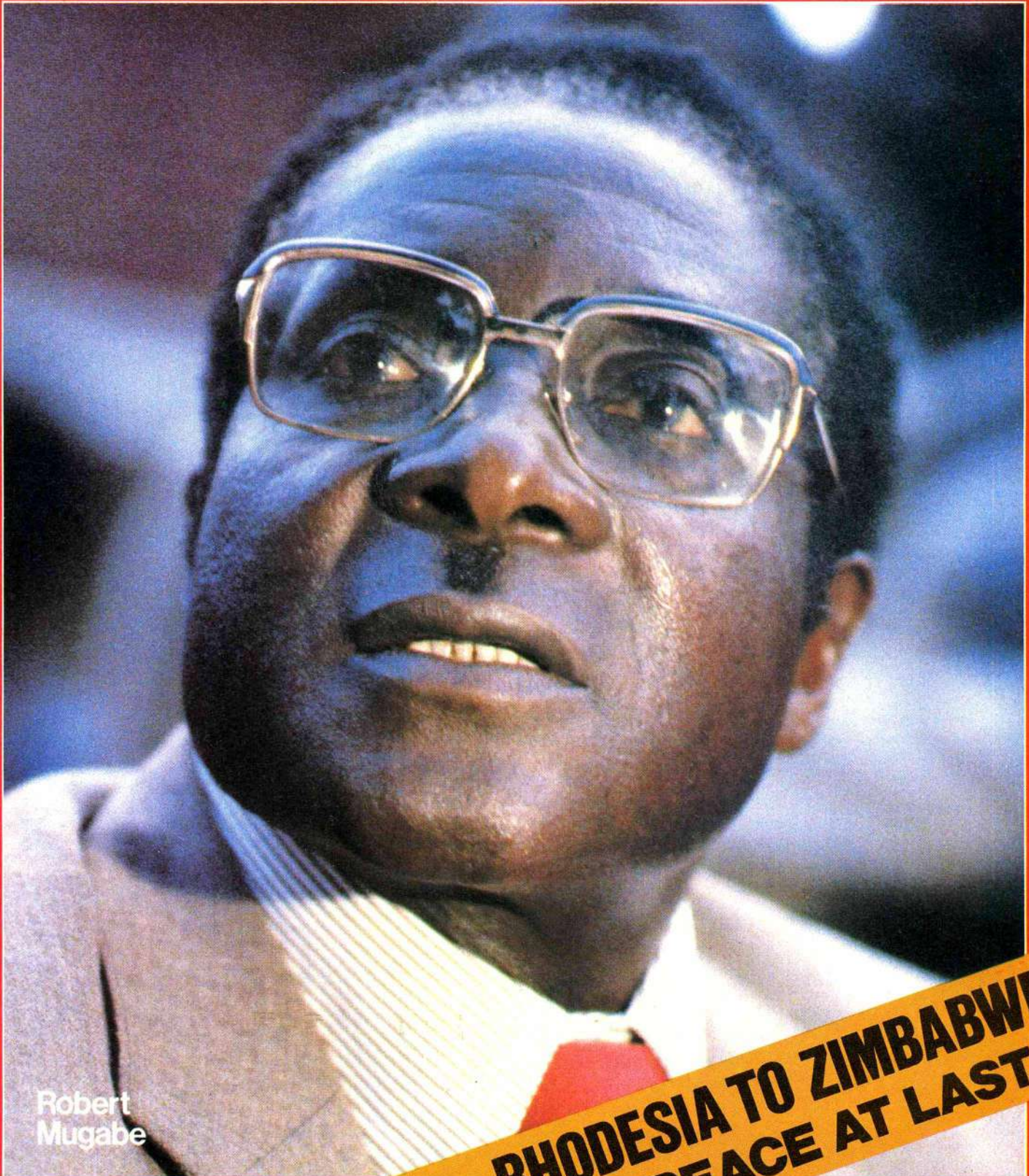


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Zimbabwe's new leader is Robert Gabriel Mugabe, born in 1925. Reared a Roman Catholic, he became an avowed Marxist, though the Soviet Ambassador to Zambia has considered him politically unreliable. Prime Minister Mugabe is of the dominant Shona majority, a married man and a non-drinker.

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## Personal from...

*A very sobering issue of The Plain Truth—now like an entirely new magazine. The meaning of world events today—a prophetic look into tomorrow!*

**I**N ALL our worldwide activities, I have personally been initiating a housecleaning. *The Plain Truth* is now a much improved magazine. As always, it still is *ahead of its time!* It is entirely unique—unlike any other—giving you the *meaning* of the now fast-moving world events today—and giving you a look into the world **TOMORROW!** You get this **UNDERSTANDING** in no other magazine.

*The Plain Truth* is now running around two million copies monthly. It should be the largest-circulation publication on earth. We hope to expand it to that.

When we turned our calendars over to January 1, 1980, we were entering a new **DECADE** not only—but a new and more active phase of this fateful **TIME OF THE END!** As I have written before, entering the decade of the 1980s is an entirely “new ball game.”

Actually the world did not realize it, but we entered the “time of the end” (of this world’s civilization) about January 1, 1900—as the 20th century dawned.

How well I remember that moment! I knew nothing at that moment of the fateful century I was to experience. I was 7½ years old. My parents took me to a “watch-night” in a Methodist church in Des Moines, Iowa. Along about 9 o’clock that night I wanted to lean over and go to sleep. My father kept waking me and sternly whispering I must stay awake. Time and again I would start to drift off into slumber—but my father was very attentive. What a relief when the clock struck 12—the old century gone and the hectic 20th century ushered in. At that moment I had no desire to live (awake) on into this 20th century. All I wanted was to drift off to sleep!

The old horse-drawn streetcars had just been replaced by the electric trolley car. Very few homes had telephones (hung on a wall, with a handle to ring a bell). Such things as airplanes, radio, television, motion pictures were unheard of.

Modern science was yet in its infancy. Technology and the Machine Age were in swaddling clothes. No one had yet heard of the automobile. Indian tribes still ran free from parts of Iowa and west and south. But 2½ years before, I had seen for the first time a President of the

United States—William McKinley.

But what has whipped by since then? When I was 11 Orville Wright made the first flight of some 50 or 100 feet in an “airplane.” By 1914 airplanes played an important part in World War I. The automobile came—first as a “horseless carriage” guided by a stick instead of a wheel. World War I started the downward plunge in morals. I was shocked to see women working as elevator operators in the Marshall Field store in Chicago. Women were beginning to “win their rights.” Everybody was out to **GET** his “rights.” Women won the vote. The emancipation of women had begun—and with it the collapse of the **FAMILY STRUCTURE**.

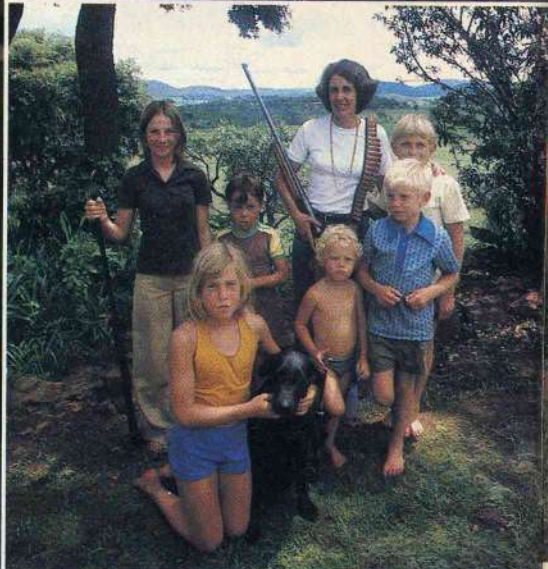
After World War I it became legal to publish information about sex. The moral toboggan-slide was on. Family life began disintegrating. Science and technology, promising the world a new age of leisure, license and luxury, began producing more and more terrifying weapons of mass destruction. Then, came radio, movies and after World War II, television. We entered the age of mass transportation, instant communication, the **NUCLEAR AGE** that empowers one madman at the head of a government to blast all **LIFE** from off this planet. But never mind! We now can go to other planets!

A man by my family name (but no relation) was the first to set foot on the moon. We have sent cameras to land on the surface of Mars and send back close-ups of the martian surface.

All the while, people have more and more fiercely striven against others to “**GET**” or to “**TAKE**” from them. Violence has spread over all nations of the earth. We await the **WAR** that will **DESTROY ALL HUMANITY!**

In this mad, mad struggle for advantage in a technological world that in near-fatal sickness **HAS LOST ITS WAY**, *The Plain Truth* continues, after more than 46 years, to give you true **UNDERSTANDING** of today’s brutal world and to give you a look into the **FUTURE**—to bring you the **GOOD NEWS** of what finally **WILL** take place on this earth! A time when **PEACE** and **RIGHTEOUSNESS**, **HAPPINESS** and knowledge of **RIGHT WAYS** will cover the

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# RHODESIA TO ZIMB

*A bloody guerrilla war comes to an end after seven years; elections sweep a revolutionary leader into power. What does the future hold for this war-weary land—and the rest of troubled southern Africa?*

by Gene H. Hogberg

**A**PRIL 18, 1980: The proclaimed birthday of Zimbabwe, Africa's newest independent nation. Behind the celebrations lay many unhealed scars, legacies of the seven-year-long guerrilla "bush" war:

- 25,000 people killed, most of them under the age of 15.
- The physical maiming—and often brutal mutilation—of an additional 10,000.

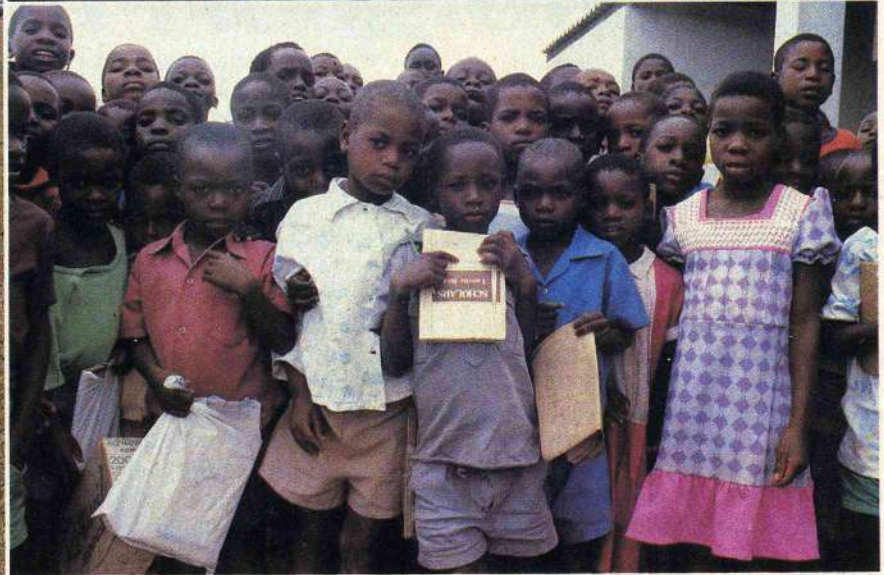
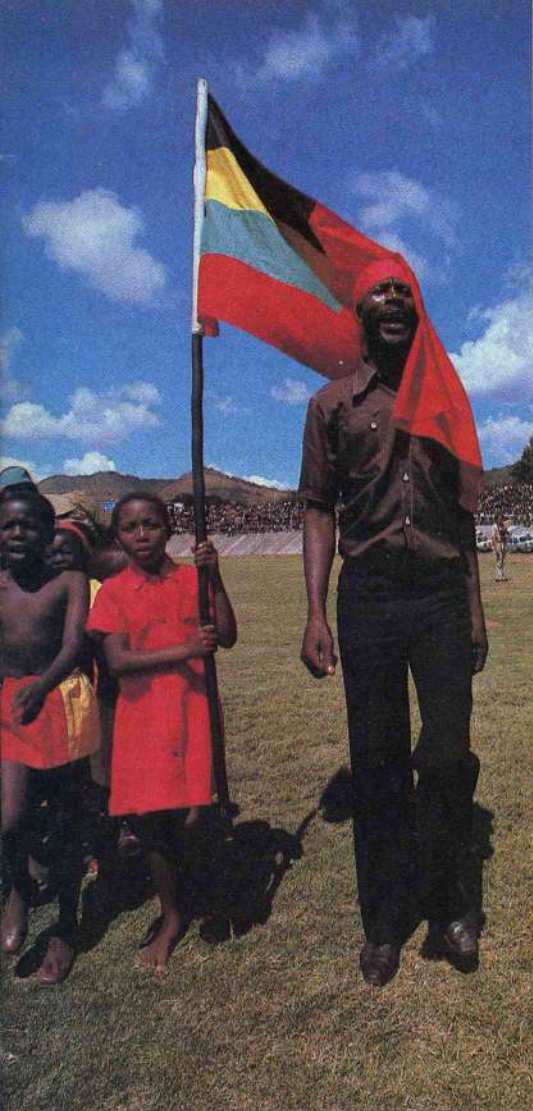
- More than 800,000 made homeless.
- A nearly depleted national treasury.
- A 25 percent drop in living standards over the past four years and an emigration of 15 percent of its skilled white population.

#### **With Peace, a Boom?**

Despite the suffering of the recent past, many observers are hopeful of

the future for the nation's seven million war-weary inhabitants. Zimbabwe—for its first 90 years known as Rhodesia—remains an advanced, fairly prosperous country by African standards. And now, an economic boom just might take off.

International sanctions first levied against the "rebel" government of former Prime Minister Ian Smith—who declared unilateral independence from Britain in 1965—have



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# ZIMBABWE: Peace at Last?

been lifted. The new leadership of Zimbabwe will not have to resort to the clandestine "sanctions-busting" tactics that forced its predecessors to pay a premium for imports and suffer a punishing discount on exports.

The end of ugly war, conducted mainly in the nation's outlying tribal lands, will free up both manpower and government revenues (the war was costing the government \$850,000 a day). White businessmen can go back to work instead of serving up to eight months a year on military call-up.

## Appeal to Reconciliation

Perhaps the most encouraging factor of all is the conciliatory approach to all parties taken by Zimbabwe's new

prime minister, former Patriotic Front guerrilla co-leader, Robert Gabriel Mugabe. Immediately upon his election Mr. Mugabe announced: "It is time to beat our swords into plowshares." He promised there would be no recriminations against either his former enemies or his defeated electoral foes.

Mr. Mugabe was swept into power in an unprecedented 93 percent turnout among Zimbabwe's eligible black voters. His party, with 57 delegates, gained a clear majority of the parliament's 100 seats. The size of his victory stunned everyone from insiders to on-lookers such as the British (who supervised the election) and the anxious South Africans.

Up until the eve of the elections, a

*THE CHANGE FROM RHODESIA to Zimbabwe began when former Prime Minister Ian Smith accepted, in September, 1976, the principle of black majority rule (picture far left). Meanwhile, the war against guerrillas intensified; white farm families had to resort largely to their own defense. An "internal" election in April, 1979 (picture left, this page), failed to receive international recognition; winner of this year's first full-suffrage vote, Robert Mugabe (top right), emerges from polling station. Future generation of Zimbabweans look on during election campaign as their elders debate their nation's future.*

high-ranking poll in South Africa predicted that Bishop Abel T. Muzorewa, prime minister from April to December, 1979 under Rhodesia's

"internal" settlement, would garner 41 seats. He won only three.

The party of Mr. Mugabe's Patriotic Front compatriot, Joshua Nkomo, won 20 seats. Mr. Nkomo, considered the father of Zimbabwean black nationalism, has accepted the cabinet post of Minister of Home Affairs.

Mr. Mugabe's biggest problem at the moment would appear to be educating his former guerrilla fighters to the etiquette of parliamentary debate. It will not be easy for them to take over supervision of one of Africa's most advanced societies.

#### **Mugabe's Platform**

Mr. Mugabe is a self-proclaimed Marxist, with an avowed commitment to African-adapted socialism. Yet, by initial appearances, the intelligent prime minister (approaching his mid-50s) will tread lightly down the road of economic reform.

Mr. Mugabe clearly wants to keep as many of Zimbabwe's remaining 212,000 whites in the country, specifically in their primary fields of technical and managerial expertise: agriculture, commerce and industry.

As evidence of his intentions he appointed Denis Norman, spokesman of the nation's 5,700 white farmers, to be minister of agriculture and another prominent white, David Smith, to be in charge of the ministry of commerce and industry. (In another remarkable development, Mr. Mugabe asked Lieutenant General Peter Walls, chief of the Rhodesian army, to retain his post and preside over the integration of the Patriotic Front units with the regular army.)

Nearly 65 percent of Zimbabwean industry is owned by foreign interests. With unemployment exceeding 20 percent Mr. Mugabe does not want to see a sudden withdrawal of outside money, drying up both funds and jobs. The new government especially needs to retain a healthy mining industry, which generated half of Zimbabwe's exports last year.

Farming has traditionally contributed the other half of the foreign exchange earnings. The new agricultural minister said, before his appointment: "Mugabe recognizes as much as anybody the importance of

keeping up agricultural output. We have the example of Zambia [Zimbabwe's northern neighbor] which used to feed itself and cannot now."

#### **Forced to Accept Reality**

Often in the past the ascetic, intellectual new prime minister (he has five college degrees, three obtained while in prison for 10 years) talked about expropriating white land holdings, nationalizing private industry, setting up a one-party Marxist state and dispensing with future elections as a "luxury" his country could no longer afford.

Now, however, bowing to reality, Prime Minister Mugabe foreswears nationalization and vows not to interfere with private property. Only presently unused farm land will be distributed to rural blacks—and present owners will be compensated for it.

It is felt that Mr. Mugabe has not, down deep, disavowed his Marxist principles. His current approach, admits an adviser, is "tactical rather than strategic." Mr. Mugabe himself speaks of "gradual phases" in the transition from the "reality" of free enterprise toward the goal of his own brand of socialism.

Knowledge of what has taken place in the various African "front-line" states that supported the Patriotic Front forces has no doubt had a great deal to do with moderating Robert Mugabe's previously held radical views.

Zambia, for example, is in terrible economic shape, beset with shortages of every kind. The Lusaka government is beholden to the world's bankers for loans and debt rescheduling.

Tanzania is in even worse shape. Its experiment in *ujamaa* (socialism)—including forced collective agriculture—has left the country destitute. Its citizens are considered to be the most undermotivated people in the world.

To meet both its domestic and international obligations Tanzania, according to one source, "has mastered the art of living on the international dole." It has assiduously cultivated the guilt complex of the West-ern world.

Mozambique, to the east of Zimbabwe, resorted to harsh Marxist

rule after its independence in 1974. As a result, whites fled the country in a wild stampede, severely crippling the economy.

Mr. Mugabe, whose guerrilla army fought from bases inside Mozambique, apparently learned some lessons from his host country. Mozambique president Somora Machel reportedly told Mr. Mugabe, as he left for Salisbury to contest the election: "Don't make the same mistakes I did."

#### **Relations with South Africa**

Immediately after Mr. Mugabe's election triumph, the government of South Africa warned that it would not tolerate the new Zimbabwe becoming a staging area for guerrilla activity directed southwards.

Prime Minister Mugabe, in turn, promised not to harbor or arm anti-South African terrorists.

"What the blacks in South Africa decide to do is entirely their own affair," Mr. Mugabe told *Time* magazine. Stating further that "South Africa is a different proposition from Rhodesia . . . South Africa is not a colonial problem like ours," he understands the differing histories and social fabrics of the two countries, differences that most people in the West fail to take into account.

While not approving of South Africa's internal policies, the new leaders of Zimbabwe intend to keep open the lines of trade, transportation and communication between the two countries, the same way Marxist Mozambique does with South Africa.

The realities of trade throughout southern Africa transcend ideological or racial differences. For example, nearly all of landlocked Zambia's copper—her prime export earner—reaches the world markets by way of rail across Zimbabwe and South Africa. In return, Zambia receives vast tonnages of South African grown maize (corn), an indispensable food staple.

Nearly all the nations of Black Africa trade, overtly or covertly, with South Africa, a nation aptly called Africa's powerhouse. Without access to South African manufactures, food, medical and veterinary skills,

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# Part Four:

# A Voice Cries Out Amid Religious Confusion

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*How could the world have become so mixed up? Out of this spiritual wilderness, a voice cries out in clarity and power, with the reassuring truth of the world's only and sure hope!*

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by Herbert W. Armstrong

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*Editor's note: We are printing here, serially, the new book by Herbert W. Armstrong with the same title as this article. The book will appear in bookstores later this year.*

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## Chapter 3

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### Part Two: WHO AND WHAT IS GOD?

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**T**HE CHARACTER OF both God the Father and Christ the Son is that of spiritual holiness, righteousness and absolute perfection.

That character might be summed up in the one word LOVE, defined as an out-flowing loving concern. It is the way of giving, serving, helping, sharing, not the "GET" way.

It is the way devoid of coveting, lust and greed, vanity and selfishness, competition, strife, violence and

destruction, envy and jealousy, resentment and bitterness.

God's inherent nature is the way of PEACE, of JUSTICE, MERCY, HAPPINESS and JOY radiating outward toward those He has created!

#### WHAT and HOW Does God Create?

Since God is Creator, to *know* Him we need to understand WHAT and HOW He creates—what is His overall PURPOSE.

God's major PURPOSE is the creation of His very own perfect CHARACTER within His own created living beings.

But did you know that there is something that even GOD—with all His mighty and supreme power *cannot do*—of Himself by *fiat*?

God has created many things. The ancient King David mused, "When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars which thou hast ordained"—great, vast in size and distance—works of God's creation, David then asked, "What is man, that thou art mindful of him?" (Psalm 8:3-4.)

Yes, a hundred thousand people, assembled in the Pasadena Rose

Bowl on New Year's Day, seen from 1,000 or 2,000 feet above, look like tiny insignificant ants—or even smaller insects. WHY should God be mindful of insignificant MAN? In the second chapter of Hebrews this same psalm is quoted, and there God's Word proceeds to reveal that in MAN God purposes to complete the very highest pinnacle of the perfection of His creation! Yet God cannot do this alone—all by Himself! We were created to have our part in this supreme act of creation.

God's own perfect and righteous spiritual CHARACTER in MAN is the supreme goal of God—His ultimate PURPOSE! But MAN must have a *part* in this supreme feat of creation!

This creation of character within created beings requires the existence of MIND within those beings—the capability of thought processes, reasoning, decision making. Of all living things and beings God has created, only two, angels and humans, have that mind-power. It is, therefore, only in angels and humans that God's perfect spiritual and righteous character may be formed.

On earth God has created the flora—plant forms of life, as well as the fauna—animal forms. Plants, grass, grain, fruits, flowers have life and reproduce themselves. But they do not have brain or mind. They have no possibility of character development.

The fauna have brains, but apart from humans they do not have MINDS. There is not in them the same self-consciousness, thinking and reasoning ability that is in man.

Therefore, of all life forms created on earth out of matter, only *humans* have the potential of having God's character created in them. (Incidentally it follows, then, that God's purpose in creating the fauna and flora on earth is primarily for the benefit of man. Much of both fauna and flora serves as food for man. Some as food for animals. Flowers, vines and grass for beauty and for the enjoyment of man.)

And, as stated, God created angels with mind-power. So it devolves down to the fact that of all separate entities created by God, only two—angels and humans—have the potential of character creation.

### The Duality in Creation

But now an important fact in HOW God creates. There is a duality principle involved.

God creates in *two stages*.

I am reminded, as an analogy in explaining this, of certain furniture stores. Most cities in the United States have a store selling "unfinished furniture" or "furniture in the raw." Often such furniture is of very fine quality. It is new, fresh from the factory, but it is unfinished—the varnish, polish or paint has not been applied. It is finish-it-yourself furniture.

Few if any have known it, but God created this earth and all planets in this unfinished state.

It was mentioned in chapter 3 that angels were created before even matter. God formed angels with minds, even superior to human minds. They are composed of spirit. But some "appeared" by some process of manifestation to Abraham (Genesis 18), to Mary Magdalene (John 20:12), and before the apostles (Acts 1:10-11)—and they appeared in the form and shape of men. Ordinary angels

do not have wings, but the two higher-rank angels, seraphs and cherubs, are revealed as having wings.

It is important to know that angels were created in *two stages*. The duality principle applied to their creation as it did to the creation of the earth and of man.

Perfect, holy and righteous character, as already explained, is something God Himself cannot automatically create by *fiat*. (The analogy of unfinished furniture applies.) But God did create angels with *mind-power*. God also of necessity gave them free moral agency—the right of free choice—the right and ability to think, to reason, to make decisions and conclusions.

### Definition of Character

At this point let me define holy, righteous, perfect spiritual character:

This perfect spiritual character is the ability of a separately created entity with mind and free moral agency to come to the knowledge of the right as opposed to the wrong, to decide and *will to do* the right, even against desires or pulls to do the wrong, and finally to overcome pulls toward the wrong until doing the *right* becomes fixed nature.

But since the right way is simply God's way—the way of God's own character and the way of God's Law—and righteous and perfect spiritual character is GOD's character, that character must actually come *from* God, but on the decision and *will* of the separate entity.

Now consider: In the original creation of the angels, it was impossible for God to build or create this character in them by *fiat*. That would have made them mere automatons or machines—it would not have been character.

Therefore, the creation of angels could not be completed in the original creation as an act of God. Their finished creation could not be finished—complete—until their own developed character—either righteous or evil—had been formed and instilled within them—by their own volition, decision and will.

God placed them on the earth at the time of its creation (Job 38:4-7). The earth, like the furniture in the

raw, was as yet UNFINISHED. It was perfect as far as God had made it. But He intended the angels to put on the final finishing touches—beautifying it—developing its usefulness. The very doing of this was the training ground to develop angelic character. God intended them to work the earth—by utilizing the physical and chemical elements and forces already present in the earth.

In order to regulate them in peaceful harmony and unity, and guide them in character development, God placed over them THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD.

To administer this worldwide GOVERNMENT, God placed a super archangel, named Light-bringer—Lucifer, in Latin—one of the supreme, top-ranking and empowered archangels, who were cherubs. They represented the supreme masterpiece of God's creative accomplishment, so far as spirit beings directly created was concerned.

This Lucifer had been trained in the administration of the Government of God. He was one of two cherubs whose wings covered the very throne of God. He was perfect in knowledge and in all his ways from the day God created him until iniquity—lawless rebellion—was found in him.

As long as the Government of God was administered on earth, there was earthwide PEACE, happiness, joy and rewarding accomplishment.

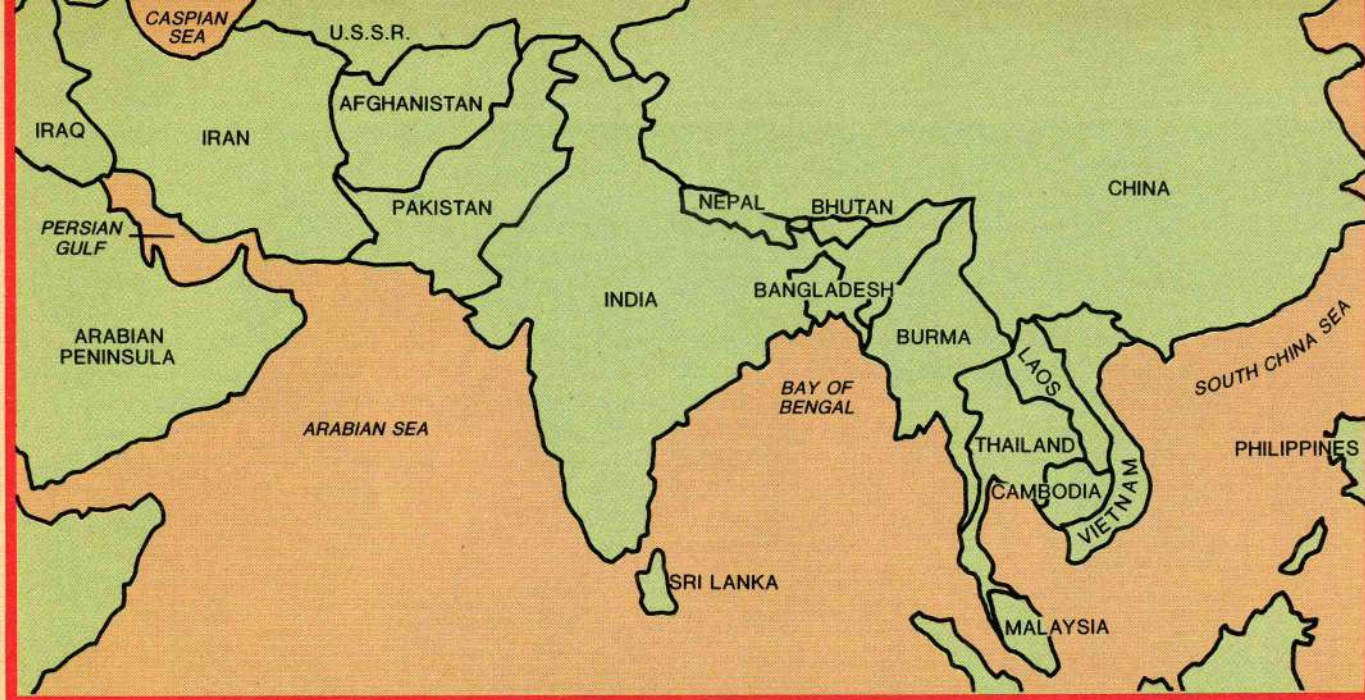
We are not told in the Bible how long that was. It might have been millions of years (angels are immortal) or it might have been a very few years.

But Lucifer allowed jealousy and envy against God to turn him to rebellion. He became resentful and bitter. He turned to a spirit of competition instead of obedience and cooperation, and that led to violence and destruction. The LIGHT of God's truth, which had once filled his mind, turned to utter darkness. He led the angels under him—a third of all created angels—into rebellion with him. In his vanity he tried to exalt himself above God (Isaiah 14:12-15) and led his angels into an invasion of God's heaven to try to defeat God.

A destruction of wasteness and decay came over the face of the earth

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Maps by Ron Grove

# SOUTH ASIA IN PROPHECY

*Bible prophecy reveals the startling future of the nations and peoples on the outer rim of Asia!*

by Keith W. Stump

**W**E CAN KNOW! More than one third of the Bible is prophecy—most of it for *our day!*

Puzzled geopolitical analysts wonder what will happen next in the volatile South Asia region. They simply do not know what ultimately will become of Iran, of Afghanistan, Pakistan, India and adjoining nations. But you can know!

## Momentous Turn of Events

As 1980 began, international attention was riveted on South Asia. That vast region—stretching from the Persian Gulf to the South China Sea—is in a precarious state of ferment and unrest.

Yet how many know that the future of the peoples of the vast South Asia region was recorded millennia ago in the pages of the Bible? The stage is now set for the unfolding of an astounding sequence of Bible prophecies.

Turn, first, to the book of Revelation. Here is revealed a great end-time politi-

cal ruler referred to as the “beast” (Revelation 17). The beast will be a superdictator over a coming European confederation of 10 nations—a rebirth of the Roman Empire.

Daniel says that this European conqueror will become troubled by “tidings out of the east and the north” (11:44). There can be little doubt about the source of the beast’s trouble. East and north of Palestine are Russia, China and other nations of the vast Asian continent.

The clear implication of this verse is that a great Eurasian alliance will ultimately arise at or near the end of the Great Tribulation (mentioned by Daniel in chapter 12 and in Matthew 24:21) and will totally destroy the power of the restored Roman Empire. Much of Asia will eventually be marshaled into a great end-time, Communist-dominated confederacy—encompassing nearly one half of the earth’s population!

These Asian armies are also described in the book of Ezekiel, chapters 38 and 39.

## Misunderstood Prophecy

Some Bible scholars assert falsely that these prophecies of Ezekiel were fulfilled anciently. They never were. Others believe they are about to occur—but some years *before* Armageddon. Both views are erroneous.

The events of Ezekiel 38 and 39 are without question still future—for the “latter days” (38:16) and “latter years” (38:8). Moreover, Ezekiel 38:14 describes the time setting as being “in that day when my people of Israel dwelleth safely.” This is certainly not the situation in the State of Israel today! The Israel described by Ezekiel is a nation that dwells in security, in *unwalled villages*, totally unprepared for war (38:8, 11, 14). Read it for yourself! These circumstances will be extant only after the coming of the Messiah.

## Table of Nations

The composition of the army that will come against restored twelve tribes of Israel is clearly defined:



**SOUTH ASIA** is today caught in the grip of growing political and military turmoil. Shifting alliances in the strategic region are moving South Asia into its prophesied end-time configuration.

The account begins in Ezekiel 38:1-2: "And the word of the Lord came to me: Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, of Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him" (*Amplified Bible*).

Here is a great power that will challenge the very rule of Christ! (This account must be distinguished from the post-millennial events of Revelation 20:7-8, where the phrase "Gog and Magog" is used symbolically for the forces of evil, rather than in a racial sense.)

Ezekiel also reveals that joined with Magog, Rosh, Meshech and Tubal in this confederacy will be Persia, Cush, Phut (incorrectly rendered "Libya" in the King James Version), Gomer and Togarmah (see verses 5-6).

Who are these peoples today? And what do these prophecies have to do with the future of South Asia?

With the exception of Persia, the names mentioned by Ezekiel are

nowhere to be found as names of nations on world maps today. The names of the majority of the world's modern nations are of fairly recent origin. Nations and peoples have undergone sometimes dozens of name changes over the centuries and millennia of history.

In the Bible, nations are named after their ancestors. Nations are families grown big. The whole human family of today, according to the Bible, springs from Shem, Ham and Japheth, the sons of Noah (Genesis 10:32). The "Table of Nations" of Genesis 10 is an account of the origins of today's nations and races.

Through migrations, these diverse peoples overspread the entire earth. You can read the story in Genesis 11. In many cases we can accurately trace their travels from the starting point of Babel (in what today is modern Iraq) through the pages of history to their present locations.

Especially helpful in such research are the accounts of the classical histo-

rians and geographers (such as Herodotus); Persian, Tatar and Arabic histories (such as *Meadows of Gold* by al-Masudi, the Herodotus of the Arabs); the works of early Jewish historians (such as Josephus); and Chinese and other Asian traditions.

Modern scholars generally give little credence to the Table of Nations or to many of these early histories and traditions. Consequently they are ignorant of the true identities of many of the world's peoples today.

Let us look again at the names mentioned by Ezekiel. Where are these peoples found today?

#### **Gog of the Land of Magog**

Ruling over all these allied peoples is Gog. Gog (meaning *mountain* or *high*) is described as a great prince, the political/military head of the vast region in question. Ezekiel pictures Gog as a guard and commander over the assembled peoples (38:7). Along with the beast, the miracle-working false prophet, and the "king

of the south" (the coming leader of an Arab-Moslem confederacy), Gog is one of the four major end-time personalities specifically mentioned in the Bible.

Gog is also a people, apparently a tribal subdivision of Magog. The original Gog was probably a son or grandson of Magog.

Ezekiel describes the end-time Gog as being of the land of Magog. How, then, do we identify Magog today? The Table of Nations lists Magog as the second son of Japheth, son of Noah.

Japheth's descendants are primarily Eurasian peoples. They include the East Slavs—Great Russians, Little Russians, White Russians—and also the Mongoloid peoples of Asia outside of the Near East and the subcontinent of India.

Japheth's son Magog gradually become divided into two main branches. The western, Caucasian-looking branch is identified by the first-century Jewish historian Josephus and others as among the nomadic Scythian tribes north of the Black Sea in what today is the Soviet Union.

But there was also an eastern or Mongoloid branch of the Scythians that anciently inhabited the plains stretching all the way to north China. The Venetian traveler Marco Polo, who visited the Mongol realms in the 13th century, identified Magog as being part of the Munguls or Mongols. Other histories identify Magog with the Mandarin-speaking northern Chinese. (The southern Chinese, incidentally, are an Asian branch of Javan, another of Japheth's sons.)

Which branch of Magog is intended in the prophecy of Ezekiel? The Magog of Ezekiel 38 and 39 is pictured as a people of a northern locality—i.e., the vast lands of the Soviet Union. Ezekiel describes Gog as coming "from the north parts" (39:2). The Soviet Union is far to the north of Palestine.

Moreover, Gog is described as the prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal peoples clearly *Russian* by descent.

#### Russians—Great and White

The Hebrew word *Rosh* is translated "chief" in Ezekiel 38:2-3 in the King

James Version. In Hebrew, the word for chief is *Rosh*. But in Ezekiel's prophecy the original Hebrew intends Rosh as a proper name.

Rosh is the ancient Hebrew name for the Russ who settled in the plains of Eastern Europe in the ninth century, A.D. They gave their name to the Russian nation. The people of Rosh are among the *White Russians* of Byelorussia today.

Living next to the people of Rosh are Meshech and Tubal. Both Meshech and Tubal are sons of Japheth (Genesis 10:2) and thus brothers of Magog. To Herodotus and other classical geographers and historians they were known as the *Moskhi* or *Moschi* and the *Tibareni*, occupying the region of the Caucasus between the Black and Caspian Seas. In Assyrian inscriptions they are the *Muska* and *Tubla*. Josephus calls them the *Moschevi* and *Thobelites*.

The descendants of Meshech (Moskhi) ultimately traveled into the lands north of the Black Sea, settling around *Moscow*. They gave their name to that city, as well as to the *Moskva* River and the state of *Muscovy*.

Part of Tubal also moved north, giving their name to the river *Tobol* and founding the Siberian city of *Tobolsk*. (Mongoloid branches of Tubal are found in Tibet, Nepal, Bhutan, Sikkim, the Indian state of Nagaland, Sinkiang or Chinese Turkestan, and parts of northern China and Manchuria, according to Arabic sources.)

Together, the Caucasian branches of Meshech and Tubal form the two distinctive branches of the Great Russians of today. The Great Russians are the largest ethnic group of the Soviet Union.

#### Future Russo/China Alliance?

Ultimately allied with the Russians under Gog will be "many people" (38:6, 9, 15). These could hardly exclude the militarily weaker Chinese and their Asiatic kinsmen—those eastern Magogites who "dwell securely in the coastlands" of the Pacific (39:6, *Amplified Bible*).

The People's Republic of China—the "many people" of Ezekiel 38—is thus pictured as being linked with

Gog in the last days. We can therefore conclude that, one way or another, the breach that currently separates the Soviet Union and China will eventually be bridged. Despite the prospect of an emerging Chinese-United States alliance against the Kremlin, Peking and Moscow will yet come to terms in spite of racial and political tensions!

Linked with the Russians and the other nations of the Orient in the vast endtime Asian confederacy will be Persia, Cush, Phut, Gomer and Togarmah (Ezekiel 38:5-6). Who are these peoples today?

History and scripture identify them as the very peoples of the South Asian region. Let us look at each one individually.



## IRAN

Let us begin with Persia (Ezekiel 38:5), the most easily identified. Persia is simply another name for modern-day Iran.

The name *Persia* originated from a geographical region within southern Iran. This region was anciently known as Persis, the Greek form of Old Persian *Parsa*. Historically, the people of Iran have never used the name *Persia* for their country. They have always called it Iran, "Land of the Aryans." (*Aryan* is used to designate speakers of Indo-Iranian languages, as distinct from Semitic-speaking Arabs, for example.) The name *Iran*, however, did not come into widespread use in the West until the 1930s.

Iran today has a mixed population of some 36 million. The majority Iranians comprise nearly 70 percent of the country. Iranians, though Islamic, are totally distinct from the  
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# 'THE WORLD TOMORROW' RADIO AND TV LOGS

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### CALIFORNIA

‡KFRE, Fresno — 940, 5 a.m., Mon.-Fri.; 8 a.m., Sun.

KIEV, Glendale — 870, 11 a.m., Mon.-Fri.

\*KLAC, Los Angeles — 570, 11 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 8:30 a.m., Sun.

KGUY, Palm Desert — 1270, 6:15 a.m., Sun.

‡KFBK, Sacramento — 1530, 11:05 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 8:30 p.m., Sun.

‡KNBR, San Francisco — 680, 9 p.m., Sun.

KUNA-FM, San Luis Obispo — 96.1, 5:30 a.m., Mon.-Fri.

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WRC, Washington — 980, 8:30 a.m., Sun.

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WIOD, Miami — 610, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

### GEORGIA

WPLO, Atlanta — 590, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 8:30 a.m., Sun.

### ILLINOIS

‡WMAQ, Chicago — 670, 5 a.m., Mon.-Fri.; 6 a.m., 10 p.m., Sun.

WBBD, Peoria — 1470, 10:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; Sun.

WTAY-FM, Robinson — 101.7, 10:25 p.m., Sun.

### INDIANA

WSBT, South Bend — 960, 11:15 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 4:30 p.m., Sun.

### IOWA

‡KXEL, Waterloo — 1540, 11:45 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 5 a.m., Sun.

### KANSAS

WIBW, Topeka — 580, 5 a.m., Mon.-Fri.

### KENTUCKY

‡WHAS, Louisville — 840, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

### MARYLAND

WBMD, Baltimore — 600, 4 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

### MASSACHUSETTS

‡WITS, Boston — 1510, 5 a.m., Mon.-Fri.; 7 a.m., Sun.

### MICHIGAN

WCZY, Detroit — 1500, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 8:30 a.m., Sun.

### MINNESOTA

‡KTZR-FM, Minneapolis — 97.1, 6 a.m., Mon.-Fri.

### MISSOURI

KMBZ, Kansas City — 980, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 10 p.m., Sun.

KGBX, Springfield — 1260, 10:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 9 a.m., Sun.

### NEW MEXICO

KOB, Albuquerque — 770, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

### NEW YORK

WBEN, Buffalo — 930, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 8:30 a.m., Sun.

‡WOR, New York — 710, 10:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 6:30 a.m., 11:30 p.m., Sun.

‡WHAM, Rochester — 1180, 11:15 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 11 p.m., Sun.

WSOQ, Syracuse — 1220, 6:30 a.m., Mon.-Fri.; 8:30 a.m., Sun.

### NORTH CAROLINA

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WMNI, Columbus — 920, 5 a.m., Mon.-Fri.

WCWA, Toledo — 1230, 11 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 8 a.m., Sun.

### OKLAHOMA

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### OREGON

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### PENNSYLVANIA

WHP, Harrisburg — 580, 7:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri., Sun.

KQV, Pittsburgh — 1410, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 7 a.m., Sun.

### RHODE ISLAND

WEAN, Providence — 790, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

WGNG, Providence — 550, 9 a.m., Sun.

### TENNESSEE

WREC, Memphis — 600, 11 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

### TEXAS

KPRC, Houston — 950, 10:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri., Sun.

‡WOAI, San Antonio — 1200, 10:15 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 10 a.m., 7 p.m., 11 p.m. Sun.

### UTAH

‡KSL, Salt Lake City — 1160, 5:30 a.m., Sun.

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‡WWVA, Wheeling — 1170, 5:30 a.m., Mon.-Fri.; 10:30 a.m., Sun.

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CKO-FM, Edmonton — 105.9 MHz 8:00-8:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

CKYL, Peace River — 610 KHZ, 7:30-8:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

CIOK, St. Paul/Bonnyville — 1310 KHZ, 8:05-8:35 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

CKTA, Taber — 1570 KHZ, 9:30-10:00 a.m. Sun.

CFOK, Westlock-Edmonton — 1370 KHZ, 7:05-7:35 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

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CKQR, Castlegar — 1230 KHZ, 10:30-11:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

CFCP, Courtenay — 1440 KHZ, 9:30-10:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

CJDC, Dawson Creek 1350 KHZ, 8:05-8:35 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

CKGR, Golden — 1400 KHZ, 8:30-9:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

CKGF, Grand Forks — 1340 KHZ, 6:30-7:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

CKTK, Kitimat — 1230 KHZ, 6:30-7:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

CJJC, Langley — 800 KHZ, 6:05-6:35 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

CKMK, Mackenzie — 1240 KHZ, 11:30-Midnight Mon.-Fri.

CHUB, Nanaimo — 1570 KHZ, 10:30-11:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

CKOO, Oliver/Osoyoos — 1240 KHZ, 9:30-10:00 p.m. Sun.-Thurs.

CHPQ, Parksville — 1370 KHZ, 10:30-11:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

CKOK, Penticton — 800 KHZ, 9:30-10:00 p.m. Sun.-Thurs.

CJAV, Port Alberni — 1240 KHZ, 10:05-10:35 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

CKPG, Prince George — 550 KHZ, 11:30-Midnight Mon.-Fri.

CHTK, Prince Rupert — 560 KHZ, 6:15-6:45 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

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**CKXR, Salmon Arm** — 580 KHZ, 8:30-9:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.  
**CKSP, Summerland** — 1450 KHZ, 9:30-10:00 p.m. Sun.-Thurs.  
**CFTK, Terrace** — 590 KHZ, 10:30-11:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.  
**CKO-FM, Vancouver** — 96.1 MHZ 8:00-8:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.  
**CJVI, Victoria** — 900 KHZ, 9:30-10:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

#### YUKON

**CKRW, Whitehorse** — 610 KHZ, 6:30-7:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

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**CKSA, Lloydminster** — 1080 KHZ, 7:30-8:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.  
**CJVR, Melfort** — 1420 KHZ, 8:00-8:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.  
**CHAB, Moose Jaw** — 800 KHZ, 6:30-7:00 p.m. Sun.  
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**CFQC, Saskatoon** — 600 KHZ, 8:00-8:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

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**CJKL, Kirkland Lake** — 560 KHZ, 9:30-10:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.  
**CKGL-FM, Kitchener** — 96.7 MHZ, 6:30-7:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.  
**CKLY, Lindsay** — 910 KHZ, 9:00-9:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.  
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**CJTT, New Liskeard** — 1230 KHZ, 9:30-10:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.  
**CFCH, North Bay** — 600 KHZ, 10:30-11:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.  
**CKAR, Oshawa** — 1350 KHZ, 11:30-Midnight Mon.-Fri.  
**CKO-FM, Ottawa** — 106.9 MHZ, 8:00-8:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.  
**CHOV, Pembroke** — 1350 KHZ, 6:30-7:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.  
**CFGM, Richmond Hill** — 1320 KHZ, 11:30-Midnight Mon.-Fri.  
**CHAS-FM, Sault Ste. Marie** — 100 MHZ, 12:30-1:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.  
**CJQR-FM, St. Catharines** — 97.7 MHZ, 11:05-11:35 p.m. Mon.-Fri.  
**CJSD-FM, Thunder Bay** — 94.3 MHZ, 6:30-7:00 p.m. Mon.-Thurs. 8:00-8:30 a.m. Sun.  
**CKGB, Timmins** — 680 KHZ, 9:30-10:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

**CKO-FM, Toronto** — 99.1 MHZ, 8:00-8:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.  
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**CHCM, Marystown** — 560 KHZ, 6:00-6:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.  
**CKCW, Moncton** — 1220 KHZ, 9:30-10:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.  
**CKEC, New Glasgow** — 1320 KHZ, 6:30-7:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.  
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#### ARKANSAS

**KARK, Little Rock** — 4, 10 a.m., Sun.

#### CALIFORNIA

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**KTTV, Los Angeles** — 11, 9:30 a.m., Sun.  
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#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

**\*WTTG, Washington** — 5, 6:30 a.m., Sun.

#### FLORIDA

**WCIX, Miami** — 6, 7 a.m., Sun.

#### ILLINOIS

**WCIU, Chicago** — 26, 7:30 a.m., Sun.  
**WFLD, Chicago** — 32, 7 a.m., Sat.

#### INDIANA

**WKJG, Ft. Wayne** — 33, 9:30 a.m., Sun.  
**WISH, Indianapolis** — 8, 8:30 a.m., Sun.  
**WSBT, South Bend** — 22, 11 a.m., Sun.

#### IOWA

**KWWL, Waterloo** — 7, 10:30 a.m., Sun.

#### KANSAS

**KGLD, Garden City** — 11, 12 noon, Sun.  
**KARD, Wichita** — 3, 12 noon, Sun.

#### KENTUCKY

**WLEX, Lexington** — 18, 9:30 a.m., Sun.

#### LOUISIANA

**WAFB, Baton Rouge** — 9, 8:30 a.m., Sun.  
**WWL, New Orleans** — 4, 7 a.m., Sun.

#### MAINE

**WGAN, Portland** — 13, 6:30 a.m., Sun.

#### MARYLAND

**WBFF, Baltimore** — 45, 12 noon, Sun.

#### MASSACHUSETTS

**WBBG, Springfield** — 40, 9 a.m., Sun.

#### MICHIGAN

**WUHQ, Battle Creek** — 41, 7:30 a.m., Sun.  
**WJRT, Flint** — 12, 8 a.m., Sun.  
**WILX, Lansing** — 10, 10:30 a.m., Sun.

#### MINNESOTA

**WTCN, Minneapolis** — 11, 6 a.m., Sun.

#### MISSOURI

**KMTC, Springfield** — 27, 6:30 a.m., Sun.  
**KDNL, St. Louis** — 30, 11 p.m., Sun.

#### NEBRASKA

**KCNA, Albion** — 8, 8 a.m., Sun.  
**KWNB, Hayes Center** — 6, 8 a.m., Sun.  
**KHGI, Kearney** — 13, 8 a.m., Sun.  
**KSNB, Superior** — 4, 8 a.m., Sun.

#### NEW MEXICO

**KGGM, Albuquerque** — 13, 6:30 a.m., Sun.

#### NEW YORK

**WTEN, Albany** — 10, 8:30 a.m., Sun.  
**WUTV, Buffalo** — 29, 11:15 p.m., Sun.  
**WOR, New York** — 9, 9:30 p.m., Sun.

#### NORTH CAROLINA

**WRET, Charlotte** — 36, 7:30 a.m., Sun.  
**\*WNCT, Greenville** — 9, 12 noon Sun.

#### OHIO

**WAKR, Akron** — 23, 11:30 p.m., Sun.  
**WLWT, Cincinnati** — 5, 11:30 a.m., Sun.  
**WTVG, Toledo** — 13, 10:30 a.m., Sun.

#### OREGON

**KPTV, Portland** — 12, 11 a.m., Sat.

#### PENNSYLVANIA

**WIBC, Pittsburgh** — 11, 10:30 a.m., Sun.  
**WSBA, York** — 43, 12 noon, Sun.

#### RHODE ISLAND

**WPRI, Providence** — 12, 11:30 a.m., Sun.

#### TENNESSEE

**WKPT, Kingsport** — 19, 12 noon, Sun.

#### TEXAS

**KTVV, Austin** — 36, 9:30 a.m., Sun.

#### WASHINGTON

**KXLY, Spokane** — 4, 11 a.m., Sun.

#### WISCONSIN

**WTVV, Milwaukee** — 18, 10 p.m., Sun.

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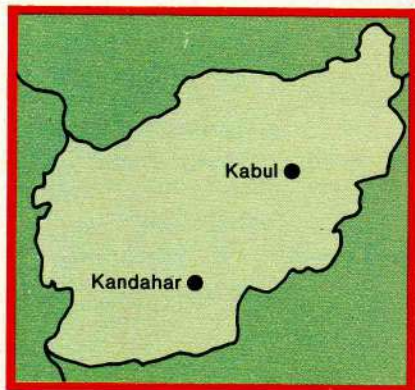
Modern Iran also includes numerous minority groups of varying ethnic backgrounds: Turks, Kurds, Arabs, Baluchis, Armenians, Lurs, Azerbaijanis, Bakhtiaris and others.

There is growing evidence of a Soviet attempt to utilize to their own advantage disputes among certain of these ethnic minorities within Iran. Some observers see this activity as aimed at precipitating an internal crisis—a crisis that could provide an opportunity for Soviet military “intervention” in Iran.

An appeal for help by any pro-Soviet ethnic minorities in Iran could be answered by a movement of Soviet troops both from the Soviet Union across Iran’s northern border and from Afghanistan across Iran’s eastern border. Even as I write, movements of Russian troops in Afghanistan toward the Iranian frontier are being reported.

Alternately, a pro-Soviet government might ultimately rise to power in Tehran and move the country into the Soviet orbit by nonviolent means.

Whatever the method, the prophecy of Ezekiel clearly indicates that Iran will eventually become linked with the Soviet Union. This is not to say that Iran or other South Asian nations will be incorporated into the Soviet Union as full-fledged republics. Rather, there will generally be only political linkage in the form of alliances or as vassal states dominated by Moscow.



## AFGHANISTAN

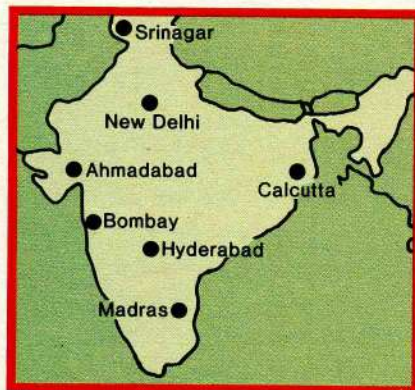
Afghanistan, of course, is already in the Soviet orbit. A Soviet-installed regime today governs in Kabul.

Known anciently as Ariana and Bactria, and in the Middle Ages as Khorasan, Afghanistan lies in the very heart of Asia. Historically, the great invasions of the Indian subcontinent have been made through its strategic mountain passes.

Afghanistan’s present racially mixed population is a reflection of its location astride the ancient trade and invasion routes of Central Asia. The bulk of the population (60 percent) is Pushtun or Pathan, the main tribes being the Durrani and the Ghilzai. Other groups represented are the Tajiks or Tadhziqs (30 percent), Uzbeks (5 per cent), Hazaras, Turkomans and Kirghiz.

The unifying factor amid all this ethnic diversity is *religion*. Afghanistan is almost wholly Islamic, mostly Sunni. Moslem armies had gained control of Afghanistan as early as A.D. 652.

The biblical origins of the Afghan peoples are widely varied. Some are traced to the sons of Japheth. (The Turkomans, for example, claim descent from Tiras, a son of Japheth.) Others descend from branches of the families of Joktan, of Gomer, of Uz and of Esau. Some Afghan chronicles even claim that elements of the Pathans are descended by intermarriage from King Saul of ancient Israel through his grandson Afghana.



## INDIA

Also predicted to cluster around the banner of Gog in the latter days are *Cush* and *Phut* (or *Put*). These peoples of Ezekiel 38:5 are generally found today in the region of India and Pakistan.

Cush was a son of Ham (Genesis 10:6). Cush is often translated

“Ethiopia” in the Bible. But not all Cushites live in Ethiopia!

The descendants of Cush split into two major groups, the Eastern and Western Cushites. Josephus and Herodotus recognized these two divisions.

The western Cushites are found in major areas of Black Africa today, including modern Ethiopia, now under Soviet influence.

The Eastern Cushites, on the other hand, are the brown peoples of central and southern India and part of Ceylon (Sri Lanka). They are represented by such groups as the Dravidians, Tamils and Telugus. Herodotus calls these eastern Cushites “Asiatic Ethiopians.” During their migrations, incidentally, these Asiatic Cushites gave their name to the Hindu *Kush* mountain range of Central Asia.

Interestingly, the names of Cush’s sons Seba and Raamah (Genesis 10:7) have been perpetuated in the Indian god *Siva* or *Shiva* (the destroyer) and the hero *Rama* (an avatar of the god Vishnu).

*Phut* was also a son of Ham. *Phut* is often translated “Libya” in the Bible, referring to the land of Libya in North Africa. As with *Cush*, there is also an Asiatic branch of the family of *Phut* or *Put*. It is that Asiatic branch that will eventually become associated with the U.S.S.R.

Along with elements of *Shem*, descendants of *Phut* (or *Put*) were among the Indo-Aryans who settled northern India and drove the Cushitic Dravidians into the south of India in the second millennium B.C. The warrior-caste *Rajputs* were rulers over the historic region of *Rajputana*, a former group of princely states comprising what is now Rajasthan state of northwestern India.

Elements of *Phut* are also found today in other states of northern and central India and in the neighboring country of Pakistan.

The clear implication, therefore, is that the nations of India and Pakistan will ultimately be politically associated with the U.S.S.R., with Pakistan most likely becoming Communist dominated.

India, along with China, will

undoubtedly contribute heavily to the 200 million man army of Revelation 9:16. After Communist China, India has the largest population of any country in the world. India today is militarily the most powerful country in the South Asia region.

The nation of India is officially a neutralist state aspiring to a nonaligned stand between the superpowers. But in light of India's long and often tension-ridden borders with China and Pakistan, the Soviet Union has become necessary insurance for New Delhi. India leans on Soviet protection to counterbalance the alliance of China and Pakistan.

India is heavily dependent on the Kremlin for key military supplies. New Delhi also has a friendship treaty with Moscow, signed in 1971 by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. And the Soviet Union has become India's major trading partner.

Because of India's close relationship with Moscow, events in Afghanistan have been viewed differently in India than in many other parts of South Asia. Mrs. Gandhi has been careful not to openly denounce the Soviet occupation. She cannot afford to undercut the Kremlin at this time. Her position on Afghanistan has raised serious doubts among opposition parties within India and among the Indian press about the strength of New Delhi's commitment to non-alignment.



## PAKISTAN

The government of Pakistan—lying to the east and south of Soviet-occupied Afghanistan—is growing more nervous by the day.

Pakistan now stands as the only

obstacle between the Soviet troops in Afghanistan and Moscow's goal of a warm-water Arabian Sea port. By virtue of the Soviet military presence in Afghanistan, the Kremlin is now in a prime position to exert political and military pressure on Pakistan.

The Moslem nation of Pakistan consists of four provinces, two on each side of the Indus river. The two provinces on the eastern side—*Punjab* and *Sind*—are firmly in the control of President Zia ul-Haq's government in Islamabad.

The two provinces west of the Indus—*North-West Frontier* and *Baluchistan*—are in a state of unrest. These provinces share a 1,200-mile border with Soviet-occupied Afghanistan. The Pakistani government fears that the Soviets may now use Afghanistan as a base to exploit the separationist sentiments among the ethnic groups in these two provinces. Trouble among these ethnic minorities is already straining Pakistan's unity.

Of primary concern is the long-simmering independence movement among the Baluchi tribesmen of western Pakistan. The Baluchis there have long sought to unite with fellow tribesmen in southern Afghanistan and eastern Iran to form an independent state of Baluchistan.

There is strong evidence of deep Soviet involvement in this effort to carve out a separate Baluchi state. A pro-Russian vassal state in Baluchistan would effectively extend Soviet influence all the way south to the Arabian Sea. The Kremlin would at last have the warm-water ports that it has sought since the days of the czars.

As an added bonus, the Soviets would be in a position to control the major oil supply lines leading from the Persian Gulf!

Pushtu-speaking tribesmen in northwestern Pakistan and eastern Afghanistan have also long dreamed of their own independent state of Pushtunistan. These peoples, like the Baluchis, provide potentially fertile soil for Soviet revolutionary propaganda.

The predominantly Moslem nation of Bangladesh—formerly known as East Pakistan—broke away from

Pakistan in a bloody civil war almost nine years ago. Though Bangladesh officially adheres to the principle of nonalignment, its military government has gradually moved into the Indian and Soviet orbits.



## CENTRAL ASIA

Also allied with Gog will be "Gomer, Togarmah and all their bands" (Ezekiel 38:6).

Gomer was the eldest son of Japheth. Contrary to the assertions of many students of Bible prophecy, Gomer in this prophecy is not West Germany.

Who, then, is Gomer? Among the Oriental descendants of Gomer's three sons are found elements of the Turkic and Tatar (Turko-Mongol) peoples of the Asian steppes and deserts.

Many of these peoples—inhabiting the five socialist republics of Soviet Central Asia—have already been incorporated into the U.S.S.R. The nation of Mongolia, wedged between the Soviet Union and China in the region just south of Siberia, is a virtual Soviet satellite. The Turkic Uighurs of Sinkiang (western China) and the Mongols of Inner Mongolia are under Communist Chinese control.

Gomer's third son, Togarmah, is specifically mentioned in Ezekiel 38. Togarmah, in part, settled ancient Armenia. Descendants of Togarmah also migrated eastward into Mongolia, where they are today found mixed with elements of Magog. Togarmah's modern-day descendants are also found in China's Sinkiang (Xinjiang) province and in Russian Siberia or Tartary.

Ezekiel, however, speaks specifically of Togarmah "in the uttermost

parts of the north" (38:6, *Amplified*). This is a clear reference to the *Siberian* branch of Togarmah.

But what of Southeast Asia?



## S.E. ASIA

The modern-day nations of this region are of the southern Mongoloid racial group. These nations are primarily Japhetic in descent. Here communism has already deeply penetrated.

Vietnam is already a communist nation in the Soviet fold. After some two decades of fighting, the American-backed government of South Vietnam surrendered to Soviet-supported North Vietnamese forces in the spring of 1975. Within days the communist conquest of South Vietnam was effectively completed. Vietnam was officially reunited as a communist state in July 1976.

Some 40,000 Viet troops assure complete control of neighboring Laos. Nearby Cambodia (Kampuchea) is also dominated by Vietnam today.

Continuing Vietnamese military activity within Cambodia poses a potential threat to the security of Thailand to the north and west. Malaysia also sees a potential military menace from expansionist Vietnam. Adding to the uncertainty, small bands of communist guerrillas continue to roam the Thai-Malaysia border area.

In Burma, a militarily active communist party is challenging the socialist government of General Ne Win. Insurgent uprisings among the country's ethnic minorities add to the instability in that nation.

In Indonesia and the Philippines,

communist insurgency has occasionally assailed the authority of the central governments. But communist opposition in those nations now appears to be on the back burner—for the time being.

Most of Southeast Asia will undoubtedly find it difficult to withstand incessant communist pressure. Ultimately, the region will be forced into cooperating with the Soviet Union and her allies.

### "I Am Against You!"

As we have seen, the coming Eurasian confederacy will devastate much of Western Europe. After Christ decimates the armies of all nations gathered at Armageddon, Gog will assemble a large army from among his remaining Eurasian forces. That army will attempt to impose its ideology on a restored Israel. But it will not succeed!

"Behold, I am against you, O Gog!" God declares (Ezekiel 38:3). The fate of his armies is vividly portrayed: "You shall fall on the mountains of Israel, you and all your troops, and the peoples who are with you; I shall give you as food to every kind of predatory bird and beast of the field" (Ezekiel 39:4, *Amplified*). The people of Israel will labor seven months burying the millions of Gog's dead (39:12).

The survivors will know that God rules.

The demise of Gog and his allies will furnish a powerful witness to the nations of the world. "And I shall set My glory among the nations; and all the nations will see My judgment which I have executed," God declares (39:21).

The people of Israel will utterly destroy the weapons carried by Gog's army (39:9-10). With the power of Gog irretrievably broken, the nations of the world will at last submit to the Government of God. After 6000 years of war and international strife, worldwide peace and prosperity will finally become reality. "And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" (Micah 4:3; Isaiah 2:4). □



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# THE MOVEMENT TO DESTROY THE FAMILY

*You would be shocked to learn what is being done right now to destroy the family unit.*

by Jeff Calkins

**A**RE YOU aware that the family is under deliberate assault by some of the highest and most influential elements of our society?

Are you aware of the role of government in the steady, sustained attack on the family as we have traditionally known it?

The assault on the family is deliberate. The attack is not an accident. It is held together by a whole body of prejudices. These prejudices reflect an animosity toward the laws of God.

They emphasize sexual license over God-given restraints. Sexual equality over God-given distinctions and roles. Family "democracy" over the parental authority which God created. And alternatives

to the nuclear family as God ordained it.

## Four Crucial Areas

Of recent date, these prejudices have reared their head in four crucial areas. First, some social activists and commentators are proposing a new definition of the family—a definition that would allow for all sorts of permissiveness and sexual license. Second, the same kind of people are pushing the idea that human civil government—not parents—should have the responsibility for children. Third, in the legal arena, there is a concerted movement to downgrade the family unit, and in particular, to give children legal rights *against their parents*.

Finally, there is an effort on the

part of officials high in governments to push antifamily prosexual license ideas.

## The New Permissive Definition of the Family

An influential element of society—mostly intellectuals and feminists—are pushing an idea of family that includes almost any form of cohabitation.

Lois A. Lund, dean of the College of Human Ecology at Michigan State University, offers this new definition of the family:

"Two or more persons who share resources, share responsibilities for decisions, share values and goals and have commitment to one another over time."

And Betty Friedan, the arch-femi-

nist "spokesperson," offers a similar definition: "Family is people who are living together with deep commitment and mutual needs and sharing."

An even more liberal definition was offered by a 1976 panel representing one large Protestant body:

"A relationship community of more than one person."

Words like *commitment*, *sharing* and *mutual* may have nice, warm cozy rings to them, but they do not hide the truth that these definitions include any number of *antifamily* and nonfamily relationships.

Thus, two or three or five or ten homosexuals living together could qualify as a "family" under the new definitions of family. So would any reasonably long term "shacking-up," between unmarried heterosexuals. Even affinity groups (say five computer enthusiasts who share the same house) could qualify as a family.

The new definition of family leads to absurd results. It insidiously implies that, to use the language God uses, fornication, adultery, homosexuality and vice all can be dignified with the label "family" if there is sufficient "mutuality" and "sharing." About the only kind of "living together" that the definitions don't call a family would be cohabitation with animals!

To these human definitions God thunders: "Woe to them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!" (Isaiah 5:20).

But what is God's definition of a family? The nucleus of a family is a marriage between a man and a woman. Heterosexual marriage is the minimum requirement for a family, based on the revelation that God gave to the first human beings after the creation of mankind:

"Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh" (Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:5).

A family will normally include children (see Psalm 127:3-5), and may include relatives, such as grandparents, aunts or uncles. (Consider that the patriarch Jacob's family, as described in Genesis chapters 37-46,

included a grandfather, married children and grandchildren, all living as one family.) Nevertheless the structural core of the family is heterosexual marriage.

This is the biblical test for family. It corresponds with the traditional family of the Western world.

### The Inhuman Wedge

The grossly over-broad definitions of "family" are not the only insidious attack on the family as it was constituted by God.

A far more frightening—chilling—development is the attempt to drive a wedge between parents and children. The means by which the wedge is driven is the assertion that human government *owns* your children.

God asserts that children are His gift (Psalm 127:3). God puts responsibility for proper child rearing squarely on the parents (Deuteronomy 6:7, Proverbs 22:6). A parent is, while not an absolute owner of a child, God's trustee who has the God-given right to care for and train the child as God's steward.

But a different idea is gaining influence today. The idea is government owns your child. The reason behind the idea is that social planners—people who consider it their business to remake society according to what they think is good—will be unable to bring about a "just" or "equal" society unless government is able to control child rearing.

Mark the following frightening words:

"... the fact that children are raised in families means there is no equality. In order to raise children with equality *we must take them away from families and communally raise them*" (emphasis ours).

The statement was made by Mary Jo Baine, assistant professor of education at Wellesley College.

The sentiment is echoed by top government bureaucrats in the United States. "Children do not belong to parents," says Edward Zigler, director of the U.S. Government Office of Child Development.

The 1972 Minneapolis Declaration of Feminism, as you would expect, follows the antifamily party line:

"... With the destruction of the nuclear family, children must be seen as the responsibility of the entire society, rather than the individual." (Evidently, the Minnesota feminists don't even recognize the existence of parents, only that of society and individuals.)

Even more chilling is the fact that such jackboot antifamily sentiments are occasionally found among judges in our society. Judge Lisa Richette of the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania, reportedly said:

"If there is a least detrimental alternative, remove the child and don't worry about the right of the parents. The child belongs to society. The parents were only biological producers."

(Evidently, Judge Richette has never read the decision of the American Supreme Court made in 1925 before the recent attack on the family, which directly contradicts her sentiments. "The child," said the Supreme Court in one of its greatest moments, "is not the mere creature of the state" (*Pierce v. Society of Sisters*).

When you read of the statements of people such as Professor Baine, Mr. Zigler or Judge Richette, you cannot help but be reminded of a book that showed penetrating insight into the modern world. It is George Orwell's *1984*.

The book prophesies a horrible, nightmarish future for mankind. Life will be a vast prison—human government will be in control of everything. There will be no freedom. There will be no individuality, and the family will be or made the servant of the state.

The following passage from *1984* practically describes to a tee the kind of world advocated by Ms. Baine, Mr. Zigler and Judge Richette:

"Nearly all children nowadays were horrible. What was worst of all was by means of such organizations as the Spies they were systematically turned into ungovernable little savages, and yet this produced in them no tendency whatever to rebel against the discipline of the Party. On the contrary, they adored the Party and everything connected with it."

In George Orwell's nightmare world of *1984*, children will be

allowed to remain with parents, but the human state will claim their loyalties. Children will certainly "not belong to their parents." They will belong to "Big Brother" (the government). In fact, in Mr. Orwell's prophetic novel, children are encouraged to spy on, turn in and terrorize their parents!

Compare author Orwell's prophecy with the equally prophetic words of Jesus Christ, describing the time before the return of Christ:

"... the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death" (Matthew 10:21).

### More Abominations

According to the *Public Interest*, a scholarly journal espousing a generally profamily bias, research has shown that traditionally most of the legal institutions in the Western world presumed as their basis the family as *God made it*. Thus the common law recognized husband and wife as "one flesh"—just as Jesus said (Matthew 19:6).

But the laws are changing. The old common law "one flesh" rule has been abolished. New court rulings even seem almost designed to further weaken the cohesiveness and unity of the family.

Thus, the U.S. Supreme Court has bent over backwards to give a woman the right to abort a child even against the right of that child's father to let that child live! The U.S. Supreme Court has held that, at least in abortion cases, only the woman's "right" has any legal importance. In effect, the Court has said that there is no family unit when it comes to abortion decisions (*Planned Parenthood v. Danforth*).

The Court has further weakened the family unit by declaring that a teenage girl who wants an abortion owes no obedience to her own father and mother. A teenager, says the Court, has the right to get an abortion without even having to tell her parents. It is as if her parents do not exist (*Baird v. Bellotti*).

The trend is not confined to the United States. In Britain the position on teenage abortions is very similar and children's rights are much her-

alded. In Sweden, parents have absolutely no right to spank their children.

Professor Ulla Jacobssen of Stockholm University wants to inhibit parents' God-given right to fulfill Deuteronomy 6:7, which puts on parents the duty of proper religious instruction of children.

Says the Bible: "And thou shalt teach them [the Bible laws] diligently unto thy children" (Deuteronomy 6:7).

Says Professor Jacobssen: "Parents should never force their children to take part in demonstrations, to join in religious communion."

And in West Germany, a whole new legal code has gone into effect concerning "children's rights." According to the *Neue Ruhr Zeitung*, "The new legislation empowers the court of chancery to take action when it considers that the child's rights are being directly threatened... This new legislation will make it essential for authoritarian parents to rethink their attitudes."

Of course "authoritarian" can mean any parents who desire to rear their child in a religious heritage in which "sin" means something more than "not caring enough"!

The problem with the children's rights movement is that it is aimed at undermining parental authority. All the "rights" that are vested in children are rights against or claims on parents! Such rights can only be enforced by an outside authority in competition with parents, namely, the courts.

As political commentator Michael Sobran notes, "By conferring on children so-called rights, the state actually alters the structure of the family." Professor Frank Sanders, who teaches law at Harvard Law School, says this about the child's rights movement: "We are coming closer to interfering in the traditional, functioning family... We're going to make being a parent tougher and tougher. We're going to have to explain our actions to the courts. The ultimate absurdity would be if my son, who gets mad at going to bed at 10:30, goes to court and asks for a later bedtime. This is a trend one needs to worry about."

The child's rights movement is aimed at changing families from being cohesive units to being loose alliances between individuals, each armed with a full armament of rights against the others. Such an idea may preserve freedom in society at large, where freedom is important. But in the family, freedom is not as important as sharing, cooperation and mutual sacrifice.

In the family, children's rights can only come at the expense of parents' responsibility. The enforcement of such rights means substantial outside interference in the home.

As Mr. Sobran puts it, "So-called children's rights mean, in practice, increased state power over parents."

Just like 1984.

### The Higher Circles

The movement to destroy the family has not only infected the courts and the bureaucracy. It has also infected the American White House.

President Carter has established the White House Conference on Families (WHCF), the purpose of which is to "strengthen the family." However, the official guidelines for the WHCF allow for any definition of "family."

Moreover, the President has appointed people to be in charge of the WHCF who do not believe in the family as God made it! One presidential appointee to the National Advisory Committee to the WHCF, Richard Neuhaus, sums up the tone of this conference, which is supposed to strengthen the family: "We have no intention of glorifying the bourgeois family. Foster parents, lesbians and gays, liberated families or whatever—all can do the job as long as they provide children the loving and permanent structure the traditional families have typically provided...."

"No intention of glorifying the bourgeois [middle class] family!"

What Mr. Neuhaus is saying is that the people in charge of the WHCF have no intention of strengthening the family whose structural core is heterosexual marriage. What he is saying is that the White House is prepared to promote a society in which many different

kinds of human cohabitation, "alternative life-styles," "living together," "adult communes" and other trendy nonsense run rampant!

Another presidential appointee to the National Advisory Committee, Carolyn Shaw Bell, once wrote a *Newsweek* article entitled, "Let's Get Rid of Families." She was not using sarcasm.

In fact, of the 41 members of the National Advisory Committee, only one, a Mormon, is consistently pro-family *as God made it*. On the other hand, feminists, social workers and liberal political groups are well represented.

The tone of the WHCF is already clear. According to the Religious News Service, at one assembly held under WHCF auspices in New York, "The group made a clear aggressive pursuit of a new definition of family and passed a platform of gay and lesbian rights."

Significantly, an unofficial group working closely with the official WHCF is the "Coalition for the White House Conference." Its membership includes the National Gay Task Force!

#### Why Family Vital

The family, writes Mr. Sobran, "is the last stronghold of freedom." The family is not the lowest level of the government administrative bureaucracy. It is, rather the institution set up by God for the rearing of children and general spiritual upbuilding of man and woman.

The family is a buffer between the government and the individual. The family as God made it commands its own love and loyalty.

No wonder, in 1984, one of the purposes of the totalitarian state was "to prevent men and women from forming loyalties which it might not be able to control."

Like God, the family is a source of human loyalty that has a stronger claim than that of the government or society. Those who desire to enslave people in the name of "society," or "the people," must first destroy the family. Because of the family, people are different, unequal, individual, unique. If you are an egotistical megalomaniac who desires to remold

all of society according to your own utopian schemes, you will want to destroy the family, which will inevitably stand in your way.

God Himself is a Family and His ultimate purpose for man is to bring man into that Family. By destroying the family, men become farther removed in their ability to understand God's glorious divine purpose.

#### The Immediate Future

There is not a lot of good news this side of God's world tomorrow. The trends detailed in this article are among the reasons why the following biblical prophecy was directed at our modern age:

"This know also that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be . . . disobedient to parents . . ." (II Timothy 3:1-2).

Together with Christ's prophecy about children "rising up" against their own parents—which is *so true*, in a time of government takeover of children, child's rights and new definitions of family, the future for *the family*—the family as God made it—does not look good short term.

The world has forgotten God. It also seems unaware of the god of this world—that the whole world is deceived! How? By blindly allowing Satan to lead the world into his false ways.

This conspiracy against the God-ordained family structure is Satan-inspired.

But the family—based on heterosexual marriage—will win in the end. The turning point is drawing closer. The beauty of God's master plan is that God will allow things to go only so far before He sends Jesus Christ back to stop the monstrous attempts of man to create a brave new world where everyone grows up in a government dormitory.

At an early point in world history, God intervened to stop human planners from bringing to fruition their own grandiose schemes. This was at the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11:4-9).

God will do it again. He will not allow His cherished institution—created by Him to teach man about the God-plane relationship—to disappear from human society. □

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Does God Exist?

# The Astounding Purposes of Sex!

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*WHY has this world's "Christianity" failed to understand the purposes of sex revealed in the Bible?*

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by Donald D. Schroeder

**D**O YOU KNOW why God created humans male and female? Do you know that God did not have to make humanity as He did if reproduction were His only purpose?

## **The First Sex Educator**

God was the first great sex educator!

The Great God who created the far-flung universe, the earth and all of its complex physical laws and life forms, also created man and woman. "Male and female created he them" (Genesis 1:27).

God said of His creation, including human sexuality, "it was *very good*" (Genesis 1:31).

God did not intend for sex to be a source of shame, guilt or fear—or of unbridled lust. Sex is meant to build the family, not ruin it.

God created sex to play a role in producing His crowning objective in mankind: the creation, the reproduction of holy, righteous, mature godly character! The right use of sex plays a great part in building that character.

In Genesis 1:28, God blessed the first man and woman and commanded them to multiply, replenish and subdue the earth. A great human family was to be born to learn to rule God's creation—mind and body in-

cluded—God's way, not through their own human reason.

## **First Sex Education Class**

We find in Genesis 2:7 that God formed the male sex first. The first man, Adam, was created from the dust of the ground and began to live when God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life. The man did not know anything, apart from language, but had full capacity to learn. He was instructed by God and held responsible for God's revealed knowledge (Genesis 2:16-17).

Then God said, "It is *not good* that the man should be alone: I will make him an help meet [or fitting] for him" (verse 18). And so God created a helpmate—not as an afterthought, but to complement and help the man.

God created woman from a significant and symbolic part of Adam's own body—a rib next to his heart. She was created to complement and share life in every wholesome way with the man—physically, mentally and emotionally (verses 20-23).

God did not leave this man and woman confused about sex or their sexual differences. He did not leave them to stumble and bumble around ignorantly or carelessly into trouble and harm. One of the first things He did was

instruct them about sex and the right context of its use. God commanded the man, "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh" (verse 24).

So, immediately after creating Adam and Eve, God ordained marriage as the proper outlet for their sexual capacity and to help satisfy and mature their emotional development.

Before we go any further, you need to become aware of a special booklet on marriage which takes an in-depth look at the institutions of marriage, the home, and family life. It's titled: *Why Marriage!* In it Herbert W. Armstrong reveals a startling truth which has been altogether overlooked by science, by religion, by education, and by society!

To return to Genesis 2. It is precisely the tragic failure to perceive the implication of verse 24 that has led to so much marital unhappiness and failure, to sex abuse and sex perversion!

Note what is implied by God's command in this verse. Marriage and sex relationships are for a properly prepared man and woman. A man and woman need to be mature enough, prepared socially and economically enough, be educated and

skilled enough, yes, self-disciplined enough that they could leave their parents and successfully establish a separate home.

In other words, they need sufficient right values and character to realize what marriage is intended to accomplish, so they would cleave to their mate faithfully.

All of these essential attributes are exactly the opposite of what premarital, extramarital, homosexual and other misuses or sexual perversions create in human character. Instead these sins create lusts, appetites and attitudes that undermine a wholesome marriage and other healthy human relationships. They make lasting and true happiness impossible to achieve.

Worst of all, such acts destroy production of the spiritual character God wants and needs in the governance of His eternal Kingdom and Family.

Every misuse of sex undermines the desire or the ability to fully experience the divinely ordained "one flesh" union. This is the expression of total commitment to, loyalty to, and appreciation and proper love of, one's mate.

#### Purposes of Sex

Now consider the astounding purposes of sex as revealed in Scripture.

*Sex is for-reproduction.* We have already seen that sex relations between a husband and wife for reproduction is a right use of sex.

But human reproduction is not, as one religious body has taught, the *only* purpose of sex, a necessary evil to be otherwise avoided.

Human reproduction within the family is designed by God to teach a sacred and *God-plane* meaning not applicable to any other kind of life.

Human children are begotten through sex. And the begettal, period of gestation and birth of a human body gives us the pattern of the spiritual sequence—so little understood—that leads to eternal life.

Upon human repentance, spiritual begettal comes from God the Father. Then God's true Church functions as a Christian's spiritual mother to feed and nourish him (Galatians 4:26, Ephesians 4:4-16).

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*You Mean—Born Again?* thoroughly explains God's process of spiritual salvation, which is patterned after human begettal, growth and birth.

*Sex is for marriage.* We have seen in scripture that marriage is a divine institution. It did not evolve as a result of long human experimentation. Marriage was ordained when human sex was created.

Sex was intended to attract a properly matched couple to want to marry and share life together. Marriage and the special sex relationship in it was intended to generate a unique kind of love.

Properly used marital sex would bind and draw a man and woman together because it is shared with no other. The Creator intended the differences in sexual responses between a husband and wife to encourage building expression of love and affection between one another.

But a proper marriage also allows humans to experience, in measure, a type of the future spiritual relationship to come. God's true Church is the affianced Bride of Christ, to marry him at His return to earth and assist Him in His rulership forever (Romans 7:4, II Corinthians 11:2, Ephesians 5:25-27, Revelation 19:7). Homosexual and extramarital experiences express no such relationship.

*Sex is for family life.* A proper family unit is absolutely necessary for the right teaching, training and security of children. It is necessary for the stability of a nation as a whole. Failure of a society at the sexual level undermines the stability and health of the family. It means the nation or society will break down and suffer social evils.

Family life is also a God-plane relationship. God is a Family!

The Hebrew word used for God in Genesis 1:26 ("And God said, Let us make man in our image . . .") is *elohim*. It is a plural form indicating more than one: a group or a family.

God created sex so mankind could understand that through spiritual begettal (baptism, and the receiving of God's Holy Spirit) and righteous spiritual growth humans could be born into the Family of God!

"Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us [Spirit-begotten Christians], that we should be called the *sons* of God . . .

when he [Christ] shall appear, we shall be like him . . . And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he [God] is pure" (I John 3:1-3).

*Sex is for love.* The basis of right family life is godly love. God is love (I John 4:8, 16). The Divine Family relationship is a love relationship. Family life is designed to demonstrate what God's character and love is like.

I Corinthians 13 expounds that love: "Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right . . ." (Revised Standard Version).

A happy, successful marriage demands development of a good deal of this kind of love. Two mates deeply committed to each other will want to develop that kind of love.

The apostle Paul drew a direct parallel between true Christian marital love and the love of Christ for His Church.

"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it . . . So men ought to love their wives as their own bodies . . ." (Ephesians 5:25, 28). Much of this fifth chapter of Ephesians further expounds proper marital relationships.

*Sex is for developing and maturing character.* Contrary to the propaganda of radical feminists and others, there are major differences in the physical, mental and emotional talents and abilities between men and women. Properly developed and utilized, these attributes produce a strong, balanced, humane and nurturing society.

God, the Creator, has given each sex special gifts, emotions, talents and responsibilities "as it pleases Him" (I Corinthians 15:38). God did not put all the strengths of His character in one sex. The differing masculine and feminine gifts and talents should be mutually respected and appreciated. Tragically, such differences are discredited by unisex propaganda being promoted in the guise of "enlightenment."

When a man and woman are united in a properly matched mar-

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# Where Is God When People Suffer?

*When people are enduring painful disease, where is God? Is He pleased with intense pain and suffering? Isn't it time we understood the reason for these tragic experiences?*

by Robert Boraker

**M**Y AUNT HELEN recently died of cancer. While she was lying on her death bed in a California hospital suffering from this most dreaded disease, I wrote her a letter from England. It helped to encourage her during what was probably the severest trial of her life.

Since it may also help readers now in similar circumstances, or who may have to experience suffering in the future, I publish this letter for all to read and benefit:

"Dear Aunt Helen,

"I meant to write before now, but various distractions kept cropping up. I have been concerned about your health and well-being and have been thinking about you during these past few weeks.

"I have also been thinking about the subject of pain and suffering since it is a subject on the minds of many people. In my job here in Britain of answering letters from readers of *The Plain Truth*, I have had to help people understand why there is so much suffering in this world. The Bible, of course, tells us much about it. I recently came across a very good book entitled *Where is God When It Hurts?* by Philip Yancey. I think it would be helpful to you to read.

"When we see people suffering from various afflictions, we must realize that this is not a perfect world. Mankind often has to suffer from horrible diseases. Many millions have died in warfare, which isn't pleasant either. Others die of starvation. Why do some have a pleasant death and others a tragic one? It's a matter of time, chance and circumstances.

"As Philip Yancey says, suffering involves two main issues: 1) who or what caused the discomfort, sickness

or accident, and 2) the person's response to it.

"To the extent individuals concentrate on the cause, they may well end up embittered against God. The book of Job poses the question, 'Who causes pain?' But God chose, in His deliberation with Job, to sidestep the issue. All the way through, the Bible steers from the issue of pain to the issue of response. Think of what a world it would be if we injured ourselves, yet felt no pain? When pain and suffering have happened, each individual must decide what he will do. He should ask himself: 'How should I react now that this terrible thing has happened?'

"Paul wrote concerning the psychological pain that developed after he sent a strongly worded letter to the Christians in Corinth: 'Even if I did wound you by the letter I sent, I do not now regret it. I may have been sorry for it when I saw that the letter had caused you pain, even if only for a time; but now I am happy, not that your feelings were wounded but that the wound led to a change of heart. You bore the smart as God would have you bear it, and so you are no losers by what we did. For the wound which is borne in God's way brings a change of heart too salutary to regret; but the hurt which is borne in the world's way brings death. You bore your hurt in God's way, and see what its results have been! It made you take the matter seriously and vindicate yourselves. How angered you were, how apprehensive! How your longing for me awoke, yes, and your devotion and your eagerness to see justice done. At every point you have cleared yourselves of blame in this trouble' (II Corinthians 7:8-11, New English Bible).

"Pain and suffering can turn people to God. Many people have

been converted as the result of going through a crisis in their lives. Suffering produces something. It is of value in changing us. It produces faith, perseverance, patience, righteous character (I Peter 1:5-7; James 1:2-4; John 9:1-3; Romans 8:28, 29; 5:5). We can become better persons because of suffering if our response is right.

"The experience of suffering from agony or seeing others suffer is indeed not pleasant. Perhaps God allows it to happen to encourage us to think more seriously about life and the future. We need to see what good God can accomplish as the result of the tragic experience.

"Where is God when it hurts? Philip Yancey gives this conclusion in his book:

"He has been there from the beginning, designing a pain system that still in the midst of a . . . rebellious world, bears the stamp of His genius and equips us for life on this planet.

"He has watched us reflect His image, carving out great works of art, launching mighty adventures, living out this earth in a mixture of pain and pleasure when the two so closely coalesce they sometimes become almost indistinguishable.

"He has let us cry out and echo Job with louder and harsher fits of anger against Him, blaming Him for a world we spoiled . . .

"He has promised supernatural strength to nourish our spirit, even if our physical suffering goes unrelieved.

"He has joined us. He has hurt and bled and cried and suffered. He has dignified for all time those who suffer by sharing their pain.

"He is with us now, ministering to us through His Spirit and through  
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# An Open Letter to Our Readers

*WE OWE IT to our readers to publish this letter from Thailand. Our editorial staff recently cooperated in a significant joint effort. The Thai Community Services Center in Southern California and supportive friends under the leadership of PhraThepsopon, Abbot of the Thai Temple, coordinated efforts by the Thai communities in the United States in aiding the sick, starving and dying Cambodians who have sought refuge in Thailand. They asked Thurston Leon Sexton, an Ambassador College graduate, to assist them. His heartrending letter to us follows:*

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**Wat Pho,  
Bangkok, Thailand**

**“W**E BRING YOU encouraging reports. The hard work and dedication of organizations such as the International Red Cross and other international relief organizations have brought much improvement in the health and welfare of hundreds of thousands of Cambodian refugees.

“But the problem is not over.

“Renewed Vietnamese offensives against the Khmer Rouge strongholds will bring thousands more streaming across Thailand’s border. Camps such as Ban Kaeng and Khao-I-Dang will be burdened with dead and dying.

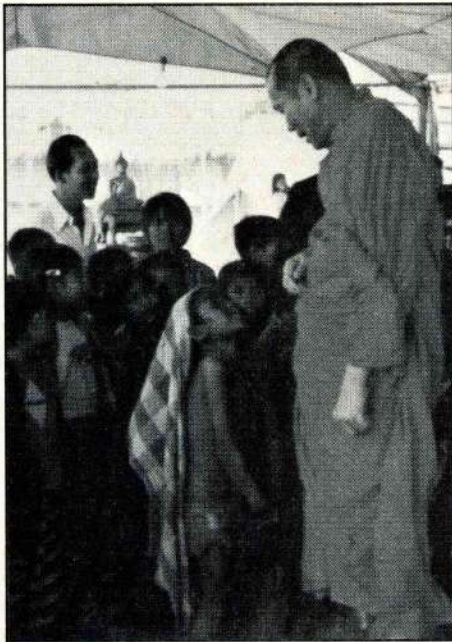
“Aid efforts must now center on *educating for survival* the children in the camps.

“Let me tell you now what it is like to walk and talk with fathers and mothers who have watched their children slowly starve to death. To listen to personal experiences of a people who have seen their nation destroyed by Communists with conflicting political ideologies.

“Our first visit to the refugee camps was facilitated by the Office of the Supreme Commander in Bangkok. Through the kind offices of PhraThepsopon, Vinai and I were provided with a car and a driver to visit the sprawling Ban Kaeng camp in the Sa-Kheo district. With a military escort, my Thai friend Vinai Insa-ard (who speaks fluent Cambodian) and I drove to the province of Prachinburi, where more than 250,000 are living in 16 overcrowded refugee camps scattered along Thailand’s frontier with Cambodia.

“During our four-hour journey to Ban Kaeng, we watched the countryside slowly change from the verdant rich rice paddies surrounding Bangkok to the dusty dry fields of Thailand’s eastern provinces.

“Upon arrival at Ban Kaeng we checked in at the front gate with the military



Sawasdi Yingyuad



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authorities and began walking through a virtual city of temporary shelters filled with more than 40,000 pathetic remnants of the Cambodian race.

"As I walked with Vinai down the dusty paths separating different sections of the camp, I was totally unprepared for what I saw.

"I observed the people of the camp as they went about their daily routine. Gaunt, tired mothers attempting to wash the dirt and the grime of cooking fires from their children. Elderly men crouched in the dirt talking and shading themselves from the intense mid-day sun. Women walking slowly down the dirt tracks carrying their sick children to the infirmary, themselves coughing and wheezing, in need of medical attention. Children carrying tins of whole grain rice gruel, their only food, back to their family shelters.

"We visited one young man preparing his family's meal over an open fire. That meal consisted of only white rice, granulated sugar and a few tiny dried fish. He told us that he was very happy his family was able to eat again. In Cambodia they often had had no food for days.

"This was the same answer that we received from everyone that we questioned about the food in the camps. They usually had no fruit, no meat or vegetables, but they had

enough to eat! They were happy to be here.

"When it rains in this part of Thailand, the camp becomes inundated. Due to a lack of adequate shelter, the refugees are exposed to the elements and the camp becomes a virtual sea of mud. During the dry season the problem of water is of a very different nature. This camp possesses only two wells to serve the needs of the entire refugee population of 40,000.

"When we looked into one of the wells, we discovered that it was already completely dry with only mud at the bottom. When we spoke to the Thai military authorities of this camp, we asked them how the refugees were supplied with sufficient water. They told us that they must bring in more than 100 trucks each day in order to provide sufficient water.

"As the dry season begins, and more and more refugees are brought to the camp, the problem of water supplies would reach the critical stage.

"At the infirmary a long line of refugees were outside awaiting medical attention. Some were too weak to walk by themselves and had to be helped by others. The one thing that struck me the most when I entered the building was the extreme fatigue that was in the faces of the doctor

and his two assistants. They had been working long hours with little or no relief trying to deal with the thousands of cases of disease and maladies due to malnutrition.

"I talked briefly with Dr. Joe Barnes, an American physician. Briefly, because as we talked, he continued to administer to the slow, almost unending stream of sick refugees in his small, sparsely furnished examination room. Dr. Barnes told me that many still had problems with malaria, dysentery and especially flu. He explained that most of those who were too weak to be helped were already dead. At the time of my visit, the number of deaths had been reduced to only two or three per day. (Our driver watched soldiers carry two bodies out of the camp during the period that we were there.) He also mentioned there was also life; more than 100 babies had been delivered so far since the camp was set up four weeks before our visit.

"I asked Dr. Barnes what is the single most important need of the refugees. He answered, pointing out a window: 'Look out there at the thousands of people jammed together. They have plenty of fresh air, but they need toilets.' Fresh air would aid in checking disease, but because the refugees had no proper latrines, the spread of local epidemics



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within the camp was an ever present danger.

"We went on to inspect the latrine area. We found a long open ditch filled with stagnant water and sewage. If a refugee was too weak through illness to make it to this area, any open space between the huts was utilized.

"Bathing was accomplished if and when there was enough water, but most of the people we talked with were covered with the dry dust that seemed to cling to everything in the camp, including ourselves.

"Vinai and I walked over to a middle-aged man who was sitting in the shade with his children. We crouched down on the ground with him and began to talk. Previous to the Pol Pot period (pre-1975) he was a business man who traveled frequently across the Thai border on trading missions. When Pol Pot assumed power, he was driven along with the rest of the Cambodian population out into the fields to become a farmer. During the Pol Pot government, his younger brother was beaten to death by Khmer Rouge soldiers. His daughter of four years died of starvation.

"Later, we interviewed a young Cambodian farmer watching his unclothed little daughter playing in the dirt beside their thatch and pole dwelling. He spent five days escaping

into Thailand with his wife and two children. He told us that if one was to plant rice, it would be confiscated by either Pol Pot forces who are themselves starving, or by the Vietnamese who want to keep it out of the hands of the Pol Pot troops.

"Our visit had been a shocking experience. Many questions continued to plague me as we returned to my temporary home at Wat Pho in Bangkok.

"What circumstances have led to the starvation and death of so many people? Why did more than 3½ million people have to die and the remnants of an entire race leave their home to live in overcrowded camps totally supported by other people? Cambodia has traditionally grown enough rice for its own use as well as for export.

"What brought about such traumatic changes to this backwater, formerly peaceful country once known for its lack of change?

"On our next trip to the refugee camps, we visited a much larger camp closer to the Cambodian border. This camp is one of the largest camps in Thailand, with approximately 75,000 refugees, all from Cambodia.

"This time, with the help of ChaoKhun PhraThepsopon, Vinai Insa-ard and I were provided with a car and driver to take us on the long

**CAMBODIAN REFUGEES:** Left to right: Children in Ban Kaeng refugee camp greet PhraThepsopon, the Abbot of Wat Thai of Los Angeles; refugees gathering inside Thai border, aided by Royal Thai Army; one-legged Cambodian carries all his personal possessions; lines of refugees await transfer to permanent camps; Thai soldier aids starving woman.

trip to the Khao-I-Dang refugee camp only 10 kilometers from the frontier. This time Pravena Lepiboon, a professional photographer, went along with us to take photographs.

"We traveled through the provincial capital of Prachinburi, on to Sa-Kheo, and finally arrived at Aranyabrathet, a town where the United Nations, the International Red Cross, and medical teams from many foreign nations were staying.

"We turned north toward Khao-I-Dang. The Thai military was ever present. We had to visit two army field headquarters as well as four separate checkpoints before we finally reached our destination.

"I was quite surprised at the difference between this refugee camp and the one at Ban Kaeng. As we checked in at the front gate, we walked past a large building with the flag of the United Nations overhead. There are many more volunteers and



Map by Ron Grove

international aid workers here than in the smaller Ban Kaeng. Shelters provided for the refugees were also much larger and better built than those at Ban Kaeng.

"Pravena ran off to take photographs of the different areas of the camp, Vinai began interviewing a group of Cambodian men, I walked down the central road of the camp to find refugees who spoke either Thai or English.

"I came upon one section of the camp with people sitting on mats spread over the ground and singing. The song leader motioned for me to come join them. I removed my shoes and a space was made for me to sit down near the front. The song leader addressed me in limited English.

"He had been born in Kanda province near Phnom Penh 30 years ago, he said. His name was Naiem Sakun. He was educated at an English-language Christian school and previous to 1975, had worked for the American Embassy in Phnom Penh. He, along with his wife and seven other members of his family, had recently been able to escape from Cambodia to find safety here in Thailand. I questioned him about his recent experiences in Cambodia. Let

me tell you his long sad story of brutality and death.

**Q:** "Did anyone in your extended family die in Cambodia?"

**A:** "Oh, maybe 45 of my family died."

**Q:** "How did they die?"

**A:** "The soldiers of Pol Pot killed them. They did not give any rice for them. So they were very sad and very hungry. One day they died."

**Q:** "After 1975, when Pol Pot assumed power, what was it like?"

**A:** "After Pol Pot came to Phnom Penh, they carried me away to Kampuchenan province. So I worked very hard there—no food to eat. I was very sad every day."

**Q:** "Did you work in the fields?"

**A:** "Yes, in the field planting rice."

**Q:** "What did the soldiers do to the people? What did you see?"

**A:** "I see the soldiers of Pol Pot in the field where we plant rice. I see them by my eyes. Every day they call the people to go to the field. What time do they call us to work? 3 o'clock in the morning. We work until 12 noon. Come back, eat rice. Two to three spoons per man. After maybe 15 minutes to finish eating, they call again, 'Go, go, in all the provinces of our country, they are planting much rice, but not here.' If one doesn't go, sometimes they carry him away into the mountains and kill him by the gun. And sometimes by the stick and he will die.

"One day they tell me, 'You go to the field and plant rice.' I go but I work very slowly. I am weak and not strong. So they beat me. I lie down with blood in my mouth. They kick my teeth. (He showed me all the missing teeth in the side of his mouth.) I prayed to them, 'My brothers, help me, please don't beat me.' So they got angry again and beat me. I could not get up. They carry me and tie my hands to the bamboo post. They didn't give me any rice to eat. For three days I did not eat any rice."

**Q:** "How did you get here from your home? Did you walk?"

**A:** "Yes, I walked with my family."

**Q:** "How long did it take?"

**A:** "It took maybe 10 days."

**Q:** "What do you think about Thailand helping Cambodian refugees?"

**A:** "I thank Thailand because they help the people near their country."

**Q:** "Did the soldiers of the Pol Pot government know that you had worked for the American Embassy?"

**A:** "Pol Pot did not know."

**Q:** "If they knew you had worked for the American Embassy, what would they have done to you?"

**A:** "They did not know."

**Q:** "But what if they knew, what would they have done?"

**A:** "They would shoot you immediately."

**Q:** "Where do you want to go if you leave the refugee camp?"

**A:** "I want to study the Bible because I am a Christian. I hate it when I see the world people very bad."

"I thanked him for talking with me. As I said good-bye and walked away, sobered by what I had heard, I pondered what it would be like if I were thrust into the same circumstances. Forced to work long hours in the fields with little or no food, to see my friends and family dying of starvation, to see the weak and helpless shot and bludgeoned to death by agents of a harsh and dreadful government. To Mr. Naiem Sakun, it had been very real.

"While I had been interviewing Sakun and other individuals who had at one time been residents of Phnom Penh, Vinai had been concentrating on interviewing an entirely different class of Cambodian, the average rice farmer and laborer. The first person he spoke with was Mr. Pot, a 70-year-old man who in his youth had been a soldier with King Sihanouk. Mr. Pot was from the province of Chiangkat and had lived through the entire experience of the change of Cambodia from a peaceful French colonial, rice-producing country to the Cambodia of today.

"Vinai began by asking about Mr. Pot's family.

**Q:** "How many children do you have?"

**A:** "Ten children, six of them have been killed."

**Q:** "How were they killed?"

**A:** "Some were beaten to death, others died of starvation because food was withheld from them. Each day they gave us one pint of uncooked rice for 20 persons. Not enough for anyone."

**Q:** "How many of your children survived?"

**A:** "All my sons are dead, but four daughters are alive."

**Q:** "Before Pol Pot came to power in Cambodia, what did you do?"

**A:** "Farmer, gardener, laborer, a weaver of baskets."

**Q:** "What about the food here at the Khao-I-Dang camp, is it enough?"

**A:** "They give enough rice, and they have salt fish. They give us oil and eggs, but no curry. Once in a while we have a shortage of food."

**Q:** "How about your shelter. Is there enough space?"

**A:** "It is very convenient here, no problem, much better than in Cambodia. But there is a shortage of water, not enough for a bath, just enough for drinking and cooking."

**Q:** "When the Vietnamese came into Cambodia, did they allow you to cultivate the rice paddies?"

**A:** "Yes, they allowed us to cultivate, but when the time for harvest came, they did not allow harvesting. They either buried mines in the paddy or the soldiers killed those caught harvesting. No one has been harvesting."

**Q:** "Do you have Buddhist monks in Cambodia now?"

**A:** "No, and if there are, they are not real monks. The senior monks have all been killed, and whatever other monk refused to disrobe was beaten to death with bamboo sticks."

**Q:** "How long did it take you to escape into Thailand?"

**A:** "For those who live far away, it takes more than one month. Those who live nearer to the border take less time. Sometimes three weeks, sometimes one week. The people must walk. There is no time to stop. We were always hiding. If they had discovered us they would have killed us. Many died along the way."

**Q:** "How did they die?"

**A:** "They died because they were

shot by Khmer Rouge soldiers, others died of starvation along the way. During the escape many were shot by Vietnamese soldiers. Some soldiers would rob all the goods from escaping refugees."

**Q:** "In this refugee camp, are there many people sick?"

**A:** "There are some, but there are doctors and the International Red Cross helps give treatment. So we don't have much of a problem now. We are very happy to be here."

"It was after dark before Vinai, Pravena and I met again on the dusty main road leading into Khao-I-Dang. Each of us had much to tell the other about what we had seen and heard during our brief visit to the camp."

"We had only talked to a few of the thousands of Cambodian refugees who made their homes here. We had only been slightly exposed to what it was like just a few kilometers away in the dying country of Kampuchea."

"I knew that I didn't really know what it was like to be a Cambodian refugee, to really know what it was like to see friends starve to death, to see my country destroyed and my family killed. As we started on our long journey back to Bangkok and Wat Pho, the West seemed very, very far away."

"The Thai government now faces many difficulties. Thailand is ill prepared to support the estimated one million Cambodian refugees who will eventually cross the border. Poverty and drought, especially in Thailand's northeastern provinces, is already a major problem."

"What is Thailand to do with these homeless people? Resettlement of the refugees within Thailand's borders is presently out of the question. The area where the refugees are now located is in the drier region of Thailand where the present population of Thai rice farmers already are plagued by a lack of water resources. Turning over vast sections of land, already owned and farmed by Thais, for the resettlement of Cambodians would pose far too many legal and economic problems."

"Presently the Thai government will be able to offer aid and protection to these homeless people as long as the United Nations and international relief

organizations continue to help support them by sending food, clothing, medical teams and supplies."

"However, it remains the understanding of the Thai government authorities that this can only be a temporary arrangement. If the refugees are not accepted by third countries, they must eventually return to Cambodia."

"But can they return?"

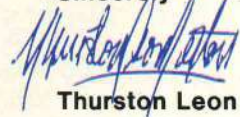
"The Vietnamese, possessing the strongest and most formidable military machine in Southeast Asia have not been able to dislodge the Khmer Rouge from their mountain strongholds. The Vietnamese control the cities, the rice fields and the day. Pol Pot controls the mountains and the night."

"Neither side in this ethnic struggle among Communists has shown any inclination towards negotiating a peaceful settlement. The struggle will be a long and bitter one."

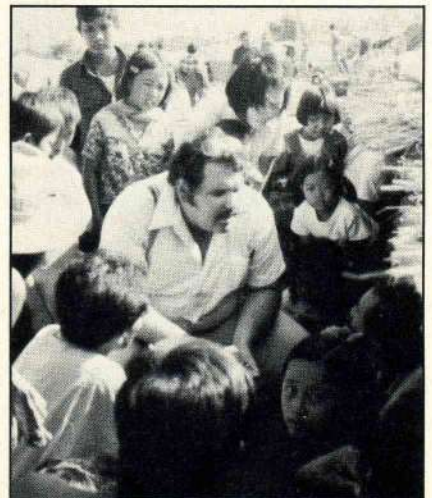
"There is no end to death and destruction in Cambodia, not in the foreseeable future as long as this world's governments stand. Cambodia, once known as a serene land filled with contented smiling people has become a land of desolation where death is a way of life."

"There is no more Cambodia. But there is hope for the younger generation if we concentrate on *education for survival.*"

Sincerely



Thurston Leon Sexton



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# Sex!

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riage and living God's ways, the mental, emotional and physical aptitudes of husband and wife complement, not compete with, each other.

The strengths and functions of such mates are essential for the proper rearing and healthy sexual identification of children. Moreover, true masculinity and femininity help balance the other mate's personality, outlook on life and character, smoothing out certain eccentricities that each sex might not work out alone.

## **Sex Demands Character Building**

God created human sexual capacity and the sex drive. Sex demands right character development according to God's revealed laws to control it, or else misuse, perversion, unhappiness and social tragedy will result.

Millions—ignorant or in rebellion to any authority—run away from this kind of character development. They are allured by loose, cheap, misleading and damaging role models and social values.

Sexual drive, when expressed within the confines of God's laws, is designed to channel the human emotion toward true love.

What is the nature of true love? Whether in marriage or some other human relationship, true love acts in ways showing total concern for the physical, mental and spiritual well being of others. Lust, on the other hand, is concerned only with fulfilling its selfish desires, pleasing its immediate feelings, wants and cravings. It is not thinking about another's long-range needs, security, future growth or godly development.

In Malachi 2:14-15, God warns husbands to be faithful to their wives as their marriages are intended to be a means of producing "godly offspring" (RSV).

But Satan, the invisible supreme ruler of this world who sways society, doesn't want that outcome. He doesn't want humans to understand the full purposes of sex. He does not want humans to see how proper marriage and sex relations or other wholesome human relationships between the sexes reflect the character and attitude of God.

Satan hates God's purpose of reproducing Himself. Satan wants to make family life and marriage repugnant and unattractive. He works in human lives to destroy wholesome marital and human relationships. He does it by keeping mankind ignorant of God's laws, purposes and plan. He works to inspire and encourage wrong values, emotions and lusts (see Ephesians 2:2-3). That's the real behind-the-scenes author of many wrong emotions and attitudes!

## **Author of Wrong Sex Attitudes**

Satan was the author of the first wrong attitudes about sex back in the Garden of Eden. Satan tried to discredit everything God had taught the first man and woman. Look at the story recorded for our learning.

In Genesis 2:24, God just finished instructing Adam and Eve about what was expected in their interpersonal relationships and about the purpose of life. Then right away Satan gets to them (Genesis 3:1).

Notice what Adam and Eve came to believe as a result of Satan's deceptive lies. They decided to disbelieve what God said was evil and experiment for themselves—like so many do today.

Eve took over the leadership role of the family that God had given to Adam, and Adam sheep-like followed her in eating from the "tree of the knowledge of good and evil."

Sex was not the first sin. Disobedience to a direct command of God was.

Adam and Eve's attitude toward God and sex changed. Now they were ashamed of their bodies—they weren't before. Now they were afraid of God and wanted to hide.

"Who told you that you were naked [and needed to be ashamed of your sexual functions]?" asked God (verse 11, RSV). Who? Satan had injected the first unwholesome attitudes about sex and God's purposes.

And ever since, Satan has tried to cause humans to have wrong attitudes about sex. He has worked through misguided and deceived influential persons and inculcated in human minds wrong sex attitudes.

These attitudes run the gamut from asceticism, shame and sex-is-evil to today's degrading "anything goes" immorality.

Satan is still here bombarding susceptible human minds with his perverted sex attitudes and thoughts.

But many do not recognize and resist his (as well as other) damaging human motivated influences on their minds. No wonder so many are swept away by the deceptive allure of permissiveness.

Why is God allowing it? So mankind will never be able to say to God: You have denied us the experience of living in ways contrary to your laws and purposes.

## **What About You?**

Sex demands right character and attitudes. But today there are many forces working to undermine the building of right character and using sex rightly. There is a massive assault on the family and marriage, working to undermine and destroy their divine purposes and functions.

Malachi 4:5-6 reveals that only because there will be human beings who heed God's laws governing proper family relationships, God will not, in the end time, strike the earth with total destruction.

The good news is that you as a person, single or married, can strive to develop the character that makes marriage and family life a success. You can build godly character and thus, in the resurrection, qualify for a greater reward in God's Kingdom and Family.

Godly character development and the proper control and right use of sex go hand in hand. Strive to use and appreciate sex as God intended. □

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# When People Suffer

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members of His Body who are commissioned to bear us up and relieve our suffering for the sake of the head.

"He is waiting, gathering the armies of good. One day He will unleash them. The world will see one last explosion of pain before the full victory is ushered in. Then, He will create for us a new, incredible world. And pain shall be no more."

"I hope those words will be of some comfort and encouragement to you, Helen . . . My prayers are with you during this time of trial." □

# MADAME CHIANG KAI-SHEK

## Forgotten

### “Woman of the Century”

**S**HE HAD BEEN variously called “the brains of China,” “first lady of China” and “one of the most influential women of the century.”

From the 1930s until 1967 Madame Chiang Kai-shek’s name appeared on the list of the 10 most admired women in the world. Today, she is an all but forgotten figure.

We do not think the readers of *The Plain Truth* should forget her historic role in a time when some of the last great personalities of World War II—Marshal Josip Broz Tito for example—are passing from the scene.

Have you ever considered how important to God the feminine personality is in molding character? It is God who gave woman, under man, the primary role in molding children’s character in the home. Some, as Madame Chiang, molded an entire generation.

It was her feminine personality—charming, gracious, yet strong-minded and articulate—before the West, especially before the American Congress and public, that aroused admiration and sympathy for her country in its struggle with Japan from 1937 to 1945.

On her many trips to the United States in the postwar era she acted as spokesman for the Nationalist government and won continuing aid and moral support.

Youngest daughter (named May-ling) of the rich and powerful Soong family, she was college educated in America, 1914-1917. She returned to China, met the Generalissimo, then a trusted disciple, later to be heir, of Sun Yat-sen (her brother-in-law), founder of the Chinese Republic. She married Chiang in 1927.

Her Westernized and Christian views modified and redirected her husband’s stern outlook in a nation struggling to come out of feudalism.

She was a power behind the throne. In the graft-plagued politics of China in the 1930s, Chiang could trust no one but his wife to deal with foreign salesmen to get the best bargains in high priority military items. She accompanied her husband on many military campaigns. She established schools for war orphans and founded women’s relief and war-support organizations. She wrote several books and many articles on China for consumption in the West.

After the Nationalist army was

pushed off the mainland by the communist armies in 1949, she used her unflagging confidence and belief in liberty to mobilize the spirit of Formosans (Taiwanese). Madame Chiang would accept no attitudes of defeatism.

Her influence on U.S.-China policy is minimal now. In 1978 the United States signaled its intention to swing official recognition away from the Republic of Nationalist China—a faithful ally and highly successful showcase of capitalism—to the People’s Republic of China. More and more the United States is leaning on the People’s Republic to counter-balance Russian influence in Asia.

Madame Chiang today resides in the United States.

Madame Chiang Kai-shek with her personality, charm and perceptiveness represents a quality of leadership rapidly vanishing from the world scene.

—Donald D. Schroeder

**PREVAILING PERSONALITY, MME. CHIANG** at 1927 wedding to Generalissimo; 1945 broadcast giving thanks to American people for war relief aid; and at 1976 memorial service for husband in Taiwan.



## IN BRIEF

# PROMISING START FOR THE NEW ZIMBABWE

by Stanley R. Rader

Tokyo, Japan

THE GENUINE possibility of peace in Zimbabwe, now that independence elections have been concluded, represents a triumph of the resourcefulness and perseverance of British diplomacy.

The British triumph is a splendid example of the power of two of *The Seven Laws of Success* which Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong has discovered over the course of his own long and successful life. Law No. 5 is resourcefulness—the ability to skillfully cope with unexpected setbacks, obstacles or problems. Law No. 6 is perseverance—the quality of “stick-to-it-iveness,” which can turn almost certain failure into glorious success. The British have had to employ both in generous quantities to pull off the Zimbabwe settlement.

The British efforts coincided with a factor that was apparent when Mr. Armstrong and I visited southern Africa in late 1976. Even though there was a bloody civil war raging in Rhodesia at the time, we noted that there were men of good will who genuinely desired peace.

Thus the first significant step toward peace was in early spring, 1978, when then Rhodesian Prime Minister Ian Smith reached an agreement with three black leaders (none of whom were part of the guerrilla Patriotic Front) for a transition to black majority rule. They formed a transitional government which dismantled official racial segregation and conducted, later that spring, a one-man-one-vote election won by Bishop Abel Muzorewa.

But while the elections were considered free and fair by many observers, a cloud of suspicion hung over the new government of Zimbabwe-Rhodesia in the eyes of many nations. World economic sanctions continued.

However, with the election of Margaret Thatcher in May, 1979, as prime minister of England, events soon began heading for a resolution.

At first, many observers thought that Mrs. Thatcher, would unilaterally end sanctions and recognize the new country (at that time called Zimbabwe-Rhodesia). Had she done so, it would have been, in the words of her able Foreign Secretary, Lord Carrington, only a “second class” solution. The guerrilla war would have continued, the guerrillas themselves might have become more closely linked to the Soviet Union and Britain’s own relations with her fellow Commonwealth countries, would have suffered greatly.

Instead the new Thatcher government made a series of bold moves toward a “first class” solution in which all parties would have a chance to participate.

Mrs. Thatcher began by using the July, 1979, conference of the countries of the British Commonwealth as a catalyst to bring all sides to the conference table in London in September.

Thereafter followed 15 weeks of stop-and-go negotiations. At any number of critical junctures the talks would have broken down but for the firm resolve of Lord Carrington and his staff who made it clear that Britain was willing to act by itself if any side proved too recalcitrant.

Finally, a new constitution was hammered out in October and a few weeks later came arrangements for the transitional government which would conduct new elections.

By early March elections were held.

Despite allegations of intimidation against voters on the part of supporters of the leading candidates, the elections have been declared basic-

ly free and fair by three different groups of independent observers.

In the election, one of the leaders of the guerrilla Patriotic Front, Robert Mugabe, earned a hard-fought landslide victory. He gained a comfortable parliamentary majority, surprising many analysts who predicted that the election would produce no clear-cut victory. Despite his majority in parliament, however, Mr. Mugabe began his government with a commitment to conciliation.

Thus Mr. Mugabe promised to form a parliamentary coalition with his rival Joshua Nkomo, retained a white general, Peter Walls, as commander of the armed forces, and declared that “there will be no expropriation of property.” He even indicated that he would offer a cabinet post to at least one member of what were once his most hated enemies, the white Rhodesian Front Party.

Mr. Mugabe certainly has his work cut out for him. Domestically, the guerrilla war has taken a heavy toll in schools, clinics, and farms, and has forced about half the country’s black population from their villages. On the foreign front, Mr. Mugabe will have to steer a strict course of nonalignment. On the one hand, Mr. Mugabe will have to worry about South Africa, which expressed some considerable alarm at his election, but to which the economy of his country is closely tied. On the other hand, he will also have to worry about Soviet influence which might seek to turn his country into a vassal state. Since Mr. Mugabe doesn’t owe any debt to the Soviet Union, nonalignment remains an open option.

The new Zimbabwe government is yet one more effort on the part of men to rule themselves through the government of man. I wish it luck. But at the same time I have to acknowledge that world peace, prosperity and abundance will only come when the government of God—not the government of man—is the reality on earth. The peace and abundance for which all the voters of Zimbabwe yearn (as well as the rest of mankind) will only come when Jesus Christ restores the Kingdom of God to the whole earth as world-King and Lord of Lords.



# THE HIDDEN DANGER BEHIND THE ENERGY CRISIS!

*Few topics have drawn more attention than the energy crisis. But the really important dimension has been ignored.*

by Jeff Calkins

**A**LOUD public debate rages over the subject of energy. Some believe that large oil companies have deliberately withheld oil from the market so as to drive prices up.

Others believe that government laws, which fix the price of oil below what it would be on the open market, have created an incentive for producers and distributors to keep energy supplies down.

Most of the discussion has centered on *who* is to *blame* and how the energy crisis will affect consumers as they go about their daily lives. Overlooked, however, is a *critical danger* to the Work of God and to the free exercise of religion!

## The Real Threat

As *Plain Truth* Editor Herbert Armstrong has conclusively proved, the thing which is uppermost in God's mind at this moment in world affairs is the restoration of God's government to the earth (Rev. 11:15: "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ") and, absolutely necessary before that can come to pass, the making of His own Church ready for that restoration (Eph. 5:27: "That He [Christ] might present it to Himself a glorious church not having spot or wrinkle"). Likewise, before God will restore His government, the great commission which He has given to His apostle and Church to preach the good news of that coming government to the whole world (Matthew 24:14, 28:19) must first be completed.

Yet the one thing which it seems almost everyone has ignored about the energy crisis is the grave danger it poses to the great commission!

Few realize that the energy crisis is beginning to have really far-reaching implications. Areas of life which were formerly *private*—like travel—are now being made *public*. How you use energy has suddenly become everybody's business. Today, as you can read in the letters-to-the-editor section of your local newspaper, people are *demanding* that their fellow citizens cease taking long trips by automobile, cease driving large cars, cease using private aircraft. Things which were once part of the *private* sphere of life are now *fair game* for a whole host of would-be regulators.

The energy crisis has gotten people thinking about how their *neighbor* "wastes" energy. Often their motivation is just plain envy. (James 4:5: "The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy.")

The energy crisis has prompted many people to decry as "frivolous" or "wasteful" uses of energy of which *they* disapprove. A high government official says that farm families should stop their "frivolous" trips to town. Owners of small cars self-righteously insult owners of large ones. One religious leader glibly declared that fully fifty percent of all the energy used in the United States is "wasted."

But "waste" is in the eye of the beholder. Is the fact that you drive a comfortable, large car to work when you could drive a small, cramped subcompact a "waste" of energy? When people talk of "waste," look out! It means that they really want to subject your life to their *scrutiny*—and if they think that your standard of living is too high, or you are not using energy in a way they would

approve of, well then, that's supposed to be "waste."

What puny man may consider "waste," the great God may consider the most important activity on earth. No doubt in this modern, secular world, many people think that any kind of religious activity (not to mention that which God Himself directs) is a waste.

And yet the great commission requires the use of energy. Because of energy and modern technology, God has opened doors for His Church to be physically able to preach the Gospel into all the world. This would not have been possible before the 20th century, when adequate supplies of energy have given rise to *worldwide* travel and communications systems. Among the physical resources which God has given to His Work to preach the Gospel are systems which require the use of energy: radio, television, printing presses, and, most importantly, the *transportation* involved in *personal* evangelism to world leaders.

Up to now God has provided His Work with the necessary means to purchase energy on the open market. But if all energy transactions came under public—state—control—if being able to obtain energy were made the province of some state bureaucrat—then the state could arbitrarily *cut off* supplies of energy to God's Work, or anyone else out of official government favor.

Even now there are cries for man's government—the state—to take the "forceful" step of rationing energy. A Harris poll reveals that a majority of Americans want *compulsory* measures (rationing, ordering people not to travel, that sort of thing) to make

sure that energy use is cut back. One letter to *Time* magazine even went so far as to say that "what we need is a Caesar" to deal with the energy crisis! *Time* has also noted that people are in a mood to sacrifice at least some of their individual liberty to "solve" the energy crisis.

Man's government has already used the pretext of the energy crisis to "allocate" energy to "priority" users. In effect, man's government is saying that it knows which are the most *deserving* users. The government has, then, in effect set itself up as the *arbiter* of who is worthy. If the human government doesn't like a group—if it wants to *persecute* it—all it has to do is deny it energy! When energy is traded on the open market, *anyone* can buy it. But when energy is controlled by man's government under the sway of Satan, then only those people of whom the human government approves can obtain it.

The threat to the great commission should be obvious. Under the pretext of the energy crisis, man's government may seize control of all energy supplies. But in a world where man's government makes all the energy decisions, the physical resources with which God's apostle and Church accomplish the great commission are *dependent* on the good graces of human beings wielding worldly, political power.

#### **Affects True Christians**

The takeover of energy decisions by man's government not only poses a grave danger to the preaching of the Gospel in this end time, it also poses a threat to the edification of God's true Church, and the way of life which the Bible prescribes.

A certain amount of travel is not only necessary for the preaching of the true Gospel, it is also part of God's Law. Members of God's Church must travel to various sites around the world every autumn to observe God's Feast of Tabernacles. (Deuteronomy 14:23-25). Most do so by car; some fly. Often the travel is a considerable distance. (Perhaps this is the reason why up to now there have been no gas crunches in the autumn—God has divinely ensured that energy was available when it was needed by His people!) Should the right to travel to God's

Feast rest in the hands of some bureaucrat?

God's Church is also commanded to hold a holy convocation each Sabbath day (Lev. 23:3). While the distances are shorter, this also involves travel. Coupon rationing, "carless" days, "gasless days," all pose at least a threat to the physical ability of God's people to travel to Church services. (The same, of course, holds true for other religions as well.)

When human government starts making decisions which would normally be made by millions of private individuals in the open market, the danger of terrible intrusions into the free exercise of religion arises. One former politician has suggested that President Carter call on all merchants to close down one day a week. Most, of course, would probably close on Sunday if they had the choice. At the very least, this would impose a burden on those who keep God's Sabbath and work normal weekdays, or Sunday.

And where does it all stop? If you concede that man's government has the moral right to ration energy, then there's *nothing* which its power won't be able to touch. It could stop people from going to God's Feast, or stop them from going to church, or even enforce Sunday observance—all *in the name of conserving energy!*

Moreover, God's ministers must travel in the course of their duties. They must visit and anoint the sick, (James 5:14) for example, and counsel members and prospective members of God's Church. The average minister of God travels 30,000 miles a year in the course of his duties! Suppose the government of man were to tell him that he could only buy enough gasoline to travel 10,000 miles (which is just a bit less than the national average). Such a restriction would gravely inhibit his ability to carry out Christ's command to His ministers to "feed my sheep" (John 21:15-17). To the degree that man's government seeks to curtail such travel, it is interfering with the administration of God's own government in His Church.

#### **God, Government, and Raw Materials**

When man's government attempts to "allocate" raw materials, God's

Work can be made physically *dependent* on the good graces of human government. The example of Nehemiah is right on point.

In Nehemiah's time, God's Work was rebuilding the gates and walls of Jerusalem (Nehemiah 2:3, 17-18). Because the human government controlled all the country's raw materials, Nehemiah himself, personally charged with the task of seeing to it that God's Work got done, had to go and ask *permission* of the government (King Artaxerxes) not only to do the work, but also to obtain the necessary physical resources (Nehemiah 2:5, 8).

If the government had refused Nehemiah permission to build, or denied him access to the timber which he needed, Nehemiah would not have been physically able to do the job God gave him.

And there were petty bureaucrats who saw the chance to advance their personal careers by charging Nehemiah with rebellion against the state (Nehemiah 2:19). Given the physical helplessness which the government control over raw materials meant for Nehemiah, it took the direct, divine intervention of God Himself to bring the conspiracy to nothing (Nehemiah 4:15).

In our time, of course, God can also supernaturally assure that no lack of physical resources prevents the Work from being done—even to the point of raising up stones to do it (Matthew 3:9). But God has commissioned His Work to be done the way it is being done now—through the modern means of mass media and personal evangelism to world leaders.

#### **In God's World: Energy Abundance**

The very fact that control of energy resources by man's government poses a grave danger to religious freedom ought to focus your mind on the desperate need for God's government to be restored to the earth. As with every other aspect of human life, the restoration of the government of God to the whole earth is exceeding good news.

The Bible indicates that when Christ returns and establishes His rule on earth, mankind will have the benefit of energy in abundance. In

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# They Ignore God the Father... Do You?

*There are two basic common and universal errors in the preaching of the "Gospel" by this world's "Christianity."*

by Herbert W. Armstrong

**W**HAT ARE THE two most universal errors in the proclaiming of the "Gospel" by the various sects and denominations of traditional Christianity today?

1) They ignore God the Father, and 2), they proclaim a FALSE GOSPEL—in which God the Father is mostly ignored. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the good news that Jesus Christ, as God's Messenger, brought. In other words, the message GOD THE FATHER sent to mankind by His Son and Messenger (Malachi 3:1) to mankind.

Jesus said plainly, "I speak that which I have seen with my Father . . . for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me" (John 8:38, 42). Again, Jesus said, "The words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, He doeth the works" (John 14:10).

In the first sermon Peter spoke to gentiles, he said, "The word [Gospel] which God sent . . . preaching peace by Jesus Christ . . ." (Acts 10:36).

That message from God the Father was not proclaimed *to the world* from the middle of the first century, when it was suppressed, until the middle of the 20th century. Then, after going to the United States coast to coast, it began, January 7, 1953, reaching all Europe.

What has been proclaimed? MAN's "gospel" about the Person of the Messenger, but omitting His MESSAGE, which came from God the Father.

Now how else do they ignore God the Father?

They preach Christ—but Him *only*.

Let me explain something here. There are *two* WAYS of life: 1) the way of GETTING, receiving, acquir-

ing—the way of SELF-centeredness; and 2) the way of GIVING, of helping, cooperating, sharing, of outflowing LOVE—which is the way of GOD-centeredness.

Now how do they of traditional Christianity preach?

Assuming that this is the *only* time of salvation, they plead with people, "RECEIVE Christ"—in other words, "GET," not "GIVE."

They believe the blood of Jesus—Christ's death, *gives* LIFE. But LIFE cannot come from death! Notice Romans 5:10: "For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to GOD [the Father] by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his LIFE." We are not saved—given eternal life—by Christ's shed blood—by His death. We are reconciled to GOD THE FATHER by Christ's death.

How is that? The penalty of SIN is death. Sin *IS* the transgression of God's LAW (I John 3:4). There is ONE Lawgiver. NOT Jesus, but God the Father! When we sin we are CUT OFF FROM GOD THE FATHER! That is what modern "Christianity" ignores. All have sinned. All have put an impassable WALL between themselves and God the Father. We must be reconciled to God *first*, for it is HE who has eternal life to give!

How may we be reconciled to God the Father? By REAL REPENTANCE. Repentance is toward GOD the Father, and faith is toward Jesus (Acts 20:21).

Once we truly REPENT, which means a complete change of ATTITUDE, way of life and purpose, then our faith in Jesus Christ and His shed blood for payment of the penalty of our sins, destroys that impassable WALL between us and GOD the

Father—and we then may receive His Holy Spirit—after we have GIVEN our life, through repentance and faith, to Christ, who bought and paid for it by His DEATH.

Then our salvation—gift of eternal life—is made possible by Christ's RESURRECTION—by HIS LIFE!

But this world's Christianity thinks it may receive eternal life from Jesus' DEATH, and from Jesus ALONE—leaving out the FATHER.

And once converted—changed—what then? We must KEEP reconciled to GOD by obedience to His Law. If we make a slip, or fall down along the way, then IF we "confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins" (I John 1:9).

Of course, traditional Christianity has lost sight of GOD's LAW and of what constitutes SIN. They ignore the fact we must be first reconciled to GOD THE FATHER!

None can come to Jesus for eternal salvation, except God the Father first *draws him!* Jesus said plainly in John 6:44: "NO MAN CAN come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him."

It is God the Father who decides whom He shall call. It is God the Father from whom we have cut ourselves off by transgressing His Law. It is the Father who has the Holy Spirit to give. The sinner must first of all, upon being called, REPENT—change his mind and attitude in regard to sin, and obedience to God's WAY OF LIFE!

How does God call one? He DRAWS one (John 6:44) by the magnetic POWER of His Holy Spirit, working externally from outside one. Through His Spirit, God *convicts* one. On the very day Christ founded the Church, Peter had preached a

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# How Different Societies Treat the Elderly

*Why is it that societies which know the least about the Bible most often treat their elderly better than those which claim to know most about the Bible?*

by Clayton Steep

**I**SAT UP all night. I didn't close my eyes. I couldn't sleep," Mattie complained. "A woman in another cell was yelling all night, and I couldn't sleep because I was ashamed of being there."

This was Mattie's first night in jail. She had been arrested for stealing.

## It Happened in America

Con artists earlier had robbed Mattie of her meager savings. Inflation, rent, utility and medical bills—and hunger—had gotten the best of her. To survive she took \$15.04 worth of desperately needed groceries from a supermarket. That's what landed her in a Texas jail.

Mattie is 91. As she was released she said in her scratchy, fading voice that her one night in jail was the last straw in a long life of trouble. "I just pray that God will close my eyes and take me out of this world."

Isolated, destitute, hungry.

No children, grandchildren or relatives offering help.

A victim of crime, ill health, inflation, loneliness. For Mattie and for many other elderly people, old age has been turned into a heavy burden, a distressing ordeal. It should not be.

It is not always that way in the West. And among some peoples and cultures, especially those in the Third World, the elderly have traditionally occupied a position of respect, as reflected in the following quotes. Even in many of these areas, however, the situation is being, or may already have been, altered due to

political changes and the influence of Western culture.

## A Look at Other Societies

Now see the contrast in other societies.

*The Bantu Tiriki of Kenya:* "... right up until adolescence, grandparents and other old people take a dominant role in the informal instruction of children... Grandchildren in their turn come to view grandparents not only as very kind and pleasant people, but as the storytellers and tutors of worldly wisdom, and, most important, as the people they can depend on to help most in times of real trouble or distress" (Sangree, *Peoples of Africa*).

*The Mbuti Pygmies:* "... older people always receive respect as such" (Turnbull, *Peoples of Africa*).

*The Kung Bushmen of the Kalahari Desert:* "Both the father and mother expect and receive respect and obedience from their children... As long as the father lives, he is the head of the family... Kung families are responsible for dependents. Thus old, dependent parents are unfailingly supported by their offspring..." (Marshall, *Peoples of Africa*).

*The Chagga in Tanzania:* "... caring for and being cared for is part of life from beginning to end" (Kessler, *Human Behavior*).

*The Aborigines of Australia:* "The aborigines everywhere and on all occasions pay great respect to old persons" (Thomas Petrie, *Reminiscences of Early Queensland*).

*The Peasant People of Yugo-*

*slavia:* "While children may marry and leave the parental home, they seldom go very far—and almost always one of the offspring remains at home to care for the aging parents" (Kessler, *Human Behavior*).

*An Arab student in Lebanon:* "There is no greater disgrace than to abandon the old" (*The Family*).

*The Bedouin:* "Among the Bedouin, young men are expected to defer to the older generation at all times..." (*ibid*).

*The Rajput of India:* "Rajput women must cover their heads with their saris when an elder enters the room" (*ibid*).

*Immigrants and minorities in the United States:* "Similarly, students of immigrants point to the value of the extended family (or clan) in providing day care for children and ministering to the health needs of the elderly. Indeed, there are proportionately few blacks and Puerto Ricans in nursing homes" (*Current*, April, 1977).

*Japan:* "The Japanese consider it their natural duty to care for and support an ill or feeble parent; throughout the Orient, to neglect a parent or to leave a parent in the care of strangers is to disgrace the family name" (*The Adult Years*).

*China:* "Chinese philosopher Lin Yutang wrote a few decades ago: 'How can one be thought wise unless one is thought to be old? ... there is no shame attached to the circumstance of one's being served by his children in the sunset of one's life ... The symphony of life should end with a grand finale of peace and serenity and material comfort and spiritual

contentment, and not with the crash of a broken drum or cracked cymbals' " (*The Adult Years*).

The affluent Western world has a lot to learn!

### Where the West Went Wrong

Western culture today is youth-oriented. The emphasis in entertainment, advertising, lifestyle, clothing and cosmetics is upon being young. As one's years advance individuals make special efforts to look and act like young adults. Old age is looked upon negatively.

Age is the crowning culmination of life, the golden years. It should be looked upon with honor, respect, even awe. It should be an experience made pleasant by the warm attention and support of family members, especially children and grandchildren.

Today rapid technological and industrial changes have revolutionized society and family. Before the Industrial Revolution significant inventions and discoveries were infrequent. Life followed a fairly predictable pattern. Most people were generally content to maintain ties to the family circle, which in turn was tied to the land. The extended family unit was anchored to a geographical area—babies, children, parents, grandparents, relatives, all together. Witnessed by all was the full cycle of life consisting of its various ages: babyhood, childhood, adolescence, adulthood, middle age and finally old age.

The explosion of technology brought rapid economic changes, a shift from a rural to an urban society. Industry and money-making opportunities attracted young people to cities. Improvements in modes of transportation made it easier to move great distances from other family members.

Rampant divorce, remarriage and alternatives to marriage have split the beleaguered family unit. To a lot of children grandmother is now a far-away voice on a telephone rather than a present and real influence in their lives.

In a culture that did not change quickly life had a sense of continuity. The wisdom of the older generation had value to the younger generations because it still applied to the experiences in life. But technology produced such rapid changes in lifestyle

that the experiences of one generation appear old fashioned to the next.

Further adding to the problems of many elderly people is the fact that they have grown up in one mode of life, on a farm, for example. When they move to a strange city, they fail to fit into the new environment.

Today's cities are not places where a person can easily hold on to personal and cultural history. Instead, one feels compelled to conform, to blend into the crowd. Personal identity is threatened, when not totally lost. After a while people begin to wonder who they are and where their roots are. This is especially hard on older people who are suddenly called on to revise the habits of a lifetime in order to adapt to new ways of life.

### Now, Add New Problems in Western World

The psychological and/or cultural stresses of the elderly are made worse by a number of other problems that are a very real part of existence.

A lifetime of improper diet and injurious health habits has given many people poor health by the time they reach their latter years. The younger generation fears being burdened with astronomical medical bills or the daily responsibility of having to care for an aged invalid.

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*“A diligent, wage-earning, productive worker in one day's time, at age 65, too often has become a nonwage-earning dependent—suddenly old, cast out of the working community.”*

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Many elderly who are physically able to live independently are prime targets for muggers and criminals. The aged must constantly be wary of where they walk, or the talkative stranger, or the person at the door.

Physical danger is not limited to

criminal activity. A new danger is “parent abuse.” In England it is called “gram-slaming.” In growing numbers cases are surfacing of teenagers or adults physically or psychologically abusing elderly parents or grandparents that they are unprepared to cope with. Abuse may range from beatings to heavy doses of sedatives. It is estimated that of elderly people living with family members, 10 percent have been or are being abused.

The technology- and industry-based system with its built-in inflation inflicts yet another hardship upon the older generation: economic privation. The real value of small pensions or other fixed income, as well as savings, is constantly being gnawed away by inflation. The price of food, rent, transportation and medical care steadily mounts. The value of money shrinks. And the older become poorer.

It is in the industrialized, money-oriented cultures that the custom of retiring older people from the working force is most abrupt and traumatic. A diligent, wage-earning, productive worker in one day's time, at age 65, too often has become a nonwage-earning dependent—suddenly old, cast out of the working community.

### Solving the Problems

The Law of God is summed up in the Ten Commandments. The fifth commandment strikes directly at the root of problems the elderly face: the attitude of the younger generations toward the older generation. The fifth commandment requires of each of us, “Honour thy father and thy mother . . .” (Exodus 20:12).

That's where solving the problem must begin—a change of attitude. The younger generations can begin to show some genuine honor and kindness and care.

Your Bible shows how elders should be respected, the place they ought to occupy in a society organized God's way. Gray hair is to be regarded as a “crown of glory” (Proverbs 16:31; 20:29). Younger people are to rise up in the presence of the aged (Leviticus 19:32). Their advice and counsel is to be sought and heeded (Proverbs 23:22-23). The aged are to be the wisest members of

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# Ambassador College Builds Character

*How is Ambassador College so utterly different from other colleges? What are Ambassador's goals? How is it achieving them?*

by Raymond F. McNair

**H**OW IS AMBASSADOR unique among America's nearly 3,000 institutions of higher learning?

What does this college have to offer that other colleges and universities do not—in fact, cannot—give to their students?

And why have many graduates of prestigious institutions of higher learning chosen to come to Ambassador to further their education?

## **Why Ambassador Was Founded**

Ambassador College was founded in 1947 in the graceful city of Pasadena, California.

But . . . what kind of a college?

After considerable thought, and much prayer, Herbert W. Armstrong, founder and chancellor of Ambassador College, came to see that God did not want him to establish a "Bible college" or some kind of a "theological seminary." The Great Educator God made it clear to Mr. Armstrong that the students of this college of the future ought to receive a broad, general instruction—a liberal arts education—not a narrow, restricted Bible education only. Such a liberal arts education would thereby give students a breadth and depth of knowledge necessary to become real leaders for the world of tomorrow! The development of character would be paramount.

The large assembly-line colleges and universities were missing the mark. The Supreme God and His way of life were neither recognized nor taught. Individual students all too often lost their identities in the shuffle to further their education. Character development was being neglected.

The founder and chancellor of Ambassador College aptly described the dilemma that then faced (and still faces) modern education:

"Something is criminally wrong in education today.

"Ambassador College came on the world scene free from the shackles of materialism and the errors of tradition. Ambassador has dared to recapture the true values—to blaze new trails, while retaining all that is sound and that has been proved good in educational experience.

"Educational institutions, generally, have grown so large that regimented assembly-line processes have replaced individualized instruction. The student has lost his identity. Development of personality and initiative is largely sacrificed.

"Moral bars have toppled . . . Stuffing minds with crass materialism, while moral, spiritual and emotional development is neglected, produces lopsided, unbalanced education and is criminally dangerous" (*Bulletin of Ambassador College*, 1966-67).

## **The Evolutionary Concept**

The blunt truth is that the world's educational bloodstream has been polluted by the evolutionary theory that life evolved without the intelligent direction of a Supreme Being who supervises His entire creation, and controls the destinies of nations. This wrong approach distorts much of the education dispensed today.

But, here at Ambassador College things are different. Here, these significant words are inscribed in stone over the door of Ambassador Hall, "The Word of God Is the Foundation of Knowledge."

We believe that the Great Educator is now smiling on Ambassador College. But is God smiling on this world's educational institutions today? Look at the evidence.

If one accepts the concept that there is no intelligent, omnipotent, all-wise Being who sits at the controls of the universe—guiding and directing His creation—situation ethics, permissiveness, agnosticism and atheism are the natural result.

Much of today's curricula in higher education is geared to teach students how to earn a living—how to succeed in a chosen occupation or vocation—but at the same time it utterly fails to teach the students how to live! The "god of mammon" replaced the true Creator God. Is it more important to teach students merely how to earn money—or how to live joyous, abundant, productive lives—and earn money?

Early this year a revealing survey was conducted among more than 190,000 U.S. students:

"An annual national survey released today shows that this year's college freshmen are more interested in power, status and making money than at any time in the 14-year history of the poll.

"Conducted by UCLA and the American Council of Education, the survey shows that nearly two thirds (62.7) of the 190,151 freshmen polled said that 'being very well-off financially' is an important goal" (*Los Angeles Times*, January 20).

Have you ever heard of a survey being conducted in which students were asked how important was the development of character?

If higher education in America is to survive at all, it will have to

shift its emphasis from intellectualism and materialism to the vitally important moral and spiritual values such as honesty, loyalty, service, hard work, high-principled business ethics, respect for law and order, patriotism, and above all else, deep respect and reverence toward the Great Being whom most profess to believe in.

General Douglas MacArthur, on December 12, 1951, spoke of modern America's moral decay. He said: "... It is essential that every spiritual force be mobilized to defend and preserve the religious base upon which this nation was founded. For it is that base which has been the motivating impulse to our moral and national growth. History fails to record a single precedent in which nations subject to moral decay have not passed into political and economic decline. There has been either a spiritual reawakening to overcome the moral lapse, or a progressive deterioration leading to ultimate national disaster."

#### **Back to Basics**

Many modern colleges, especially in America, neglect the basics and have too much specialization in their curricula. The liberal arts concept in education is dropping away.

Chairman of the board of editors of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, Mortimer J. Adler, warned: "The trouble rather is that the broadly educated generalist [the man with a liberal arts education] has become an endangered species. The ever-increasing specialization of knowledge in all fields has almost completely displaced the generalist."

Here at Ambassador College, however, emphasis is again being placed on a good, broadly based, liberal arts education. Primary courses offered are designed to help students learn how to live happy, productive, abundant lives. At Ambassador, only a few of the courses are tailored toward helping students earn a living.

We stress the development of the intellect here at Ambassador, but we are more concerned with developing the character and the personality of the students. Character development

is more important than mere mind development.

But this is not true in secular colleges today. Not long ago, a professor of a large American state university said: "We're not in the business of building character. I doubt if some of us [professors] are qualified. Instead, we should be building minds."

But what will happen to this world, if its institutions of higher learning continue stuffing the students' minds with hollow intellectualism and mind-chilling scientific knowledge that has already bequeathed to man the power to erase all life from this beautiful planet? Has this lopsided emphasis on pseudointellectualism and rank materialism bequeathed upon this world the Frankenstein monster of a mind-boggling nuclear Armageddon?

A generation ago, U.S. President Calvin Coolidge effectively expressed this very idea. "We do not need more material development. We need more spiritual development. We do not need more intellectual power, we need more moral power. We do not need more knowledge, we need more character... we need more [true] religion. We do not need more of the things that are seen, we need more of the things that are unseen. It is that side which is the foundation of all else. If the foundation is firm, the superstructure will stand."

#### **A Balanced Program**

At Ambassador College we offer the students a balanced curriculum. The administration and faculty of Ambassador realize that in order to develop a well-rounded, truly educated, happy student body, the students need a balanced program. The need to participate in many different activities: classes, speech clubs, research, sports events, field trips, dances, talent shows, forums, special lectures and concerts.

Mr. Armstrong has stressed the importance of learning to appreciate good music, art and other forms of culture. And within easy reach of Ambassador are a number of interesting museums, libraries and concert halls. Ambassador Auditorium is recognized as the finest in the world and

regularly plays host to such performers as Arthur Rubinstein, Vladimir Horowitz, Carlo Giulini, Eugene Ormandy, Luciano Pavarotti, Beverly Sills, Bob Hope and Frank Sinatra.

And travel is important. This summer, about 30 Ambassador students will participate in important archaeological projects abroad. Also, it is hoped that approximately 20 students can experience a six-week summer program in Scotland and can therefore visit important sites in Britain.

#### **A Family-like Atmosphere**

Student enrollment, now just under 450, is expected to reach about 500 during the next year. Mr. Armstrong demands Ambassador remain relatively small so that we can maintain a family-like atmosphere in which students won't lose their identities.

Twice, Ambassador has received the award for having the most beautiful campus in America. Blessed with these beautifully landscaped grounds, enhanced with architecturally pleasing buildings, students of Ambassador are privileged to work and study in a more uplifting environment. And nearby are museums, mountains, deserts, beaches, concert halls and many other interesting places to visit.

Why does this world need Ambassador College?

Ambassador is, we believe, the only place on earth where the truth of God's Word is faithfully taught. And, the stress is on building sterling character—as well as on the development of personality and intellect. Ambassador students are taught what life is all about, why man was put here on this planet, the Source of all life and intelligence, the right way to attain real peace, joy, wisdom and knowledge. They learn about man's incredible human potential, the right spiritual and moral codes which govern life here and hereafter, how to love God and fellow man and how each can achieve his fantastic destiny! Ambassadors are taught the real meaning of life, how to live successfully, joyfully, abundantly.

The administration, faculty and students of Ambassador believe we are the most blessed institution of higher learning in the world. □

## ENERGY

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the World Tomorrow, for example, there will be highways: "In that day shall there be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria . . ." (Isaiah 19:23). The fact of highways and travel implies some means of rapid transportation—perhaps even superior to cars as we know them. Rapid transportation, of course, implies energy.

Moreover, one of the few good things about today's world is our modern means of transportation and communication which, among other things, allow the Gospel to go forth in a way which would have been *impossible* before. Does it make sense that the great God would not allow people during the time of His direct rule to have the benefits (without the curses, of course) of rapid communication and transportation?

Consider that during the time of God's Kingdom there will be times (at least once a year) when whole nations will travel to the city of Jerusalem to observe the Feast (Zechariah 14:18-19). How could such gargantuan projects possibly be done if energy was being doled out miserly?

Moreover, God's Kingdom will in all likelihood preside over a vast *tourism* industry. The institution of land sabbaths and the jubilee year, as described in the 25th chapter of Leviticus, means that many people will enjoy *whole years* of leisure time. Such time will, of course, not be idled away, but used productively. One obvious productive use of such time is travel—the opportunity to see different peoples, customs, lands. Such tourism naturally implies abundant, overflowing energy supplies. And since it will be God's world, God can show man how to use energy without polluting the environment.

In contrast to the danger—and even potential tyranny which the energy crisis portends for this present evil world, God's world will stand in delightful contrast. □

## Ignore God?

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Spirit-inspired sermon. Three thousand there were "pricked in their heart"—"they were cut to the heart" (Revised Standard Version); "it went straight to their hearts" (Moffatt translation). In other words their whole minds and attitudes were convicted of guilt and changed, ready for repentance—a COMPLETE CHANGE TO GOD'S WAY OF LIFE. This led them to repentance TOWARD GOD THE FATHER. Then they BELIEVED on Jesus Christ, were baptized, and God the Father then gave them His HOLY SPIRIT!

NOW WHAT GOSPEL did Jesus bring from God the Father? What was the MESSAGE the Father sent to mankind by Jesus? In Mark 1:1, 14, 15, we read: "The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ . . . after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee preaching the gospel of the KINGDOM OF GOD, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the KINGDOM OF GOD is at hand: repent ye, and believe the Gospel."

Jesus proclaimed the GOVERNMENT OF GOD, based on the LAW OF GOD, to rule the whole earth, at Christ's Second Coming—now SOON!

The KINGDOM OF GOD is the divine born FAMILY OF GOD, of which God the FATHER is Father of the entire Family.

Today, by leaving God the Father out of their message, the churches of traditional Christianity do not know that a real and true Christian may be, in this life, only BEGOTTEN by receiving the Holy Spirit—which is the begetting of God-life—and may be BORN a full GOD BEING, immortal, composed of Spirit, at the resurrection of the just—at Christ's coming!

In a word, by ignoring God the Father, they make the life, Gospel, death and resurrection of JESUS CHRIST utterly MEANINGLESS!

Let us be sure we have God the Father and the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ BOTH in the picture, as they, themselves, have placed themselves! □

## Societies

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society. They are to teach the young the right way to live (Job 32:7; Titus 2:2-5).

The Western world is backwards. It has the older generation dependent upon the younger generations. God's way is for the younger generations to be dependent for wisdom upon the older generation (Proverbs 13:22; I Corinthians 12:14)!

The basis of a stable society is a strong, extended family circle anchored to the family property and investments. The world is learning the hard way that once a society cuts its ties with the land and residential property, it sets itself adrift. Notice how the fifth commandment in its entirety makes mention of the land in connection with sound family relations: "Honour thy father and thy mother: *that thy days may be long upon the land* which the Lord thy God giveth thee."

How so?

Respecting and heeding the wisdom of the aged makes it possible to avoid many mistakes, thus promoting a longer and happier life. The apostle Paul, in repeating the commandment, added the thought "that it may be well with you" (Ephesians 6:3).

### What Tomorrow's World Will Be Like

When Jesus returns to the earth to save this generation from its folly and to set up God's Government, society will be structured to conform to His way.

It will be the way that produces respect and harmony among people. Technology will benefit family life, not destroy it, because God's society will control technology, not be controlled by it. Zechariah 8:4-5 describes that happy time: "*Old men and women shall sit once more in the open spaces of Jerusalem, the Lord of hosts declares, each with staff in hand, so old are they; and the open spaces shall be full of boys and girls playing there*" (Moffatt translation).

The very young and the very old—brought together. What a wonderful world tomorrow! □



# Good News for the Average Man

**T**HE CHANCES are most *Plain Truth* readers consider themselves to be average people. And the chances are they are completely wrong!

It takes the average American worker 12½ hours of labor to earn the money to feed his average family of four for a week, the statisticians tell us. He needs another 20 hours to buy a suit, but only 22 minutes to buy his wife a pair of hose. If you are an average Canadian, Australian or West European it will take you a little longer.

Yet the average person in the industrialized world has his problems these days. Inflation eats into his pay packet. His home is becoming harder to buy and maintain.

Even so very few of our readers are average. The reason is simple to understand.

In Washington, D.C., at the intersection of 18th Street and Connecticut Avenue, there is a world population clock. It does not show the passing of time. Instead, it counts people by measuring the increase in the world's population—three every second—more than 10,000 an hour.

On Friday, March 15, at 11:45 a.m., this clock calculated that the world's population passed 4,500 million for the first time. The truly average man is somewhere among them. And if we could find him, those of us who think we are average might begin to understand what it means to be "above average."

The average man and his family live in Asia. More than half of the world's population is there. He is certainly among the 75 percent of all people who live in what is called—rather optimistically—the "developing world." Though more

and more of the world's people are moving to cities, as rising prices and unemployment drive them from rural areas, we can expect the average family to be still peasants—making a precarious living from about two acres of land. The income will be about \$400 a year. (Note: a *year*, not a month.)

Since worldwide literacy is now slightly better than 50 percent, the average man can probably read and write—to a limited extent. His wife, however, cannot—literacy among women in the developing world lags far behind men. His children might have the chance to go to school—at least until the age of 12. But their attendance might not be too regular, for they are often sick. On any given day, half the world's children are sick. Malnutrition is the major culprit.

Our average family is not starving, although there may be times when they go hungry. Their diet is far from adequate. From half to two thirds of the world's population have a protein deficient diet. (That statistic does not include those in rich countries who opt to exist on junk food.) Our average man will never own a car or a television, but he might have a transistor radio. He can expect to live about 58 years, during which time he will have four or five children. He may have had one or two more who died before they reached the age of 5.

He will never have known a real vacation. Nor will he ever live in anything better than a shack. He will never, of course, have a telephone, subscribe to a magazine or own a refrigerator. Hot and cold running water is an unimagined luxury—if he is fortunate he shares a tap with his neighbor. And of course, he has no

insurance or investments and little if any savings.

Inflation worries him too. A Western family may spend 25 percent of income on food. If food prices doubled, it would certainly make things difficult. But spare a thought for the average housewife who must spend more than 50 percent of the family income on food *today*. What is she going to do tomorrow if prices double?

Now before you sympathize too much with the lot of the average man, remember that he is at least average. Life is hard—he is surviving (barely)—but he is making it. Below him are the below average—about one thousand million people—nearly a quarter of mankind.

They have incomes of around \$70 a year. They live constantly on the brink of starvation. Among them children die like flies—about one every 10 seconds at a conservative estimate. (In the time it takes you to read this article, about 50 children will have died of hunger.) Their own life span is only about 40 years. Illiterate, disease ridden, destitute—for them the question is, "Is there life before death?"

Our average man considers himself lucky not to be among them. But he is worried. Each time there is a crop failure, a natural disaster, a war or a hike in the price of oil—more average families slide off into the abyss to join the hopelessly poor.

Overall, the world is becoming a more wretched place. *Plain Truth* readers know this. They also know that it is going to get worse—and then it is going to get much better.

But the average man doesn't know this good news. He would be happy

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the lot of the average Black African would be significantly worse.

Political rhetoric for public consumption in the United Nations or the Organization of African States is one thing; economic well-being is an entirely different matter. (Even Communist bloc nations trade vigorously with Pretoria, as they did with blockaded Rhodesia. They hide their business behind third party agents, altered labels and false bills of lading. "Politics of hypocrisy," one expert calls such shady dealings.)

## Focus on Namibia, South Africa

With the settlement of the Rhodesian conflict, the political focus in southern Africa now shifts to South West Africa (Namibia) and South Africa. The Mugabe victory will have an impact in both areas.

In the South African-ruled territory of South West Africa, a long-simmering guerrilla war has been gradually heating up. Terrorists belonging to SWAPO (South West Africa People's Organization) strike out from bases north of the border in Angola. Nearly 60,000 South Africa troops are now said to be in the territory.

Attempts at a United Nations-inspired solution have failed repeatedly, largely due to the United Nations' avowed bias in favor of SWAPO. However, a recent proposal of a 50-mile demilitarized zone along the border holds some promise.

In South Africa itself, black nationalist terrorism has spread of late from remote border regions into urban areas. In late January South Africans were shocked by a daring three-man guerrilla raid on a bank near Pretoria. The South African police refused to negotiate. A shoot-out left all three dead, plus two of their unfortunate hostages. Minister of Police Louie le Grange warned that any such incidents in the future would be met with the same remorseless response.

Prime Minister Pieter Botha, meanwhile, is pushing ahead on his ideas for a new "constellation of

states" in southern Africa—a hoped for answer to counter demands for radical change.

Mr. Botha has outlined plans for constitutional reform to provide for increased representation from the country's Indian and Coloured (those of mixed race) minorities. A plan to provide urban-dwelling Blacks with increased self-government would follow. Mr. Botha has offered to meet in a grand conference with moderate Black leaders, to discuss South Africa's future.

Will a new grand design work? Mr. Botha faces plenty of criticism. Some conservative Afrikaner whites are wary of the proposed changes. And radical nationalist groups, fearing that peaceful changes just might be acceptable to the majority, have vowed to fight harder than ever to "bring down the entire house," and grab the power for themselves before it's too late. One outlawed organization has declared 1980 to be the "year of action."

## Sanctions Would Harm All

Peace in southern Africa as a whole, including Zimbabwe, is impossible without peace in the region's cornerstone nation—South Africa. Enemies of the Free World know this point well.

Pressure is mounting in the United Nations to impose trade sanctions, even a global trade boycott against the Pretoria government. The trigger to effect such drastic action could be a Namibia stalemate, or a step-up of terrorism within South Africa, with corresponding police crackdown.

In either case, emotional cries would fill the halls of the U.N. General Assembly calling for sanctions. Such a demand would play directly into the hands of the Soviets, who have been building a world-girdling offensive naval force with the avowed purpose of cutting the Free World off from its sources of raw materials. South Africa, with its treasure trove of minerals essential to Western industry, is one of Moscow's prime considerations.

Could such a blockade come about? Louis H. Gann and Peter Duignan, in their new book *South Africa: War, Revolution or Peace?*

examine this distinct likelihood, especially in view of the fact that South Africa is not likely, because of its military strength, to succumb to either conventional attack or internal insurrection:

"A naval blockade of South Africa might be considered a less bloody way of forcing the country to its knees. Conceivably, the U.N. might . . . call upon the Soviet Union and its allies to blockade South African ports until South Africa agreed to dismantle its political system. The Soviet Union might even offer to work in collaboration with U.S. naval forces as part of an international campaign against 'racism.' . . .

"Such a policy . . . would, in fact, destabilize the whole of southern Africa and deny to the West the resources of South Africa at a time when it supplies vital strategic mineral resources to the noncommunist world."

The United States, now overly dependent upon foreign sources of supply, would suffer serious damage in a cutoff of vital minerals. Western Europe would be hurt even more so (which might cause Europe to think twice before approving such a plan).

But those who would suffer most of all, say authors Gann and Duignan, "would be backward, vulnerable states like Mozambique, Malawi, Zambia, Lesotho, Botswana and Swaziland that have economic ties with South Africa." And certainly, more advanced but still vulnerable Zimbabwe could be added to that list.

## Alternative to Cooperation and Peace: Holocaust

The nations of southern Africa form one natural economic unit. But cooperation is imperative for its overall success. Given peace, Africa south of the Congo River could be turned into an "El Dorado," according to optimistic forecasters. And it will be—in the world tomorrow!

Today's world, however—Satan's world, if mankind only understood—is unfortunately careening down the opposite road, a way of jealousy, hatred, war and ultimately, utter destruction, save for the intervention of Almighty God (Matthew 24:22).

Peace in Zimbabwe is but a lull in a gathering storm. The very hallmark of our age is that "nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom" (Matthew 24:7).

Dark days indeed loom ahead if this world's political leaders, driven by their emotions, jealousies and narrow self-interests, pursue unreasonable policies which can only provoke one holocaust after another.

The alternative to peace in southern Africa, remarked a former South African prime minister, is "too ghastly to contemplate." Just what this might be was more than hinted at by South African heart surgeon, Christiaan Barnard, in his remarkable book *South Africa: Sharp Dissection*:

"Let those states in Africa who give launching pads to the Communists and let those in the Western world who would be our friends know that South Africa will not commit national suicide. Those who wish to push South Africa to the brink must not be surprised if their extremist threat to the very existence of the South African society evokes the ultimate defence as made possible by its nuclear capacity."

#### Needed: New World Leaders

In his book, Dr. Barnard lays bare the hypocrisies and deceptions so prevalent on the modern-day political scene. What the world needs instead, he said, are governments in which "the most competent man or woman is chosen for a particular portfolio [cabinet office]." He decried the fact that his profession demanded qualified doctors and surgeons to lead it, whereas politics "requires no formal examinations, no tests or other proof of the ability of the candidates it promotes to the highest positions, not only in its own body but in the country itself."

Dr. Barnard then gives what he calls his "prescription for competent government":

"One can readily imagine that if all the countries of the world were run by the most competent people from the respective countries . . . we could then look forward to business-like debates and decisive resolutions based on the realities of a given

situation, rather than the emotive debating and impractical resolutions flowing from double standards and expediency."

Believe it or not, Dr. Barnard's prescription for the future will come to pass—but in a different way and sooner than he or anyone else might think.

God Almighty is, at this very moment, grooming a generation of leaders-to-be who will take over the reins of world government in the soon-coming Kingdom of God. Men and women are being selected for this awesome responsibility from nations, cultures, races and tongues around the earth. The world as a whole is not cognizant of what God is doing (I John 3:1), but this selection and education process is nonetheless well under way.

In the peaceful world tomorrow, its leaders—changed from mortal to infallible immortal beings—will "judge righteous judgment" (John 7:24). Governmental hypocrisy and deceit will be a thing of the past.

Peace, harmony, respect and cooperation among all nations will be the

order of the day. The Kingdom of God will prove to be the only government under which all peoples everywhere can live, free of suspicion and fear. A worldwide economic "El Dorado" will at last come about.

Suffering and destruction will cease (Isaiah 11:9). Wars, including guerrilla terrorism—the scourge of the 20th century—will be scrapped as national policies (Isaiah 2:4).

Then and only then will the hope expressed earlier by Mr. Mugabe come to pass, "And they shall beat their swords into plowshares." □

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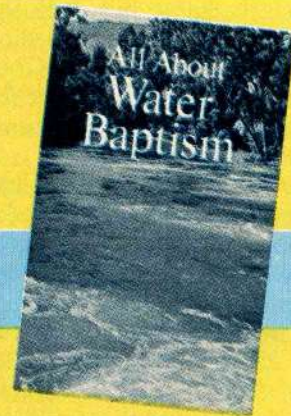
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## Voice Cries Out

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(Genesis 1:2), but in six days (Genesis 1:2-26) God renewed the face of the earth (Psalm 104:30).

The GOVERNMENT OF GOD was no longer administered on the earth. Lucifer had been changed into Satan the devil. His angels had become demons. It now remained for a MAN to reject the "GET" way of life Lucifer had introduced and qualify to replace the disqualified Satan by accepting God's "GIVE" way—the Creator's way of LOVE—to RESTORE the Government of God to the earth.

Remember, angels were created out of spirit—created immortal. They are now self-existent with eternal life inherent within them. Their turn to vanity, lust and greed, competition, strife and destruction and REBELLION against God and God's WAY (which is His character) left them filled with total unhappiness, resentment and bitterness, mental torment and anguish—FOREVER!

Angels, as God created them, were superior to man as man now is. The sinning angels knew full well the tragic consequences of their rebellion against the GOVERNMENT OF GOD. They alone were fully responsible for the consequences they now are bearing, and shall bear eternally.

But we shall see that God has something better for man—even for those humans who reject the almost unbelievable, incredible, transcendent potential that is man's!

Before we come to that, in the following chapter, one more vitally important factor must be covered before we have cleared the air entirely about WHO and WHAT is God.

In the earliest revelation in God's Word about WHO and WHAT is God, in John 1:1-4, 14, TWO Persons are revealed and *only two!*

The next earliest revelation the Scriptures give us in time-order of God's existence is found in Genesis 1 and verse 1, "In the beginning God created the heavens [plural, Revised Standard Version] and the earth."

In this chapter I have covered the creation and placing on earth of the angels. All that is filled in by other portions of the Scriptures in both Old

and New Testaments. Then verse 2 of the first chapter of Genesis in exceeding brevity covers the physical calamity resulting from angelic sin.

There it is stated, in King James language, "And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. . . ."

The words *without form and void* are translated from the Hebrew *tohu* and *bohu*, meaning, in English, *waste and empty*, or *in confusion and decay*. That describes the devastation resulting from earthwide sin of the angels. This angelic sin is mentioned in II Peter 2:4. Verse 5 describes the destruction by flood coming upon the whole world by antedeluvian sin between the times of Adam and Noah. It was sin covering the whole earth, and the physical destruction by flood covered the whole earth.

The next verse, 6, describes the sins of Sodom and Gomorrah. The physical destruction resulting covered the area of those sins—the Sodom and Gomorrah area.

These three verses refer by implication to the physical chaos that happened to the earth following the earthwide sin of angels.

In Psalm 104:30 we read of God's renewing of the face of the earth, and here it mentions His Spirit as the POWER of this re-creation: "Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created; and thou renewest the face of the earth."

So, verse 2 of Genesis 1 shows this physical devastation resulting from angelic earthwide sin. The entire earth had become covered with oceans. The light of God and God's righteous ways had, by universal sin, brought darkness to the earth's surface. Now, completing verse 2 of Genesis 1: "and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters."

This is the first mention of the Spirit of God in the Bible, and it is here mentioned as the POWER of God by which God, through the "Word" (John 1:1), renewed the face of the earth. He, the Word, "spake and it was done" (Psalm 33:6). The Spirit of God did as the Word, who later became Jesus, commanded. The Spirit of God is the POWER of God, emanating from God and Christ.

A comparison might be made to a man's breath. The Hebrew word for spirit is *ruach*, and the Greek word in

the New Testament is *pneuma*. Both mean spirit, but both also mean wind, breath or air. In John 3:8 Jesus compared the Holy Spirit of God to wind, in explaining to Nicodemus how a man must be born of the Holy Spirit of God.

"That which is born of the Spirit is spirit," He said, (verse 6). Then to explain God's Spirit, which must enter a person prior to being "born again" as an immortal in God's Kingdom—God's very Divine FAMILY—Jesus said, "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is everyone that is born of the Spirit."

As breath or air may emanate from a man's mouth or nose, so the Holy Spirit emanates from God and from Christ.

WHAT, then, is the Holy Spirit? It is the very divine life-begetting Power of God, that imparts divine and immortal life to a repentant and believing Christian, begetting such a person as a child of God. And it is MUCH MORE!

It is the POWER emanating from God by which God creates. It is the LOVE of God which the converted Christian receives from God. It is the FAITH of Christ. It is the Spirit that imparts to the human mind spiritual comprehension. It is the power of God by which the child of God may overcome sin. It is the Spirit by which, on human surrender, repentance, faith and decision, God imparts HIS CHARACTER to a human.

Praying to the *Yahweh*, who was the personal God of the Old Testament, David said: "Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall thy hand lead me . . ." (Psalm 139:7-10).

WHO and WHAT is GOD? God is omniscient. God is omnipresent—everywhere present at once! *Not* in His Person formed like that of a human, but through the Holy Spirit that emanates from the Person of God the Father and also from Christ the Son.

I can, through the sense of sight,

see stars millions of light years away—but I cannot act on them. But God can project His Spirit from where He is in Person to any and every point in the vastness of the universe—and more, HE CAN ACT ON ALL SUCH THINGS!

Now once again to Genesis 1:1: "In the beginning God. . . ." This originally was written by Moses as God inspired him. Moses wrote in Hebrew. The Hebrew word translated God is *Elohim*—a uniplural noun or name. It is the same sort of uniplural word as *family, church, group*—one family consisting of two or more members—one church composed of many members—one group of several persons.

It is referring to precisely the same "Persons," making up or composing the one God, as we found in John 1:1—the Word and God—and each of those TWO Persons is GOD.

IN OTHER WORDS, GOD IS A FAMILY of Persons, composed so far of only the TWO—God the Father and Christ the Son. But IF the Holy Spirit of God dwells in one, and he is being led by God's Spirit, then (Romans 8:14) he is a begotten son of God. But, at the time of Christ's return to earth in supreme power and glory to set up the KINGDOM OF GOD, restoring the GOVERNMENT OF GOD abolished by Lucifer, then all being filled and led by God's Spirit shall become BORN Sons of God. The GOD FAMILY will then RULE ALL NATIONS with the GOVERNMENT OF GOD RESTORED!

The "Trinity" doctrine *limits* God to a supposed three Persons. It DESTROYS the very Gospel of Jesus Christ! His Gospel is the good news of the now soon-coming KINGDOM OF GOD—the only hope of this world and its mixed-up mankind!

The "Trinity" doctrine, by contrast, is the doctrine of the great false church called in Revelation 17:5: "Mystery, Babylon the great, the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth."

By that doctrine, along with others, Satan has DECEIVED all traditional Christianity.

### The Trinity Doctrine

The generally accepted teaching of traditional Christianity is that God is a "Trinity"—God in three Persons—

Father, Son and Holy Spirit (which they call a "Ghost").

How did this "Trinity" doctrine enter traditional Christianity?

It most emphatically did not come from the Bible. I have quoted Revelation 12:9 saying that all nations have been deceived by Satan the devil. How, then, did the wily Satan introduce this doctrine into "Christianity"?

The history of this question is interesting. It seems incredible that a being like Satan not only could have deceived the whole world, but also "Christianity"—the very religion bearing Christ's name and supposed to be His true religion. Yet, paradoxically, Satan did!

He did it through his great false church, started A.D. 33 by Simon the Sorcerer, described in the 8th chapter of the book of Acts as the leader of the Babylonian mystery religion. It is recorded in II Kings 17:23-24 that Shalmaneser, King of Assyria, who had invaded and conquered the northern Kingdom—the Kingdom of Israel—moved the people out of their land of Samaria, north of Jerusalem, and moved into that land people of the Babylonish mystery religion from the provinces of Babylon. They were, of course, gentiles. They inhabited this area of northern Palestine in the time of Christ. The Jews of Judea in Christ's time would have nothing to do with them, calling them contemptuously "dogs." They still adhered to this pagan Babylonish mystery religion in the first century.

In A.D. 33, two years after Jesus Christ from heaven founded the Church of God on that day of Pentecost, the deacon Philip, who later became an evangelist, went down to Samaria and preached Christ's Gospel. This Simon the Sorcerer came with the crowd to hear him.

Simon had bewitched the people of that country, and they followed him as their leader in the Babylonian mystery religion "from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God" (Acts 8:10).

When the people believed Philip, preaching the Kingdom of God, they were baptized, and this Simon with them.

Then Simon came to the apostles Peter and John, offering money as a bribe, asking them to give him the

Holy Spirit. Peter rebuked him strongly. But Simon proclaimed himself a Christian apostle, nevertheless, and called the pagan Babylonian mystery religion "Christianity." He accepted the doctrine of "grace" for the forgiveness of sin (which the pagan religions had never had), but turned grace into license to disobey God (Jude 4). He aspired to turn his pagan religion, under the name "Christianity," into a universal religion, to gain thereby the political rule of the world.

Simon, the "Pater" (Peter) of his counterfeit religion, did not accomplish this in his lifetime. But succeeding leaders, with the headquarters moved to Rome, did, later, gain political control over the Roman Empire and its medieval successor, called "The Holy Roman Empire." This empire is in process of again being resurrected in Europe now!

By the 6th decade of the first century, much of the Middle East had turned from the true Gospel to a counterfeit (Galatians 1:6-7). As late as the 90s, A.D. the apostle John was still living. He wrote the book of Revelation on the Isle of Patmos.

A little later the church started by Simon in A.D. 33 was trying to turn the true Christian Passover (Christ had changed its form from that of Old Testament Israel) into the Babylonian Easter—named after the goddess Astarte or Ishtar (pronounced "Easter").

After the death of the apostle John, a disciple of his, Polycarp, waged a controversy over the Passover-Easter question with the bishop of Rome, by then leader of the church started by Simon.

Still later, another disciple of Christ's true Christianity, Polycrates, waged a still hotter controversy over the same Passover-Easter question with a later bishop of Rome. This theological battle was called the Quartodeciman Controversy. Polycrates contended, as Jesus and the original apostles taught, that the Passover should be observed in the new Christian form introduced by Jesus and by the apostle Paul (I Corinthians 11), using unleavened bread and wine instead of sacrificing a lamb, on the eve of the 14th Nisan (first month in the sacred calendar, occurring in the spring). But the

Rome church insisted on the pagan Easter, observed on a Sunday.

About the same time another controversy was raging, between a Dr. Arius, of Alexandria, a Christian leader who died A.D. 336, and a Roman bishop, over calling God a "Trinity." Dr. Arius stoutly opposed the "Trinity" doctrine, and had many followers.

In A.D. 325, the Emperor Constantine called the Nicene Council to settle these controversies. Constantine was not then yet a "Christian," but as political ruler he assumed control. The Council approved both the Easter doctrine and the Trinity. Constantine, then civil ruler, made it a LAW. But he was not able to make it TRUTH!

Satan has deceived the entire world in regard to the very nature of WHO and WHAT God is—as well as of Christ and the Holy Spirit. Also of the GOVERNMENT OF GOD, based on the spiritual LAW OF GOD. And further, of WHAT and WHY man is, what salvation is, how it is received, what is the true Gospel, what and why the Church is and what of the future!

#### What Is God Like?

The word *trinity* is not used anywhere in the Bible. I am going to make completely clear, as we proceed, God has not limited Himself to a "Trinity." The surprising truth, once understood, is the most wonderful revelation the human mind could receive or contain!

The very first idea or teaching about God being a Trinity began in the latter half of the second century—a hundred years after most of the New Testament had been written. The counterfeit Christianity spawned by Simon the Sorcerer was promoting it vigorously along with the pagan Easter. But the true Church of God vigorously resisted it. The controversy became so violent it threatened the peace of the world. The then pagan Emperor Constantine called the Nicene Council to settle it. The Roman supporters greatly outnumbered the persecuted Church of God.

You will find a prophecy of these two churches in the book of Revelation. In the 12th chapter is the prophecy of the true Church of God, greatly

persecuted. Jesus called it "the *little* flock." In the 17th chapter you will find the prophecy of the counterfeit church—a very great church, named by God "Mystery, Babylon the great, the mother of harlots" (verse 5). She was lined up with and sat astride the political governments. The whole world will gasp in WONDER (verse 8) when this religio-political medieval "Holy Roman Empire" is brought back to life! It is now in the preliminary stages of forming, starting from the Common Market!

There is only one small passage in the King James translation of the Bible that is generally used by "Trinity" adherents to support the "Trinity" doctrine. That is I John 5:7. In this one translation it is worded: "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one." Those words were added by editors of the Latin Vulgate translation probably in the early 4th century. They do not appear in *any* of the older Greek manuscripts nor in any of the other English translations. They were added to the Latin Vulgate during the heat of the controversy between Rome and Dr. Arius and God's people.

Bible commentaries explain that these words were never written in the apostle John's manuscript or any existing early copies of it. The apostle John nowhere in his three epistles or the Revelation calls Christ the Word. He speaks of "the Father and the Son" (I John 1:3), but never "the Father and the Word," except in this uninspired verse of I John 5:7.

There was a real reason why the archdeceiver Satan wanted that spurious verse added in the Latin Vulgate. The "Trinity" doctrine completely does away with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. His Gospel is the MESSAGE He brought mankind from God the Father, the good news of the coming KINGDOM OF GOD! That is the ONE thing above all Satan wants to defeat. This will become plain as we proceed.

One world-famous evangelist says: "When I first began to study the Bible years ago, the doctrine of the Trinity was one of the most complex problems I had to encounter. I have never fully resolved it, for it contains an aspect of mystery. Though I do

not totally understand it to this day, I accept it as a revelation of God. . . . To explain and illustrate the Trinity is one of the most difficult assignments to a Christian."

Much is made of the fact that in a number of places in modern translations the masculine pronoun *he* is used in connection with the Holy Spirit. But not always—sometimes the Holy Spirit is referred to as *it*. For example, in the passage describing the first coming of the Holy Spirit for the founding of the Church of God on that memorable day of Pentecost.

The Holy Spirit came from heaven, audibly, sounding like a mighty wind, "and *it* [the Holy Spirit] filled all the house where they were sitting." Next, the Holy Spirit *appeared*—WAS VISIBLY SEEN—manifested—"And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and *it* [the Holy Spirit in the form of divided tongues] sat upon each of them" (Acts 2:2-3). In verse 18, Peter is quoting from the prophet Joel: "I will *pour out* . . . of my Spirit. . . ." The Holy Spirit, like water or a fluid can be "POURED OUT." Can you pour out a person from one into another—as from God into those assembled there?

Again in Acts 10:45, ". . . on the Gentiles also was *poured out* the gift of the Holy [Spirit]."

Finally, in briefest summary: God is a FAMILY composed at present of the TWO Persons of John 1:1-4, but with many thousands, already *begotten* by God's Spirit, soon to be born into that Divine Family at Christ's return to earth. Jesus Christ, by His resurrection, was BORN a divine Son of God (Romans 1:4)—the *first* so born into the God Family (Romans 8:29).

Both God and Christ are composed of Spirit, formed and shaped as a human person, but with eyes like flames of fire and faces bright as the sun full strength!

God is Creator of all that exists. Both God and "The Word" (who became Christ) have existed eternally and before all else. From them emanates the Spirit of God, by which God is omnipresent and omniscient. God the Father is the divine Father of the God Family, into which truly converted Christians shall be born.

But now, WHAT OF MAN? □

## What Our Readers Say

### Smoking

May we please have permission to reprint part of the article "Smoking—It's More Than Just a Bad Habit" by Donald D. Schroeder? We would like to include it in the newsletter distributed to our parish family. We would, of course, credit *Plain Truth* for the material used.

Mrs. William K. Sargent  
Rector's Secretary  
Fairfax, Virginia

My brother gets *The Plain Truth* magazine too. He was smoking marijuana, but after reading it he stopped.

Velinda A.  
Cincinnati, Ohio

### America a "Paper Tiger"?

I just want to comment on the story, "America—a Paper Tiger" in the January issue of *The Plain Truth* by Gene H. Hogberg. It certainly tells it like it is. I wish every one in the U.S.A. could read it.

Earl White  
Forsyth, Montana

I am 77 and have watched the steady decline of our beloved United States.

My father used to say that Teddy Roosevelt, whose motto was "Speak softly but carry a big stick" was the last great President.

Gene H. Hogberg's article, "A Paper Tiger?" tells it as it is.

Jeannette G. D'Angelis  
San Antonio, Texas

That wonderful enlightening article "America—A Paper Tiger" by Gene Hogberg should be distributed across our lands. "Wake up America." So many don't care about the decency it takes to build a strong nation.

There will be a rude and sad awakening when Russia takes over the oil wells in Persian Gulf. The strongest will strike first.

We lack leaders with vision to look far ahead.

Marjorie Mansfield  
Sedro Woolley, Washington

### World Affairs

"The Arab World in Prophecy" was a superb piece of literature! It made clear

to me in a way that no other article has done, the prophecies as related to present world powers.

My sincere thanks to *The Plain Truth* staff for printing this article, and especially to Keith Stump for researching and writing it.

Mrs. Howard L. Bloxham  
Farmington, New Mexico

### Leadership

I feel impelled to write about "World Crisis in Leadership" by Raymond F. McNair.

This gentleman talks of the breakup of family life, blaming the husband and father for failing "to supply the wise leadership needed to guide the home." Since when does being a husband and father automatically bring wisdom? Just what is wrong with the wife and mother being the guiding force in the home? Oh, I forgot! God gave the husband and father the leadership role—whether or not he had the wisdom to fulfill it.

Ruby Miller  
Winnipeg, Manitoba

## Average Man

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just to be allowed to continue to live "by bread alone"!

Some years ago, a minister of the Worldwide Church of God serving in a Third World country organized a movie for his congregation. One scene showed some ordinary houses in an ordinary street in England. A child solemnly asked the minister, "When God brings His Kingdom to this earth, will we all be able to have houses like that?"

That tells the story. If the average family could have what the average *Plain Truth* reader has now, he would think the Millennium had

come. He would be more than satisfied. But God wouldn't.

Although it is highly possible that the average man has never heard of Jesus Christ, he is included in His plans. When Christ returns to rule, the whole earth will become full of the knowledge of God (Isaiah 11:9). None whom Christ will rule need have to settle for subsistence living on the edge of disaster. It will be abundant life for everyone (John 10:10).

When resources are properly and fairly harnessed in the world tomorrow, and nations concentrate on peace instead of war, the lot of the average man will steadily improve. His crops will grow and his land will produce. Fear of hunger and disease

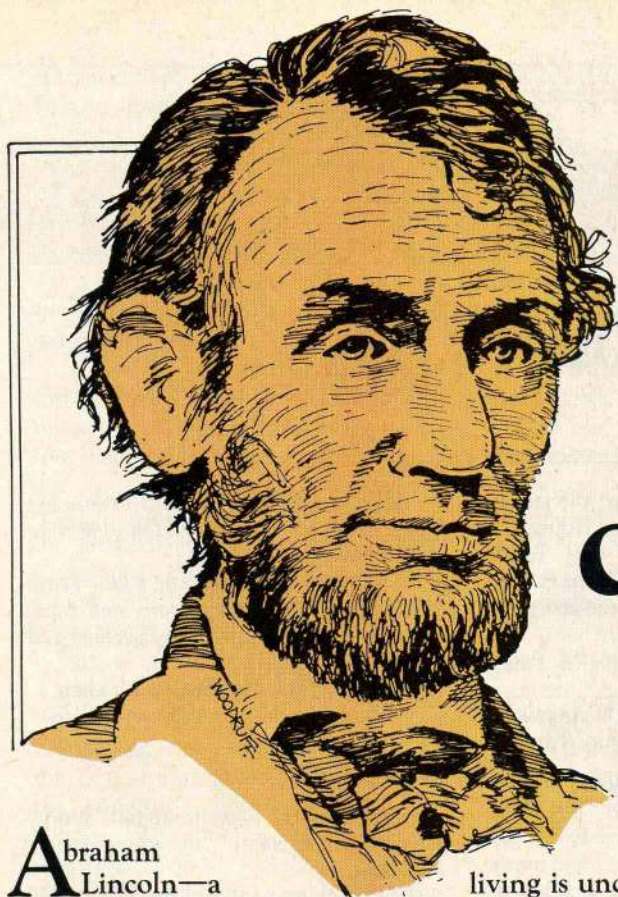
will be a memory. No one will ever threaten him again (Micah 4:3-5).

Freed from the constant problem of staying alive, all people will begin to understand why they *are* alive. Then the whole human race will begin to move towards the attainment of its true and intended potential.

The Kingdom of God will lift forever the crushing weight of ignorance and superstition that enslaves most of our fellow human beings. Including, of course, that average man—wherever he is.

I'd like to feel that he could now read this and tell it to his family. But until things change, he will never have a magazine—even a free one—until the world tomorrow.

—John Halford



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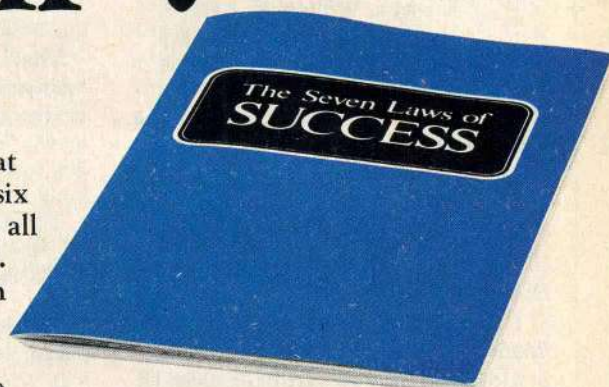
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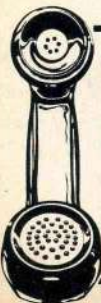
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