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In Asia**

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"Thank you ever so much for the article about Communism. I did not know about their purpose and goal, or their Communistic methods and tactics. I knew nothing about their philosophies and teachings. I found out that I was wrong when I thought that Communism was the answer to today's African troubles. You have opened my eyes wide, and I have put aside that thought. I have started towards a new goal. Now I have found that Africa and myself may be saved if we put our troubles to the Great Creator our God."

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"I wrote to you five or six months ago, and I said in my letter that I HAD been a confirmed and outspoken atheist. I went on to say that, at the time of the letter, I was now more or less an agnostic. I said that because of your magazine *The PLAIN TRUTH*, I had learned much which changed my mind on a lot of old (and false) beliefs and religious concepts. I would now like to tell you that *I am positive there is a God*. This new belief is because of your magazine — *The PLAIN TRUTH*."

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"I am writing to thank you for continuing to send *The PLAIN TRUTH*. As a student of modern languages and European affairs, the accuracy of the articles on political movements in Europe continues to fascinate. But much more I would most sincerely ask you to put me in touch with an Ambassador-trained man in the Coventry region, for your whole work has the ring of truth which, although I am a member of a Christian Church, did not really hit me until I heard your broadcasts last summer.

"I would now like the chance to talk over several aspects of the Christian faith and also my own position."

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"I have heard Ted Armstrong many times over KPHO. The other night we sat in the car, my sixteen-year-old daughter and I, and listened to his message on marriage and chastity, etc. It was right on target. It did us both a lot of good to sit there together and get the message of God in such a way that it made common sense. It was very effective, because Ted did the job for me much better than I could have done. Please thank him for us."

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"I am a teen-ager myself — sixteen years old. When you were talking about going steady, it really made me stop and think about it. I've been going steady for over two years. I've wanted to break up, and we have four times already. But he keeps coming back, and it seems like I am soft-hearted. I don't know what to do.

"I'd love for you to send those pamphlets you were advertising on the radio, 'Teen-age Happy Marriage' and the one about 'Parents.' I'd love to read everything I can on teen-agers. You see, I have no parents that I can ask, or get advice from."

Connie C., Parkersburg,
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Hippies

"I would dearly like to know the grounds on which you so harshly condemn 'hippies.' You seem to think that any man who has long hair, or slightly flamboyant clothes is morally weaker than 'more civilized people.' By all means, condemn the 'junkies' and the immoral, but, in the name of justice, leave prejudice against the millions of good Christian teen-agers, who like beat music, innocent excitement, freedom of appearance and ideals, and 'untainted' love, well alone."

P. Healey,
Liverpool, England

• *We don't condemn them — we pity*
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Personal from the Editor

LAST MONTH, I began answering the question, "Just what is back of *The PLAIN TRUTH, The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast, and Ambassador College, with its three campuses in California, Texas, and England?"

All these operations, worldwide, we customarily speak of, among ourselves, as "the Work." So, just what do we mean — "the Work"?

WHY the worldwide broadcast? WHY a world-news magazine of more than 1,200,000 copies monthly? WHY do we have colleges? WHY do we operate worldwide? Just what are our objectives, our goals, our purposes? How is this great Work financed?

Last month I was able only to give you the background, without which neither today's world conditions, nor this Work, could be understood.

I explained that when we speak of this Work, we mean GOD's Work, which God purposes to accomplish *in the world*, by and through *human instruments*, whom He calls *and uses*. To really understand I felt our readers needed the background — even Biblically revealed facts of *prehistory* which are almost totally unknown. You need to understand the real background and CAUSES of world conditions as they are today — its civilization, its governments, its problems. These world conditions are the REASON for God's Work in the world.

In briefest summary, the *facts* of creation prove there is a Creator — the great almighty GOD, the supreme Personage, composed of Spirit (not matter or mortal flesh), of perfect all-knowing mind, and almighty power. God RULES His creation. It is He who designed and brought into being the vast universe, with its galaxies and heavenly bodies flung through limitless space — including our solar system — our sun, earth and its moon.

I explained (this will be reprinted as a booklet, titled, "*Just What Do We*

Mean — This Work?") there was a superarchangel, a cherub named Lucifer, created with great knowledge, wisdom, beauty, trained at the very seat of God's Throne of the Government of the Universe. Thoroughly trained in the administration of the GOVERNMENT OF GOD, Lucifer was placed on a throne in Eden, on this earth, to administer the Government of God over angels who then populated this earth.

Under GOD'S GOVERNMENT, the earth was filled with happiness, abundance, joy. But this Lucifer (whose name means "Shining Star of the Dawn" or "Bringer of Light and Knowledge") allowed himself to be filled with vanity, envy of God's supremacy as Ruler of the whole Universe, and a self-centered desire to *get, take, have*. He organized a rebellion. A third of the angels followed him. They swept on up to attack Almighty God on His Throne in heaven — to *seize* Power over the Universe.

But God's Power is supreme. Lucifer and his angels "FELL" back down to the earth. Lucifer was renamed Satan (meaning Adversary, Competitor), and his angels became demons — perverted in mind and reasoning.

Physical chaos to the earth resulted from this universal sin of rebellion. In six days God brought order out of physical chaos, renewing the surface of the earth, and then creating MANKIND upon it. Speaking of this, God inspired David to write: "Thou sendest forth thy Spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth" (Psalm 104:30). Satan now was *disqualified* as Ruler and Administrator of GOD's Government on earth. However, in God's plan, he could not be removed until a successor has qualified and been inducted into office.

Adam had his chance. But Adam also reached out to *take* (even from his wife) what God had forbidden him to have — rebelling against GOD's Gov-

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Frank Clarke — Ambassador College

OUR COVER

Eisaku Sato, Prime Minister of Japan, speaks before press conference in Canberra, on the occasion of the funeral of Australia's late Prime Minister Holt. Sato announced it is time for Japan to have a voice in international affairs commensurate with her status as one of the world's leading economic powers.

PRESIDENT WON'T RUN — WHY?

WHY did President Johnson announce an about-face, REVERSING the Government's War Policy in Vietnam? Here is the real MEANING behind this news bombshell.

by Herbert W. Armstrong

THE WORLD WAS STUNNED by President Johnson's announcement he would not be a candidate for re-election, and would refuse to run if nominated.

Just as shocking was his reversal of government policy on the war in Vietnam, announcing he had ordered all nonstrategic bombing of North Vietnam stopped, and was asking North Vietnam to negotiate.

WHY Didn't President TELL?

WHY has the nation been *divided* about the Vietnam war? WHY did not President Johnson reveal to the people the REASON for U. S. involvement?

His real reason for his policy of being in, staying in and yet *not winning* — actually *not aiming to win* — was this: The Communist strategy for conquering and dominating and ruling the whole world — including the U. S. — is dual: to advance militarily by way of Asia, then southeast Asia, Australia, Africa, and *then* Europe and Britain and the U. S.; and to advance by propaganda and sabotage by dividing our people, racially, politically — any way they could; and weakening us from within by instigating riots, strife and division of whatever kind they can.

The government policy was based on the contention it is better to stop the Communist military spearhead right where it is — at the border of South Vietnam, rather than wait until it gains more and more momentum, as the Communists plan, so we eventually would be fighting on our own soil, and utterly overwhelmed by their multiplied strength.

But if that were the whole story,

perhaps Mr. Johnson could have made it plain, and "sold" the American people on the war — and going in to WIN!

But that was *not* the whole story. And the other part of the story he could not publicize without turning the South Vietnamese rulers against us. That other part of the story is simply the fact there is no stable government in South Vietnam, and no prospect of any, because there is no strong and stable *leadership* there! If the U. S. should totally *knock out* the North Vietnamese, and the Viet Cong, the government policy-makers were afraid either Communist China would come in with all-out total war against us — or Russia — and with a NUCLEAR war that might erase all humanity from the earth before it would be over. Or, at the least, the Chinese or Russian Communists would then run right over the weak and unstable South Vietnam government, and continue on their way. Therefore the policy was a war of merely containing the Communist drive, escalating only as made necessary to hold our own.

Actually, this suited the Communists just fine! They have manpower in great abundance to feed as fodder — to keep escalating the war, at TREMENDOUS COST to the U. S., but at slight cost to them. With them it was a war of attrition, wearing us down, weakening us economically under the terrific financial burden.

Bobby and McCarthy

But the whole thing became a red-hot political issue. Of course Bobby Kennedy has planned all along to run

for President — and this year if he could manage the strategy. The Kennedy multimillions have for years been dedicated to gaining control of the government. The Kennedys planned to discredit Mr. Johnson, and get the nomination this year if possible.

So Bobby came out against the President's policy. He came out for de-escalation,



Wide World Photo

LYNDON B. JOHNSON
U. S. President 1963-1969(?)

and negotiation — with the North Vietnamese and the NLF — (National Liberation Front) or Viet Cong. He came out for compromise. How he would do it didn't appear very clear, but he proposed bringing about a coalition between the South Vietnamese and the Cong, and then GET OUT!

And then what would happen to

South Vietnam? He didn't say, nor appear concerned.

Senator McCarthy went to the opposite extreme from the government policy—he was for withdrawing—getting out.

And the Republicans? Mr. Nixon basically supported the President's program, but objected to the *way* it was being handled. The basic issue with him appeared to be the domestic problems.

So the President, by his speech withdrawing from the race, and de-escalating the war, at one stroke knocked out from under their feet the campaign issues of Bobby Kennedy and Senator McCarthy.

And now the politicians are speculating—is Mr. Johnson hoping to establish a place in history as the VIET PEACEMAKER? Or, is he shrewdly figuring to knock out his Democratic opponents' campaign issues, regain his popularity, hoping to be drafted at the Democratic convention, and then, even though saying he would not accept, gracefully acquiesce?

Well, personally I'm not concerned with politics.

Emphasis Clue to Real Meaning

But those who listened to the President's speech might have detected that his main emphasis was not, after all, on Vietnam of itself.

His first emphasis appeared to be the fact that the nation is *divided* in its feelings about the Vietnam war. And a nation divided cannot stand! Not only is the nation unable to make up its mind about supporting the war, but the Democratic Party has been divided on the issue.

Second in importance appeared to be the money crisis—the worst economic situation to face the nation since the 1929-1936 Depression—the desperate need to save the nation's economy. By reversing the government war policy of escalation—resulting in ever-increasing the government's number one expenditure, he plugs up the biggest leak in dollars.

These considerations appeared more important in the President's mind than continuing or winning the war.

And this detectable emphasis in Mr. Johnson's speech is the clue to the real meaning behind the entire situation in which the United States and British nations find themselves today.

Actually, as pointed out in our new enlarged book published last year, *The U.S. and British Commonwealth in Prophecy*, the people of the Western world would be STUNNED!—DUMB-FOUNDED!—if they *knew* the real MEANING of today's unprecedented world conditions. The governments of the U.S., Britain, Canada, Australia and South Africa would immediately institute drastic changes in their foreign policies—would set in motion gigantic crash programs—if they *knew*!

But they don't know! And WHY?

I explained it in the book. There are two reasons, primarily:

1) World leaders—politicians, scientists, educators, industrialists, have been deceived by false education, appealing to the vanity of intellect, into prejudicial and disdainful rejection of the one source of that very vital knowledge—revelation, which alone can explain and reveal. One whole third of the Bible is devoted to prophecies—ADVANCE NEWS of WORLD CONDITIONS. And approximately 90% of all these prophecies pertain to OUR WORLD and OUR TIME, *TODAY*—the latter half of this 20th Century!

2) The vital KEY necessary to unlock closed doors of Biblical prophecy had been lost! These prophecies were never given to, understood by, and did not pertain to ancient Israel, believe it or not! Most of them were written after the Jews had gone into captivity—a slave people removed from their own land, scattered as slaves among the Chaldeans!

Furthermore, they were closed and sealed *until* our time, NOW! And, astounding though it be, most of them pertain *directly* to the United States and British nations!

What Prophecy Says About It

What, then, is the real MEANING back of all this?

The prophecies are revealed in detail in the book—sent free of charge

on request to all subscribers to *The PLAIN TRUTH*.

And you will get the necessary details in brief on the MONEY CRISIS in the article on page 7 of this issue.

McCarthy wants to just pull out—lose face or not—peace at any cost. Senator Kennedy wants to compromise, even at loss of face. And now the President has reversed his policy, about-facing into de-escalation of the war—and there are indications he may find a way to manage a "peace" which will not BE a peace, but a defeat, acclaimed as a great "VICTORY" in the interests of "PEACE"—while *there is no peace!*

In other words, as God Himself has prophesied in the ADVANCE NEWS, "I will break the pride of your power: . . . and your strength shall be spent in vain . . ." (Lev. 26:19-20).

This nation has, indeed, lost all PRIDE in its power!

Meanwhile, ten nations—the U.S., Britain, Canada, Sweden, Japan, France, Germany, Italy, Belgium, and the Netherlands, drafted a change in the International monetary system, creating a new "paper gold," called the "S.D.R." (Special Drawing Rights). France refused to sign the agreement. President de Gaulle is doing all he can to weaken the U.S. and Britain.

Because this nation has ignored, disobeyed and rebelled against its God, it is now going to be PUNISHED, as no nation ever was punished—at the awesome supernatural hands of Almighty God! But God's punishment is *not* revenge, but CORRECTION—to the end that we shall be CORRECTED for our GOOD, turned from our wrong ways that are bringing destruction upon us.

Drought and famine and massive epidemics of disease are foretold for us! Then INVASION of a foreign foe, and DEFEAT—but *not* from Russia or China! Our cities shall be DESTROYED—laid WASTE—as only H-bombs can do! We are about to learn some serious and vital lessons—the HARD WAY! But ultimately, when we have learned them, we shall be restored as the TOP nations in the WORLD TOMORROW—in a world of REAL PEACE, of justice, happiness, and great abundance for all!

You may read the whole prophecy in the book mentioned above.

MONEY CRISIS

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shall the end come" — the end of man's 6,000 years of rebellion against the government of God.

What Can You Do?

You need to be deeply concerned over the economic picture!

Is now the time, as some have asked us, to invest heavily in gold mining shares, silver bullion — or such like?

What is the **WISEST INVESTMENT** you could possibly make for the future?

It's simple! **INVEST IN GOD!**

That sounds strange to many people in this "modern" age. But it's true, nevertheless.

The Almighty God who **EXISTS**, and who **CONTROLS** the destinies of nations, has laid down specific rules of finance in His revelation of essential knowledge to man — the Bible.

Ignorance of these financial laws is the *single greatest reason* for all of the fiscal misery that individuals — yes, even **WHOLE NATIONS** — are experiencing today!

Notice the book of Malachi, the last book in the Old Testament, chapter 3, verse 8:

"Will a man *rob God*? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say" — as many of you may ask — "Wherein have we robbed thee?"

God Almighty answers: "**IN TITHES AND OFFERINGS.**"

It's not pleasant for people to discover they have *robbed God*, of all persons. But the plain truth remains. Verse 9 says: "Ye are *cursed with a curse.*" Doesn't this acutely describe our financial plight today? "For ye have robbed me, *even this whole nation.*"

Whom is God addressing? The modern-day descendants of the ancient ten-tribed House of Israel, at a time just before the return of Jesus Christ to set up His world government on earth (Mal. 1:1, 4:5). These peoples are primarily the nations of the United States and the British Commonwealth of nations!

What our nations need to do is far more than just to return to "con-

servative monetary policies." That *such* is needed should be obvious by now.

But what we as a people need to do **MOST OF ALL** is to repent of this **THIEVERY** against God and to pay Him what is rightfully His. Then these terrible financial curses upon our nations would be lifted.

Should we as individuals or indeed our entire nations wholeheartedly turn to God to straighten out our personal and national financial messes, God has already promised what He would do. Notice verses 10 and 12 of Malachi 3:

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house and *prove me now herewith*, saith the Lord of hosts" — here God challenges mankind to prove His very existence by these financial laws — "if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and *pour you out a blessing*,

that there shall not be room enough to receive it. . . ."

"And all nations shall call you [our nations] blessed, for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of hosts."

God stands willing to confer this blessing upon all who will start obeying His financial laws. He inspired John to write in the New Testament, "Beloved, *I wish above all things* that thou mayest prosper and be in health. . . ." (III John 2).

Why don't *you* take up the challenge from your Creator, given in Malachi? — to "prove Me now herewith." Even if our nations as a whole refuse to heed God's warning, *you individually* can know the laws of financial success. Write for our free booklets, *Ending Your Financial Worries* and *The Seven Laws of Success*. They give the keys you have been looking for.

Personal from the Editor

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ERNMENT, obeying Satan. Mankind, filled with human nature — the nature of vanity, self-centeredness, greed, lust, envy and hostility against God's authority — has rebelled against God's Government and authority, blindly following Satan's way, ever since.

Few, indeed, realize **WHY** Jesus Christ came to earth — begotten by God, yet born **HUMAN** of the virgin Mary. He came to be the Saviour of the world, yes! Many recognize that. But there is much more to it than that. He came to *start* **GOD'S WORK** in a rebellious world.

Few realize just **WHAT** that Work is!

By His total *obedience* to God's Laws — the Laws of **GOD'S GOVERNMENT** — and by overcoming Satan in the Great Temptation — Jesus Christ *qualified* to replace Satan as King and Administrator of **GOD'S GOVERNMENT** over the earth. But He did not, then, take over that world rule. He was not, then, inducted into office.

First, God had a very important

WORK to be accomplished. When the living Jesus Christ takes over world rule with the **GOVERNMENT OF GOD**, He will do it with a qualified, prepared and trained **ORGANIZATION**. During His ministry, Jesus explained to His disciples (Luke 19:11-27) that He (the young nobleman of the parable) must first ascend to the Father's Throne in heaven, there to be *given* officially this rule; and there to supervise **THE WORK** of preparing and training *His organization*, to be rulers, under Christ, in **GOD'S GOVERNMENT**.

After Jesus *qualified*, by resisting Satan's temptation, obeying God, commanding Satan to leave Him, He was then ready to *begin* **GOD'S WORK**. Religious people call that Work "preaching the Gospel." It is that — *and more!*

You'll read the *beginning* of it in Mark 1:1: "The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." But before explaining that beginning, Mark's account first records the work of John the Baptist, preparing the way for Jesus' *personal* "ministry" — or mission which God had given Him *personally* to perform. This account of John the Baptist fills verses 2 to 13 inclusive. Then follows the *beginning* of Jesus' *personal* mission:

"Now after that John was put in pris-

on, 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" (emphasis mine—Mark 1:14-15). Repent of *what*? Repent of SIN — and sin is transgression of God's Law (I John 3:4) — God's GOVERNMENT.

Notice, Jesus said it was necessary to REPENT. He said also it was necessary to BELIEVE! And believe *what*? Not only to believe on Him — but He said plainly, here, it was necessary to *believe the Gospel*. But WHICH Gospel?

Today you hear preached many different gospels. Some call what they preach the gospel of salvation — some the gospel of grace. Some the gospel of going to heaven. Some preach a message *about* Christ — about His *Person* — but although they may *call* it the gospel of Christ, it is *not* the Gospel Christ TAUGHT and preached.

Note it! The Gospel Jesus said it is necessary to believe is "the Gospel of the KINGDOM OF GOD." A kingdom is a GOVERNMENT. So Jesus preached the Gospel — or GOOD NEWS — of the coming GOVERNMENT OF GOD being restored to the earth!

It is VITAL that you establish, clearly once for all, WHAT Gospel Jesus brought from God — WHAT Gospel God also sent to the Gentiles. For "traditional Christianity" *has preached a different Gospel!* And your Bible says THE WHOLE WORLD — ALL NATIONS — have been DECEIVED!

Have YOU? Better make SURE!

Now I want you to notice TWO important points.

1) The Message Jesus taught was SENT BY GOD.

2) Jesus was powerless, *of Himself*. The WORK OF GOD, which He started, was carried on BY THE POWER OF GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT. It was that Spirit, IN HIS *Personal* HUMAN BODY, which carried on GOD'S WORK.

Jesus Himself said: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, the Son can do nothing *of Himself*" (John 5:19); and "I can *of mine own self* do nothing" (John 5:30); and "... 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); and, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, THE WORKS that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father... and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you... the Spirit of truth... for he dwelleth with you, and shall be IN YOU" (John 14:12-17).

At the beginning of His *personal* starting of THE WORK of God, Jesus called His 12 disciples, and for 3½ years taught them THIS MESSAGE HE HAD BROUGHT FROM GOD — about the GOVERNMENT (Kingdom) of GOD.

Finally, Jesus had *finished* that phase of the WORK OF GOD which the Father had given Him to do *personally* in the HUMAN flesh. In His final prayer to God, on the very night He was seized to be crucified, Jesus said: "I have finished THE WORK which thou gavest ME to do" (John 17:4).

Just prior to this Jesus had said to His disciples, "It is expedient for you that I go away [to heaven]: for if I go not away, the Comforter [Holy Spirit] will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you" (John 16:7).

After Jesus ascended to the THRONE OF GOD, seat of GOVERNMENT of the entire UNIVERSE, He did send the Holy Spirit, on the next day of "Pentecost," to ENTER INTO THE DISCIPLES, who then became God's APOSTLES (Acts 2:1-4).

On them, together with the prophets (Old as well as New Testament), with Jesus Christ the Chief Corner Stone, Jesus founded His Church. His Church is composed of all those begotten children of GOD who receive, and in whom is dwelling, God's Holy Spirit. Being begotten *children* of God, they compose the CHURCH OF GOD. The HEAD of God's Church was not — AND IS NOT any man, but the living Lord Jesus Christ, now resurrected, and at God's right hand on God's THRONE OF THE UNIVERSE in heaven.

But WHY the CHURCH?

It is called "the BODY of Jesus Christ" (Eph. 1:23; 4:12; 5:30; Col. 1:24; I Cor. 10:17; 12:27; Rom. 12:5).

WHY is the Church called "the Body

of Christ"? Because, the WORK OF GOD was *started* in the world through the one Personal human BODY of Jesus of Nazareth. It was THE POWER of God's Spirit IN HIM which really did the WORK. But He was crucified, and resurrected immortal, very God, no longer human. The SAME POWER that had worked mightily in Jesus' Personal human Body then entered the *collective body* of His Church. NOW the CHURCH, headed by Jesus Christ from heaven, humanly led by the Apostles who had been taught and trained by Jesus in Person, BECAME THE COLLECTIVE BODY empowered by God's Holy Spirit, FOR THE VERY PURPOSE OF CARRYING ON GOD'S WORK!

That WORK, first of all, was the divine Commission, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). And, "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: *teaching them to observe* all things whatsoever I have *commanded you*: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the END OF THE WORLD" (Mat. 28:19-20). Some seem to think Jesus bowed out, turning HEADSHIP of the Church over to Peter and human successors as voted by men, and that Jesus is no longer WITH His Church. But He distinctly said He would be WITH IT, as its HEAD (Eph. 5:23; 4:15; Col. 1:18).

What is the PURPOSE of God's Church, now, just before the END of this world, or age? The disciples had asked Jesus what would be the sign of the end of this age, and of His coming again to earth as KING of kings, to set up the world rule of GOD'S GOVERNMENT (Mat. 24:4). In Jesus' answer He said that all through the age MANY would come, professing to be His ministers, preaching "in His name," saying that He, Jesus, is the CHRIST, yet DECEIVING THE MANY. But the only sign He gave by which they would know that His coming was near was in verse 14 of Matthew 24:

"And *this Gospel of the Kingdom* shall be preached [and published — Mark 13:10] in all the world for a witness unto all nations, *and then* shall the END come."

What Gospel did the Apostles pro-

claim as the New Testament Gospel? It was THE KINGDOM OF GOD (Acts 8:12; Mat. 10:5-7; Luke 9:1-2; 10:9; Acts 1:3; 19:8; 20:25; 28:23; 28:30-31; Rom. 14:17; I Cor. 4:20; 6:9; 6:10; I Cor. 15:50; Gal. 5:21; Eph. 5:5; Col. 4:11; II Thess. 1:5; Rev. 12:10). The Apostle Paul pronounced a DOUBLE CURSE on any who preached any other gospel (Gal. 1:8-9). And the Apostle Paul warned the Corinthians that *false apostles* (II Cor. 11:13), pretending to be the ministers of Christ, yet actually the ministers of Satan (verses 14-15), would be proclaiming *another gospel*, with a different spirit, preaching *another Jesus* (verse 4).

But the original and true apostles not only preached THE KINGDOM OF GOD — which is the GOVERNMENT OF GOD — but this very proclaiming of GOD'S GOVERNMENT is called the WORK of God!

When the apostles were brought before the Council and the high priest, threatened for preaching Jesus' Gospel (of God's Government), a learned and respected Pharisee named Gamaliel stood up and counselled: "... And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or THIS WORK be of men, it will come to nought: but if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it..." (Acts 5:34, 38-39). Gamaliel recognized it as "THIS WORK... OF GOD."

Paul and Barnabas were ordained for, and sent out in THE WORK of God. There was a meeting of the Church at Antioch. "And as they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, 'Separate me Barnabas and Saul for THE WORK whereunto I have called them'" (Acts 13:2).

In THE WORK, they had come to Attalia, "...and thence sailed to Antioch, from whence they had been recommended to the grace of God for THE WORK which they fulfilled" (Acts 14:26).

That SAME WORK, proclaiming that same good news of the coming KINGDOM OF GOD — the very GOVERNMENT OF GOD to rule all nations, was to be proclaimed *now*, in our time, just before Christ's RETURN in all the POWER and GLORY of God to restore the GOV-

ERNMENT OF GOD over all nations. This Work, now, is PREPARING THE WAY before Christ's coming. Restoring GOD'S GOVERNMENT will mean the END of this age — of this world's present setup — of this world's governments.

The disciples had asked Jesus what would be the sign of His coming, and the END of this world or age. Jesus said, "This GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM [Government of God] shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come (Mat. 24:14). Mark says "published" — Mark 13:10.

That Gospel was not proclaimed after 69 A.D., until *The WORLD TOMORROW* went on the air in 1934. Persecutors scoff. But ask them whether *they* preach this same Gospel we do! They will answer emphatically *NO!!!* Then look into your Bible to see whether *this* is the *same Gospel* God sent by Jesus — the *same Gospel* Jesus preached and taught His disciples — the *SAME Gospel* Paul preached to the Gentiles! THAT Gospel *has not* been proclaimed to the world, until 1934!

THIS WORK is Christ's SIGN that we are NEAR the end of this world, and the restoring of the GOVERNMENT OF GOD on the earth!

When Jesus went to heaven to be given rulership of GOD'S KINGDOM (Luke 19:12), "the heaven must receive [Him] until the times of restitution of all things" (Acts 3:21). "Restitution" means the *restoring* of something taken away.

Once this earth was HAPPY — filled with JOY, when angels on earth were ruled by the GOVERNMENT OF GOD!

God's Government is ruled by God's LAWS — based on the overall inexorable, eternal SPIRITUAL LAW, summed up in the Ten Commandments. That LAW is the WAY OF LIFE which is the CAUSE of happiness, joy, abundance! It's a matter of cause and effect. The CAUSE of unhappiness, and all the world's ills, sufferings, wars, chaos, is living the OPPOSITE WAY — in transgression of God's Law.

Human nature is automatically and naturally *hostile* to God's Law, and the

authority of God. Human nature wants to BE "good" — that is, to think of itself as being GOOD, while it wants to DO what is *contrary* to good — for GOD'S LAW is THE WAY that is GOOD in the sight of God. But not in the sight of carnal MAN!

Human nature is VANITY. It is SELF-centered. It is lust, greed, envy, reacting in resentment and hatred.

God's Law is LOVE! And true LOVE is outgoing concern, with desire to GIVE, to SHARE, to HELP, to SERVE — as much concerned about others' welfare as its own. It follows the Law, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Its Golden Rule is, "Do unto others as you would that they should do unto YOU." But human nature's golden rule is, "Do it unto others *before* they do it to you."

God's LAW is the WAY to — the CAUSE of — PEACE, HAPPINESS, JUSTICE, ABUNDANCE — GOOD TO ALL. It's a matter of CAUSE and EFFECT.

For 6,000 years this world has practiced the opposite WAY — the WAY of selfishness, getting the best of a deal, taking, getting, competition, strife, vanity, lust, greed, jealousy, resentment, hatred, war and murder. The EFFECT of that cause has been unhappiness, crime, broken health, broken homes, violence, war, every kind of injustice, inequality, frustration, unsolvable problems, poverty, ignorance, squalor — and wretchedness and DEATH.

MAN has proven, through 6,000 years of experience, that he is not capable of governing himself — because man's governments are all based on HUMAN NATURE.

Now, VERY SOON, God will send again Jesus Christ to RESTORE the GOVERNMENT OF GOD, administering that government by enforcing the LAWS of GOD — which are the CAUSE that will produce the EFFECT of world PEACE, universal prosperity, equality, happiness, abundant well-being for ALL!

This WORK OF GOD proclaims that WAY. It *lives* that WAY. It teaches that WAY. And those who now follow it are HAPPY! They PROSPER! They find it PAYS OFF!