California

In the Image of God

The article "In His Image . . . Heirs Together" (in the May issue) was very brilliantly written. Jon Hill wastes no words in his witty and informative treatment of this very pertinent subject.

James Pollard,
Bentonville, Arkansas

I was highly impressed with your recent article "In the Image of God." For many years I have been deeply concerned with religious philosophy, which teaches to the spirit but denies the equality of the spirit because of the physical form. If we

are judged before God for our individual sins, then it would seem that we are held equally capable of serving God. Luke 8:3 finds women ministering unto Christ.

Brenda Rice,
Lexington, Kentucky

The article by Jon Hill was very pithy and informative. He revealed some interesting truths that some of us needed to hear. However, I must protest when he writes that "the devil broadcasts his hate [of sex by saying]: the best state of human beings is celibacy." Jesus said, "It is not everyone who can accept what I have said, but only those to whom it is granted . . . there are eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Let anyone accept this who can" (Matthew 19:11-12). Jesus said that, not the devil! Those who take the vow of chastity are truly free to love. Sex is a good and beautiful thing, as Jon Hill says, for it was invented by God; however, as Jesus clearly states, celibacy is not against God's plan.

Lisa Burner,
Summit Point, West Virginia

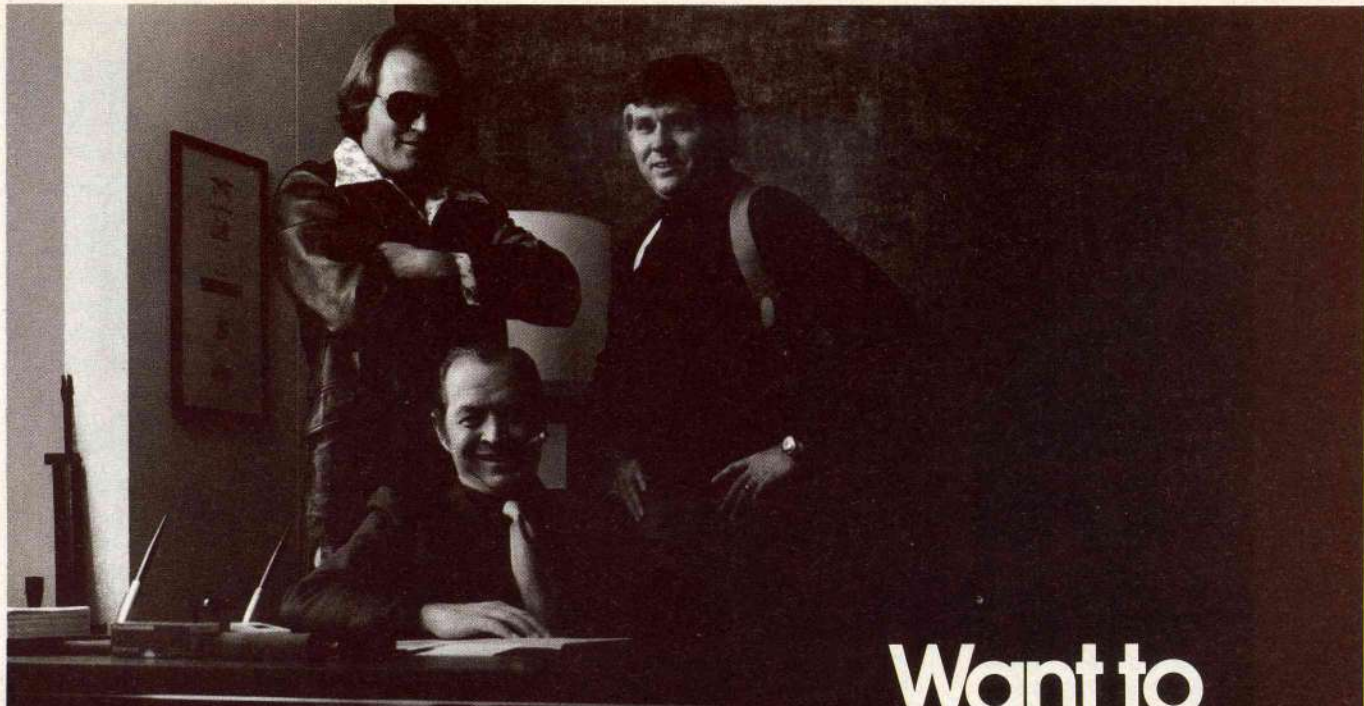
Help Provided

I am writing to inform you that after reading your magazine, I have found in it answers to the thought-provoking questions which have haunted my mind for quite a long time. After many years of agonizing mental torture due to contemplation over heart-bleeding questions, your magazine has come out as the sole consoler and hope and inspiration, not only to me, but to many others.

A.W.S.,
Kenya

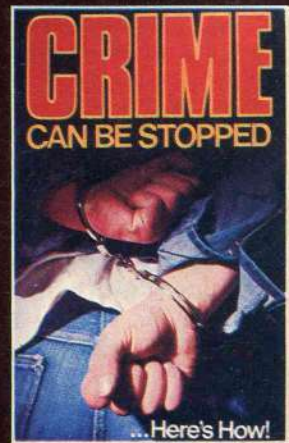
I will want to read the wonderful piece "What the World Needs Now Is Hope" over and over because it helps keep my spirit up or to come alive. Older people sometimes give up more, because they are fed up with life and lose ambition. I might have done just that, but with your school of thought I now see things in a new light.

Blanche Lemieux,
Waltham, Massachusetts



Want to wipe the smiles off their faces?

The professional criminal has a lot to smile about these days, or so it seems. His income, for instance. A New York burglar might have a tax-free income of \$75,000 a year. A Miami narcotics importer's annual take is more like \$175,000. As for the dons of organized crime . . . who knows? But we're all footing the bill. As crimes of all types increase, we are becoming a nation of victims. Unless something is done, and quickly, it may be too late to salvage our freedom and dignity. No, we can't stop crime overnight. But we must begin. And the place to start is with ourselves. If enough of us begin to examine our own actions and motives, we can create an atmosphere in which crime cannot flourish. Then, maybe some of those fat cats won't have so much to smile about. For more information, write for the free booklet, *Crime Can Be Stopped — Here's How*. (Just return the coupon below.)



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