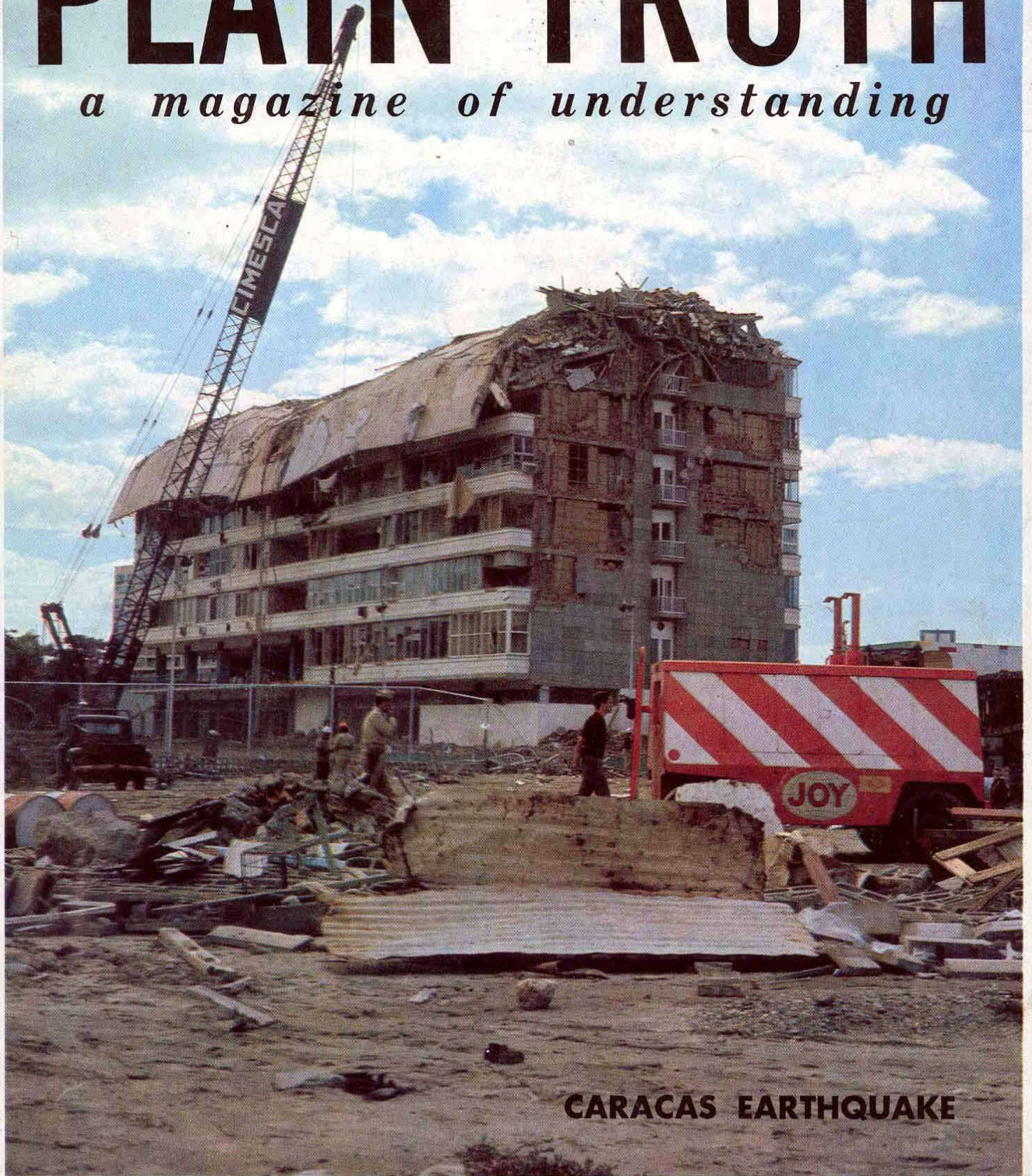


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What our READERS SAY

The United States and British Commonwealth in Prophecy

"I really was surprised when I received the lovely book, *The United States and British Commonwealth in Prophecy*. I started reading at the front of the book, but I became so anxious to learn about the prophecy of the United States and British Commonwealth that I turned back to that prophecy, and did not lay the book down till I had read all of it. If it is going to be as bad as the prophecy states, I hope I won't be here."

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"Thank you so very much for the wonderful book *Britain and the United States in Prophecy*. It was so beautiful I actually cried and that is rare for me. God bless you."

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"I received the book *America and Britain in Prophecy*. It is just as fascinating as the first. It is as hard to lay it down once I start reading it. It has wonderful quality and marvelous pictures. Thank you so much."

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"Your new booklet, *America and Britain in Prophecy*, is a beautiful work — first class and unbelievably revealing. The maps and charts are excellent."

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To the Editor

"First of all, I would like to congratulate you on just reaching the one million mark of *The PLAIN TRUTH* circulation. What a milestone! In the seven years I have received the magazine, I have seen it progress from 32 to 52 pages, from black-and-white pictures to full color, and the radio log from approximately 1 1/4 pages to it looks like it may soon be four! Never have I seen a magazine such as this and I am very grateful to God that I am

able to receive it. What's more amazing is that it is absolutely FREE — no advertising to sponsor it. How could one actually put a price on it as it is PRICELESS."

Douglas N.,
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Evolution

"I will take this time to congratulate you on your article on spiders in June's *PLAIN TRUTH*. I am an atheist, but I have an open mind and you have punched many holes in the evolutionist's theory. If I change my mind about God, it will be because someone or something convinces me that God is the 'reasonable' and 'logical' thing to believe in. If anyone has a chance to do that, it is you."

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"Please discontinue sending me your 'magazine' *The PLAIN TRUTH*. As a scientist, I was interested basically in your concept of the theory of evolution. To be quite blunt about the whole matter I have never read such unsubstantiated rubbish in my life. To represent your opinion as 'fact' is doing a great disservice to your readers. To try to refute your claims would be ridiculous — *it would take forever*. Let it be known now I want no part of your magazine or anything concerned with it. I have told my friends about your magazine, and the few that subscribed to it feel the same way I do."

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Fatima

"As a Catholic I especially liked your article on the Pope at Fatima. Whether or not your predictions come true, only time will tell, but I think

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Personal from the Editor

I HAVE JUST RETURNED from a summer camp of teen-agers. You probably never saw a camp of teen-agers like this one! For this one was DIFFERENT!

Today you read shocking news about juvenile delinquents in your newspapers — see on your television screens freakish-looking long-haired, tight-pants male (?) "hippies"; and stringy-haired, miniskirted female ones, rebelling against society, authority, and the "establishment" in general, participating in "love-ins."

And, during the two weeks preceding the weekend I spent at this teenage camp in northern Minnesota, the United States had been shaken by Negro riots — primarily staged by teen-agers — in cities all over the United States. Millions upon millions of dollars' worth of property had been destroyed by incendiary "Molotov cocktail" bombs and fires; there had been wholesale looting, guerrilla warfare, Negro snipers with rifles shooting people from housetops, upper windows, dark alleys. America had seen ANARCHY!

And primarily by teen-agers!

But the camp I visited was about as OPPOSITE to all this as you could hope to find. It was a breath of FRESH AIR amid national air pollution. It was an oasis of sparkling pure cold water in a blistering-hot dry desert. It was like a refreshing, inspiring bit of paradise after having been in the nightmare of Dante's hell!

Now of course there have been other summer camps — "Christian" camps conducted by churches, or camps sponsored by responsible groups or societies. But I have never seen one quite like this one! It was like a forerunner of THE WORLD TOMORROW, the good news of which we proclaim to many millions of people every week.

I almost felt impulsively like shouting, "Hey! You kids! What right have you to be HAPPY?"

For these teen-agers — ages 12 to 17 — were bubbling over with happiness, their faces wreathed in smiles, ENJOYING life to the full!

I was shown a group of dormitories in one area, housing boys. Over in another area was a group of similar dormitories housing girls.

"Look!" I exclaimed to one of the officials at the camp, "I've seen boys' camps, and girls' camps. But how does it happen you have here a camp of both boys and girls?"

"Oh," he smiled, "That's simple. I can give you the answer in *one word*: DISCIPLINE! These kids have respect for authority! They *enjoy* it that way!"

"But," I asked, further, "what about moral problems, with both boys and girls?"

The official smiled again.

"These kids are kept *so busy*, in work they enjoy, in study they find absorbing and exciting, in recreation—swimming, canoeing, power-boating, water skiing, in games and fun — there's no time for mischief, moral or otherwise. They're kept busy right up to bedtime, and then they're so tired they're glad to get right to sleep. Their minds are kept constantly occupied with interesting and useful things. There is close supervision. Everyone is in bed at a certain time. We have college-student supervisors in each dorm. Each reports by telephone to the central office at bedtime whether every bunk is occupied."

I noticed how the dormitories were designed. A center entrance, with a common lounge room, and a bedroom for one or two supervisors off this room. Then on each side of the common room was a larger room, containing double-deck bunks for twelve in each room — 24 in each building.

At mealtime I saw groups of 24 marching orderly together, toward the dining hall. Each group of girls wore
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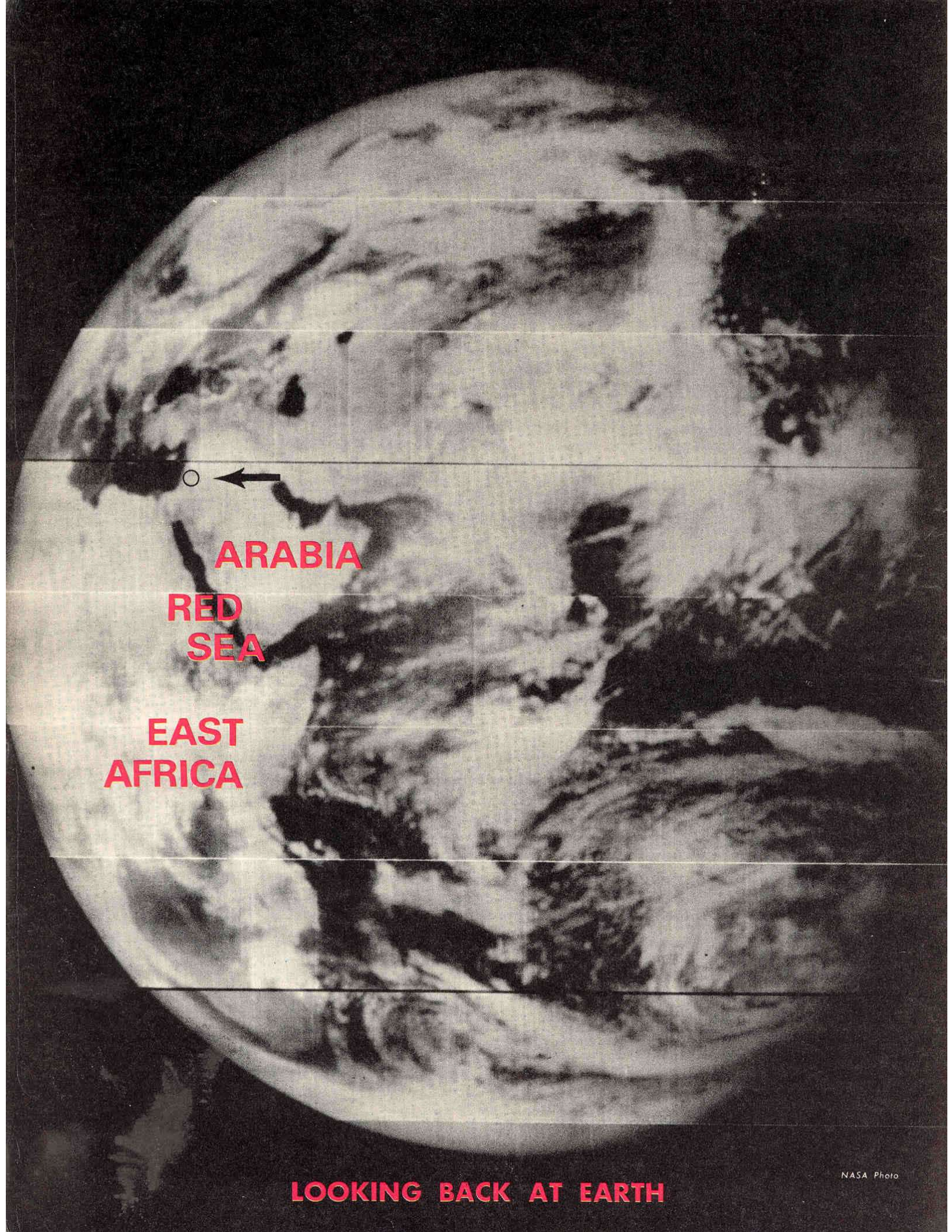
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Dorothy—Ambassador College

OUR COVER

Mansion Charaima, an eleven-story, residential-vacation apartment complex in Macuto, Venezuela, is a total loss. During July 29 earthquake, upper floors and roof collapsed onto sixth floor, which held. One floor or roof dangles perilously over edge, hindering rescue operations. Dynamite and laser rays were unable to dislodge it. Some residents managed to flee lower floors. A number were rescued from the sixth floor by helicopter. More died here than in any other building in Venezuela earthquake.



ARABIA

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SEA**

**EAST
AFRICA**

LOOKING BACK AT EARTH

NASA Photo

FIRST PHOTOGRAPH OF FULL EARTH IN ALL HISTORY

Men have been able to construct accurate maps — even small globes — by use of instruments. But never before in the history of man an actual picture like this.

by Herbert W. Armstrong

ON THE OPPOSITE PAGE we show you a history-making picture. This is an actual photograph, taken from outer space at a position near the moon.

While it shows swirling cloud formations, much of the sunlit side of the earth shown was clear. This history-making photograph was released through NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) at Washington, D.C.

We were able to show it on the televised version of *The WORLD TOMORROW*, viewed in the Los Angeles area on the night of August 17.

History-Making Photo

From Washington, D.C., came this dispatch:

"As most Americans slept in the pre-dawn hours of August 8, 1967, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Lunar Orbiter V spacecraft trained its telephoto lens on the sunlit side of the Earth and made this first photograph of the nearly full planet from 214,806 miles away. The time was 5:05 a.m., EDT, and solar noon lay over the center of Saudi Arabia. Much of the lighted hemisphere was free of cloud cover, and the picture contains clear outlines of the entire east coast of Africa from the Mediterranean to the Cape of Good Hope. Such prominent features as Italy, Greece, Turkey, the Red Sea, the Arabian peninsula and the Suez Canal area are clearly seen. The subcontinent of India

shines through a light covering of clouds at the center of the picture, and near the top of the picture lies the North Polar Region. When the picture — telephoto frame 27 — was made, Lunar Orbiter V was about 3,640 miles above the surface of the Moon. The photograph was received at NASA's Deep Space Network tracking station near Madrid, Spain, on August 11, and flown to the Langley Research Center, Hampton, Va., for processing. The area of Earth covered in the picture extends from 14 degrees West longitude to the eastern terminator about 135 degrees East longitude, a total of about 150 degrees or approximately 5/6 of the full hemisphere. It will provide scientists with additional information on the amount of sunlight reflected by a nearly full Earth. The Lunar Orbiter project is managed for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration by the Langley Research Center."

As I held in my hands the only print of this remarkable photo available on the west coast of America (newspapers received it by wire-photo) I had to think of how God looks down on this earth — only He is able to see, not only the earth as a whole, but every individual and every thing that takes place, as well. I was reminded of this passage from the 33rd Psalm (*Moffatt translation*):

"The Eternal looks from heaven, beholding all mankind; from where He sits, He scans all who inhabit the world; He who alone made their minds,

He notes all they do" (verses 13-15).

This is the earth to which the living Jesus Christ will soon return. Right now it's an unhappy earth, filled with evils and violence. Soon the powers God has allowed man to develop would erase all life from this earth if God did not intervene with supernatural force to save humanity from itself. But Jesus Christ is coming in total supreme Power and Glory, as King of kings and Lord of lords, to rule all nations.

His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, just east of old Jerusalem, and He will set up the World Capital in Jerusalem — see circle on photo an inch above the word "RED."

Gospel Now Being Preached

Jesus said that "this Gospel of the Kingdom [of God] shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end [of this world — this age — this man-made civilization] come" (Mat. 24:14).

That very Gospel is now being proclaimed in mighty power into every continent, all around this earth. The END of this world of unhappiness, ignorance and poverty, crime, violence and wars is *very* near! With Christ's return, the KINGDOM OF GOD will set up the WORLD GOVERNMENT that will *compel* a rebellious humanity to enjoy peace, happiness, and abundant well-being — in the glorious WORLD TOMORROW!

The Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong

The Pasadena campus of Ambassador College expands; new office building acquired; Garner Ted's conversion.

INSTALLMENT 73

UPON INSISTENT URGING OF many of our readers, I have at last decided to try to finish the Autobiography. At the beginning I went into the matter of whether it should be written at all. I decided it should.

Results have verified the decision. Thousands have written that they have been helped, encouraged, inspired, benefited, profited by the chronicle of the experiences I have lived through. So I feel it should be completed.

Installment 72, published last month, was the first to appear in two years. It brought this life story up to June 11th, 1957, the day of the marriage of my elder son, Richard David (Dick), to Miss Lois Lemon of Omaha, Nebraska.

Becoming Difficult to Remember

Isn't it strange? — when one tries to remember past events, one's memory seems so much sharper in recalling events of childhood and early adulthood, than in remembering events of ten years ago.

Do you know why?

In the early years of Ambassador College, a guest speaker at an assembly explained how we learn more the first year of our lives than any succeeding year. Each year we learn a little less than the year preceding. That's hard to believe. One might ask, "Do you mean to say a baby one year old knows more than a person fifty years old?"

The answer is that the two-year-old has the accumulated knowledge of two years, and therefore knows *almost* twice

as much as he knew on his first birthday.

We Older Men Embarrassed

But there was more to it than that. Our guest speaker then made the astonishing statement that our 18 to 20-year-old students could *learn* more readily — pick up *new* knowledge in a new field faster — than Dr. Taylor, Professor Mauler-Hiennecey or myself. Dr. Hawley Otis Taylor was then our Dean of Instruction, and both he and the Professor were past seventy.

To the merriment of the students, the speaker proceeded to prove his point. He gave a few equations which required quick thinking, and ability to grasp new facts rapidly. We three "old men" found that our minds were not as nimble at learning as our students'. They came up with the answers before we could figure them out.

But did that mean our young students knew more than we — that we ought to reverse our procedures, and have them teach *us*? Not at all. For we had the *accumulated* knowledge of many more years, plus much added experience. You see, we were teaching that which we already knew — it was their younger minds absorbing knowledge new to them.

But what does all this lead to? For my purpose at the minute, it explains why I am finding it much more difficult to remember the events of 1957 — ten years ago — than it was remembering the events of my boyhood and earlier adulthood. *IF* the human mind learns a little less each year — *IF* an 18 to 20-year-old mind can grasp and retain new knowledge faster than a 50 to 70-year-old, it follows that the younger mind *retains* knowledge better

than the older mind. Things learned are stamped more indelibly in the memory. That is why elderly people seem to become forgetful.

I have not yet come to the year, in this Autobiography, of my mother's death. She lived to the ripe and happy old age of 95½. But in her last years she was becoming noticeably more forgetful. She would ask a question, hear and plainly understand the answer — and then a little later ask the same question. Her mind simply did not *retain* the knowledge as well as formerly. She had a good mind. That is just the way of all flesh!

Consequently, I am having to question many people — younger people of sharper memory — to help me remember events of sufficient interest to record, from 1957 to the present.

Since Autobiography Began

Actually, I am now trying to remember the happenings that were taking place while I was writing the earlier chapters of this serial. The first installment of the Autobiography appeared in the September, 1957 number, just ten years ago!

Perhaps I should have been writing about what was then happening *while* it was happening. That, of course, never occurred to me. I had no idea, when I started this story of my life, I would still be writing it ten years later. Actually, I think I vaguely envisioned it lasting for perhaps ten or twelve installments. But the response showed readership interest, and I began filling in more details.

If we should publish the Autobiography in book form, it would require either several volumes, or a very thick book, probably printed on a larger than usual page and thin paper. And I have

doubts as to whether there would be enough interest to justify such a publication. The cost per book would be prohibitive unless there was a demand for at least 200,000 copies — even though we now have full facilities for such a production in our own printing plants and book bindery. And of course there could be no price put on it. We have nothing to sell.

The Campus Expands

Through 1956 and 1957 the Ambassador College campus in Pasadena began expanding with increasing momentum.

During the lifetime of multimillionaire Hulett C. Merritt, we had envisioned our campus as occupying the area beginning on the north with Mayfair, and the half-block dead-end street of Mentoria Court, and south to Del Mar Boulevard. As I mentioned in the preceding installment, the idea of Mr. Merritt's fabulous mansion ever becoming a part of the college simply had never occurred to me.

But with the acquisition of his property in 1956, our whole concept of the future campus was altered. Immediately on acquiring this superb property, we conferred with city officials for a use permit for a change of occupancy. Changing the mansion from a private dwelling into a college classroom building brought it under a different code.

We were required to install a fire sprinkler system throughout. Mr. Merritt had built a penthouse on the flat-roofed central portion of the building, with an elevator running from the basement to the penthouse. We were required to remove the penthouse, or come under a different code applying to three-story buildings that would have necessitated excessively expensive alterations. We were required also to seal off the elevator so it could not be used.

A Real Scare

Next, the city inspectors threw us a real scare. There is a code which requires all public buildings to be reinforced against earthquakes. Pasadena is almost directly over the famous San Andreas fault. It is "earthquake country." Since Mr. Merritt had built his

mansion long before this code was introduced it was naturally assumed the building had not been constructed to conform to this strict code. It was going to cost a fortune to add this reinforcing — if indeed it could be done. We faced the possibility of having to demolish the building and build another, or give up using the property altogether.

City inspectors made a series of tests. They bored through the outside walls at certain points, and looked into the interior walls. We had good news. They found the building had been constructed far beyond code requirements.

Our relief was only temporary. Next, inspectors said the mortar used fifty years ago would not conform to present standards. Once again we had good news. Tests showed the mortar equal to or superior to present standards. Next, they insisted on testing the bricks — but they, too, met all required standards.

Finally, in December, 1956, city engineers approved *classroom usage* of the building. But that did not mean we could start holding classes then. The sprinkler system had to be installed — a major plumbing operation requiring several months. There was serious question about the ornate dual winding staircases. They did not conform to code for our new use. On this point we argued strenuously. To remove those staircases would destroy the beauty of the building. Finally, city officials agreed to let them remain, provided we build a new outside stairway on the west portico. The pillars on that half-circle portico had to come down — more earthquake regulations. A rear staircase had to be taken out.

For several months work was proceeding to put the newly named Ambassador Hall into condition for classroom usage.

My elder son Dick set up his office in one of the future second-floor classrooms. One or two other men set up temporary offices in other rooms. This usage, of course, was permissible while the work on the building was in progress.

Certain other remodeling had to be done — like providing adequate restrooms, refinishing much of the fabulous wood paneling, certain painting, a

complete remodeling of the rear first floor wing into home ec labs. It was finally more than two years after acquiring the property that it became our finest classroom building. It was first opened to classes with the opening of the 1958-59 school year, early September, 1958.

It had been a lot of work, accompanied by anxiety and suspense — but it was worth it. Few institutions have a building so elegant, and with such magnificent grounds. Actually we had a multimillion-dollar property acquired for less money than the ornate iron fence around the South Orange Grove Boulevard front would cost today. It had come to us for a very small fraction of its actual value.

Other Properties Acquired

Now our entire concept of the future campus was greatly altered. Now we knew the campus eventually would have to include the four-block area from Green Street on the north to Del Mar Boulevard on the south — and from "millionaire-row" South Orange Grove Boulevard on the west down to the U.P. railroad tracks on the east — a twelve-square-block area.

The preceding installment made mention of the acquirement of Manor Del Mar, our finest men's student residence. This had been the mansion of Lewis J. Merritt, father of Hulett C. Merritt. It also was built with rare and beautiful wood paneling. It also had spacious grounds and a sunken garden. Here also we were required to install the fire sprinkler system throughout. This fine property, also, had come to us at an exceedingly low price — actually a fraction of its present value.

New Office Building

From this time, we were in the process of gradual acquisition of additional properties within our ultimate campus area.

Next, by donation, the college acquired a two-story building on the northwest corner of Vernon and Camden Streets, one block east of Ambassador Hall. This building had housed the Jensen's Furniture Store.

Meanwhile we had completely outgrown our circulation and mailing

department quarters, and our little printing shop. These departments had occupied the ground floor of our Administration building. I have explained before that this building, part of the original initial property purchase, had been built as horse stables, with servants' living quarters on the second floor. Later the large center room on the ground floor had been converted into a four-car garage, with servants' living rooms on each side of it. We converted the larger center room into our main work room, for mailing-list files, and mailing room; and the rear rooms into one room for our printing department.

We then operated two small Davidson duplicating machines as presses. We printed all of our booklets on these. Type was set by an outside firm. We had the small hand-lever paper cutter, and the small folding machine we had brought from Eugene, Oregon, also in this small printing shop.

After remodeling the Jensen's Furniture building to our needs, we moved the printing shop into the rear part of it, and the circulation and mailing department into the front portion of the ground floor. This more than doubled our floor space for these operations. But the Work was growing — at the rate of 30 percent increase each year. It wasn't long until we had to partition off the second floor into rooms and offices, and expand these departments into that.

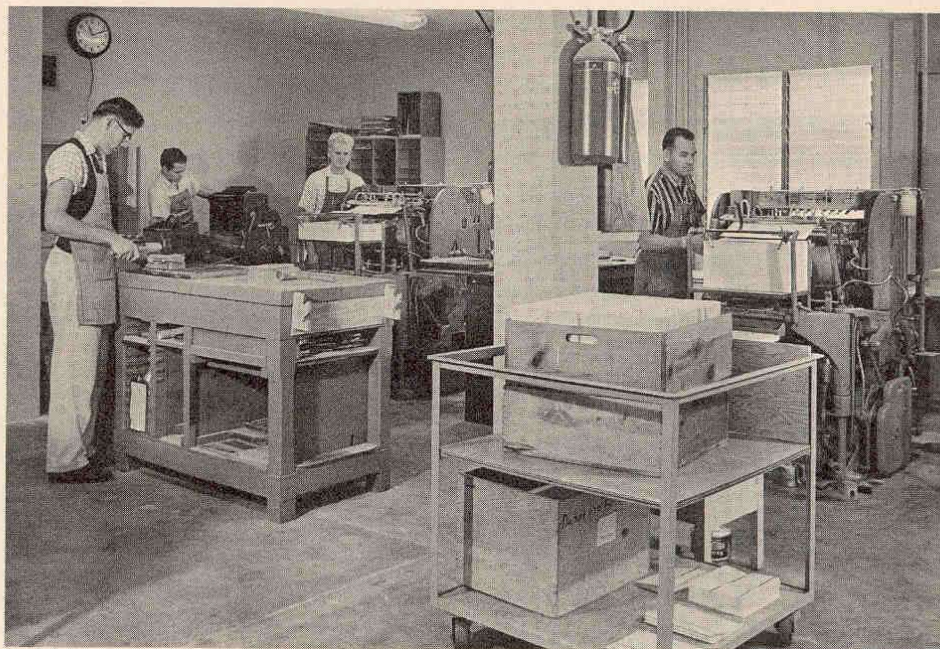
In January 1958, when we moved into this building, we installed two small-size Miehle presses. But to us, then, after some years with the little Davidson duplicating machines, these seemed like great giant presses! Yes, they made us realize THE WORK WAS GROWING!

1957, 1958 and 1959 were years of gradual expansion and growth on the Pasadena campus.

Neighbor Heckling

As the campus little by little expanded, with occasional additional property purchases, we found ourselves in a situation of trying to operate a liberal arts college with neighbors living next door, across the street, and sprinkled here and there in between us.

Ambassador students always have



Two small-size Miehle presses were added to the growing printing department January, 1958. In the background, at left near the wall, is one of the two Davidson duplicators. The clock on the wall indicated, significantly, the eleventh hour in God's Work!

been exceedingly well-behaved. We were making every effort to keep noises down, and to avoid disturbing neighbors. I'm sure we did a more than creditable job at this. Nevertheless, our student body was growing every year. And most of our students were between the ages of 18 and 22.

Careful and courteous and considerate as our students tried to be, a few neighbors became irritated at times.

Once the students were putting on a short play in the Tempietto, which forms the "stage" or "platform" for our "Garden Theatre," in what we have called the Lower Gardens. Two elderly ladies living across the street called the police. Soon a police car drove up. The officers only grinned when they saw what was going on, asked us to do our best to keep noises at a minimum, and asked if they could stay for a while and see part of the show. They explained that even though they disliked to interfere, when a complaint came in they had to investigate.

A short time after that we were having an afternoon wedding in the Garden Theatre. There have been many of these, since. I looked across the street, and sure enough the two elderly ladies were sitting on their front porches.

Ah-ha! Were we going to have the police called out to stop the wedding?

Just before time for the wedding ceremony, while guests were beginning to arrive, I walked across the street, smiling, and asked the two ladies if they would honor the young couple by attending the wedding. I have always noticed that women never outgrow their interest in romances of young people and weddings. The ladies graciously accepted, and I escorted them across the street, and ushered them into seats. They could not have seen any of it, otherwise, because our Garden Theatre is secluded by high trees and thick shrubbery along the street side.

These ladies became very friendly and never again raised any objection to any student activities.

I might add that today, 1967, the College owns all property within its planned expanded campus, so that there are no neighbors resident either adjoining, or across the street from those portions of the campus where most activities are carried on. And we are in process of closing all streets running through the campus. Three already have been closed, and two more — the important two — remain to be closed. However the College now owns all

property on both sides of these streets.

My Two Sons Progress

In the preceding installment I mentioned the romance and marriage of our elder son, Richard David. And now I must say a few things concerning him, and also our younger son, Garner Ted.

As I have recorded earlier, their mother had thought, when Dick was six and Ted only five, that it would be so very cute to start the two boys in school together. I protested, and so did her younger brother and her sister, both of whom were teachers. However, as many a husband has yielded to his wife's wishes, I allowed it.

Because he was really a year in advance of the grade he really should have been in, Ted decided to loaf during his senior year in high school. He did not carry enough credits to graduate, expecting to take another year and graduate a year after Dick. Dick was a year and four months older.

Dick graduated from Eugene (Oregon) High School in early June, 1947. He was one of four pioneer students at Ambassador College that fall. We made arrangements with Eugene High School for Ted to complete the credits he lacked at the college. The High School was to accept the credits and graduate Ted in 1948.

Then in February, 1948, Ted announced that he had joined the Navy, and that there was nothing I could do to stop it. He was leaving in thirty minutes. He did finish his high school work while in the Navy, and after a four-year "hitch" was discharged early in 1952. He entered Ambassador College as a Freshman that fall.

When Dick entered the college as a pioneer student, he chose a major in radio production. Although we had a course in Theology, Dick kept as far from that as possible, and because it was required, taking it only as a minor subject.

Dick's conversion did not really take place until after he was graduated. Even then his spiritual growth was not rapid, though it was gradual and continuous.

Hostile to "Dad's Religion"

During High School days, neither Dick nor Ted wanted much of anything

to do with "Dad's religion." In fact, though I did not realize it at the time, Ted was definitely hostile to it. He had, as he thought, pretty much shut it out of his mind, and set up a prejudicial barrier.

However, during the spring of 1953, during his Freshman year at college, Ted read an article by a nationally prominent churchman in one of the mass-circulation magazines—I think it was either *Life* or *Look*—one of a series about the world's religions. This one was describing Christianity. The noted theologian began his article by a statement of what, in his opinion, Christianity "IS NOT!" It is not, he stated flatly, a "way of life."

Somehow that impressed Ted. "Dad's religion" had been very positive that true Christianity is "a way of life." Perhaps that had something to do with his attitude of hostility toward it. He had wanted to be "free" to go *his own way*, without any God interfering. But here he read that "Christianity" had nothing to do with his way of life—here was a religion that would allow him to do as he pleased.

Then it so happened that in Freshman Church History class, they were reading in the 18th and 19th chapters of the Book of Acts. Ted liked to read about the journeys of the Apostle Paul, because he had read, in writings opposing "Dad's religion," that Paul taught that "the LAW was DONE AWAY," and that the Christian religion was NOT "a way of life."

Definitely A WAY of Life

And as he followed the lesson in class, he was astonished to see *four times* on the open two pages before him, that the religion Paul was teaching was "A WAY"; spoken of in this manner: "This man was instructed in *the way* of the Lord" (Acts 18:25); "expounded unto him *the way* of God more perfectly" (verse 26); "But when divers were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil of *that way*" (Acts 19:9); and "... there arose a mighty stir about *that way*" (verse 23).

Ted was shocked! Here were believing people being instructed in God's WAY of life, and enemies of

Christ's teaching opposing "THAT WAY." For the first time in his life Ted started marking his Bible—marking these four places.

He began to really check in the Bible for himself—for the first time with any real interest and diligence. He was astonished to see that the Apostle Paul taught in Romans—one of the two books supposed to abolish God's Law as a way of life—"For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the DOERS OF THE LAW SHALL BE JUSTIFIED" (Rom. 2:13). Again, "Thou that makest thy boast of the law, through *breaking the law dishonorest thou God?*" (Rom. 2:23.) And "Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid! Yea, we ESTABLISH THE LAW" (Rom. 3:31). And also: "Wherefore *the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good . . . For I delight in the law of God after the inward man*" (Rom. 7:12, 22).

The more he studied, the more Garner Ted saw, for himself, in the Bible, that "Dad's religion" was not, after all, Dad's—that is, not one "Dad" had thought up, devised, or obtained from some sect or cult, but the religion of JESUS CHRIST, and of the Apostle Paul, and of the other original Apostles, and of THE BIBLE!

Garner Ted's Conversion

Suddenly, THE WAY Garner Ted had been travelling began to take on a different color—a very dark, dirty, ugly, revolting color. He began to see his own life in the light of Christ's teaching, and of Paul's. He began to compare (or contrast) it to theirs, and he found it nauseating, filthy, abhorrent, WRONG! It made him sick at heart. It worked a REAL REPENTANCE in that sick heart.

Now he realized for the first time that Jesus Christ, the very Son of God, perfect, sinless, had *loved him*, long before he was born, enough to sacrifice His life—a life of greater value than the sum-total of all human lives that ever lived—in order to pay Ted's penalty he had incurred in Ted's stead—to set him FREE of past guilt—to make reconciliation with the Almighty Holy GOD possible for him.

I have often compared Ted's rather

sudden conversion to that "dog Rover" — as the saying goes: "when he died, he died all over." So, at least in his heart and honest intention, did Garner Ted Armstrong — that is, the "old" Ted. Of course he has found since, as have all real Christians, that human nature is not cast out by the receiving of God's Holy Spirit and the new, divine nature. It has to be constantly and diligently fought, resisted, held down.

Rapid Spiritual Development

But from that time, Garner Ted grew and developed spiritually more rapidly than any student we had had in college. I mentioned that during adolescence Ted had, as he thought, pretty much shut "Dad's religion" as he had heard it preached from earliest childhood, out of his mind. But, once converted, those things he had had to sit and listen to through the years, in church services, while his father preached, came back to him. It was just like Jesus said, that when the Holy Spirit comes into a life, it will "bring all things to remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you" (John 14:26).

As so it was that, by 1957, Garner Ted had actually gone past his older brother in God's Work. He was by then carrying a good share of the broadcasting, even broadcasting *The WORLD TOMORROW* daily much of the time. Also, he had developed amazingly in general all-around executive ability. He graduated with his B. A. degree in early June, 1956.

Even though Ted had, in usefulness to the Work, sped past his brother Dick, Dick had begun to really "come to life" spiritually since early 1956, and was making rapid progress in his personal life, and usefulness to the Work — more especially after his marriage in June of 1957.

Garner Ted Made Vice-President

However, by late 1957, the growth of the Work demanded more organization, and Garner Ted was made Vice-President of Ambassador College, and also Vice-President of the Radio Church of God (the incorporated name of the Work), on November 21, 1957.

Shortly afterward Roderick C. Meredith, who is second Vice-President, wrote an article on this nomination of Garner Ted to the Vice-Presidency.

I think our readers will find it interesting. So I include it here:

NEW GROWTH is taking place in the body of Jesus Christ — the true Church of God! We are now in the process of "gathering our forces" and building strength for the final big PUSH of evangelism before the end of this age.

This intensified effort ought to remind us now more than ever before that we are not just a religious "work," but a CHURCH — *the very Church Jesus Christ said He would build* (Mat. 16:18).

An Important Office to Fill

A very important and significant step has recently been taken which is vital to the growth of the entire Work of God. You need to understand it — and rejoice!

Recently, Mr. Armstrong came to realize the need of someone who could be in *complete charge* of the Work during his absences on business trips or campaigns in God's service. Also, although he has every reason to expect to live and direct the Work many, many more years (*his mother is almost 92*), yet he knows that God has given no *absolute* guarantee of extremely long life to any of us — and therefore it is important that someone be designated who would automatically be able to fill his place of leadership in the Work and the college.

Until very recently, Mr. Armstrong was hesitant about making such an important decision for two reasons. First, he had tried to work and cooperate with other ministers time and again in his early ministry. But *always* he was disappointed. These other men — *in nearly every case* — eventually turned to *lying*, to *stealing* God's tithe money, *adultery* or, they were just incompetent — and God bore no "fruit" through them.

So Mr. Armstrong learned the *hard way* that he must TEST and PROVE *any* man before placing him in an office in God's Church — not to speak of desig-

nating another man to have full authority to direct the entire Work in his absence!

Second, until the past few months there has been *no one* who was in any way qualified to take over the *many* and *varied* types of responsibilities that fall on the shoulders of the one in Mr. Armstrong's office.

The man in his position must be able to take over the broadcast and reach the world *effectively* with God's message. He must be able and competent to oversee the writing and editing of the magazine and booklets — and to do a considerable part of the writing himself. He must be able to *teach* and *instruct* in many ways, and he must have the executive know-how, and the *wisdom* and *balance* to guide the Work and Ambassador College in the sound policies it is now following.

This man must be able to be the *business executive* for the Work and College, and be able to command the respect of businessmen, engineers, architects, printers, advertising men, radio men, educators and a host of others. He must have a *sound mind* and a *balanced personality*. For wherever he is, he represents the *entire Work* and

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HOW YOUR PLAIN TRUTH SUBSCRIPTION HAS BEEN PAID

So many ask: "HOW does it happen that I find my subscription price for *The PLAIN TRUTH* has already *been paid*? How can you publish such a high-class magazine without advertising revenue?"

The answer is as simple as it is astonishing! It is a paradox. Christ's Gospel cannot be sold like merchandise. You cannot buy salvation. Yet it does cost money to publish Christ's TRUTH and mail it to all continents on earth. It does have to be *paid for*! This is Christ's work. We solve this problem Christ's WAY!

Jesus said, "This Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached (and published — Mark 13:10) in all the world for a witness unto all nations" (Mat. 24:14) *at this time*, just before the end of this age. A PRICE *must be paid* for the magazine, the broadcast, the Correspondence Course, or other literature. But HOW? Christ forbids us to *sell* it to those who receive it: "Freely ye have received," said Jesus to His disciples whom He was sending to proclaim His Gospel, "freely GIVE!" "It is *more blessed*," He said, "to GIVE than to receive."

God's WAY is the way of LOVE — and that is the way of *giving*. God expects every child of His to *give free-will* offerings and to tithe, as His means of paying the costs of carrying His Gospel to *others*. We, therefore, simply trust our Lord Jesus Christ to lay it on the minds and hearts of His followers to give generously, thus paying the cost of putting the precious Gospel TRUTH in the hands of *others*. Yet it must go *only* to those who themselves wish to receive it. Each must, for himself, *subscribe* — and his subscription has thus already *been paid*.

Thus the living, dynamic Christ Himself enables us to broadcast, worldwide, without ever asking for contributions over the air: to enroll many thousands in the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course with full tuition cost *already paid*; to send your PLAIN TRUTH on an *already paid* basis. God's way is GOOD!

Personal from the Editor

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identical jackets or blazers, a different color for each dorm. The boys all wore identical blazers.

The order and precision was remarkable. Yet there was nothing "military" about it. Nothing like regimentation — just voluntary and enjoyable order, without confusion.

It was the last day of camp. They were putting on a water show at 5 p.m. as the final event of the camp. This camp was situated in a wooded area, on one of Minnesota's thousands of beautiful lakes.

There were swimming races of many kinds — both boys and girls. There were canoe races, and many water-ski performances.

Many of these young people had been unable to swim when they arrived in camp. In the few short weeks they had learned to swim, and even perform stunts in water skiing. The swimming and skiing coach performed a clown act to the merriment of the crowd. Some neighboring townspeople had come for the show, and several parents had come to see the camp and take their children back home. It was an interesting and exciting show.

The next morning, before leaving for their respective homes — and I learned that all but 11 states were represented, beside England — there was a general assembly at which I was asked to speak.

To these young people I said: "Your Summer Camp is over! You have written a lesson here. And I want you to understand what that lesson is! For 6,000 years the world has been writing a lesson in HUMAN EXPERIENCE — but the world has not learned that lesson!

"For the past two weeks other young people your age have been writing a different lesson in cities all over the United States! They have staged RIOTS, with VIOLENCE, bloodshed, murders, and great destruction! They have not done this because they are HAPPY. Neither did this make them happy.

They have been miserably UNHAPPY. And they have blamed it on everything and everybody but themselves.

"This whole world is filled with WARS, with strife, violence, anger, hatred — UNHAPPINESS! And in such a world, you have been privileged to enjoy this camp — to have all the good, clean FUN you've had — to BE HAPPY!

"WHY?

"WHY are you happy — and WHY are these rioters, these snipers, these looters so resentfully UNHAPPY in their rioting? THERE IS A REASON! There is a CAUSE for every EFFECT! And when we look at the CAUSE of their bitter, resentful UNHAPPINESS, and also at the CAUSE of the happiness you have enjoyed, you'll understand the lesson you have written here."

Then I asked how many had ever seen a little calf born. Half or more of them had. Then I explained: No one need teach a newborn calf what to do — how to walk, where to go. It struggles immediately to get to its feet. It may be a little wobbly. It may fall down once or twice, but in perhaps less than five minutes it is safely on its feet. And it knows where to go for its dinner! And the stupid old mother cow just stands dumbly waiting, while it does.

But then I asked how many had seen a little baby very soon after it was born. Most had. Did the human baby get right up and walk? Did it know what to do? Not at all! It was utterly helpless! At the moment of birth it didn't know a thing!

But the human baby had a mother, and other human attendants who had the KNOWLEDGE, and concern, to care for the baby.

But the newborn calf didn't have adult parents and attendants with this KNOWLEDGE and concern.

God did not create animals with minds to LEARN — to KNOW — REASON — to know moral values, or right from wrong. But God did not leave the newborn animals helpless! He created them with built-in INSTINCT, so that, without mental ability to learn or be taught, and to know, and to make decisions as to right action, they just automatically ACT and

DO as God intended. And they do it from the moment of birth without knowledge, thinking, reasoning, making decisions!

Now look at the little newborn baby. It knows nothing. It is helpless. Did the Creator care less about the human baby than the newborn calf? Not at all. He cares much more about it. Human mothers, and other human attendants have the knowledge to care for the helpless newborn baby.

Well then, is the newborn baby inferior to the baby calf?

Quite the contrary! It comes equipped with something quite different from animal instinct. It has a MIND! It has ability to learn, be taught, to acquire knowledge — to develop ability to make decisions, to exercise judgment.

But this knowledge, and ability to utilize it, does not come all at once. The baby is not born with it — but with ability to acquire it. It comes gradually. The baby develops physically and mentally, day by day, and week by week, and year by year. It takes a baby about a year to learn to walk, and to begin to learn to talk.

The dumb animals do not have human minds. They are not born with ability to learn, be taught, acquire KNOWLEDGE. The animal brain cannot remember thousands and millions of facts and bits of knowledge like a human mind. It cannot REASON, put bits of knowledge together, think creatively, devise plans, ideas, standards of conduct, philosophies. It cannot reason out a course of action, make decisions, exercise volition and will, and even self-restraint.

What if a learned astronomer would walk up to a cow grazing out in the pasture, start talking to the cow, and try to explain all about the sun, the moon, the stars, the galaxies, the universe? Would the cow look up intelligently, listen intently, understand the explanation, smile and thank the astronomer for the lesson? Ridiculous?

Now UNDERSTAND THIS! Since humans are NOT born with built-in INSTINCT — the human does not know UNLESS taught — and except as taught!

Does a human automatically know

right from wrong? Absolutely NOT! The erroneous opinions of some to the contrary notwithstanding! It knows NOTHING at birth. It can NEVER know right from wrong UNLESS taught!

It can *never* know what are the TRUE VALUES to seek — what are THE WAYS that cause peace, happiness, joy, UNLESS taught. It can NEVER come to know these things OF ITSELF!

It can, in its vanity, come to *think* it does, when all it has is a sense of *false* values, and WAYS that *seem* right to a carnal human mind, but actually are the CAUSE of evils, curses, unhappiness.

The very simple, yet BASIC point so few — even among the most highly educated — seem to grasp is this:

On the one hand, animals are born with a built-in INSTINCT, that enables them automatically to do what the Creator intended they should do. They do *not* come with a built-in capacity to absorb knowledge, to utilize this acquired knowledge in thought, reasoning, planning, making decisions, exercising will — even self-restraint and self-discipline upon themselves. They do not acquire a *knowledge* of right and wrong. They do not commit sin. The grown cow knows very little more than it knew at birth.

Of course some will argue that you can teach a dog tricks — that animals *can* acquire a certain amount of knowledge. But what I mean is this: they *do not* absorb and acquire knowledge *in the sense that humans do* — so as to think, contemplate, reason, design creatively, devise moral or ethical standards, make decisions, exercise will upon themselves. They cannot learn to appreciate music, art, literature; they have no UNDERSTANDING of these things. Largely, what an animal may be taught is a matter of repeated lessons to cause the animal *instinctively* to act AUTOMATICALLY in the way he is taught, under the circumstance by which he is taught to so act. It is like an alarm clock. It may be set to sound automatically at a certain time. A human can reset the dial so it automatically sounds at a different *set* time.

But there is a vast difference between animal brain and human MIND!

And there are some things that even

the “learned” psychologists need to learn about the human mind!

Now let me state that simple, yet BASIC point!

While animals are born with a built-in INSTINCT that causes them automatically to act in a certain way on certain conditions, transmitted to the animal brain by scent, sound, sight, taste or smell, HUMANS ARE NOT. Humans are *not* born with KNOWLEDGE of right and wrong automatically built in. At the instant of birth, the human knows — *NOTHING!*

Where psychologists jump the track of right knowledge and understanding is this: They assume this knowledge is instinctive and automatic. The human baby is NOT born with an instinctive knowledge of right from wrong automatically built in his brain.

Instead, what *IS* built in, within the human mind, is ABILITY TO ACQUIRE right knowledge — if he is willing!

Now the MOST NECESSARY knowledge every human *needs* to know — if he is to have peace, happiness and abundant well-being — are these things: knowledge of *WHY* he was born — *why* he was made human — the PURPOSE and meaning of life; knowledge of the human potential and ultimate possibility; knowledge of the true values as distinguished from the false; knowledge of THE CAUSES of peace, happiness, abundant well-being.

What is built into the human mind at birth is capacity to ACQUIRE right knowledge, to reason, to make decisions, to will.

Now HOW does the human mind *receive* or acquire knowledge? It receives it, naturally, only through the five channels of the five senses. HOW, then, can he *acquire* knowledge of *WHY* he was born — the PURPOSE for which he was made human and put on earth — his potential destiny. That knowledge cannot come through the eye. It is not a physical thing he can SEE. His acquirable knowledge is limited to THE MATERIAL. The most basic and essential knowledge is SPIRITUAL. It is not anything he can see, hear, smell, taste, or feel. Then HOW can a man come to KNOW these *most essential* things? Of or by himself HE CANNOT!

That is WHY the greatest scientists, educators, psychologists, statesmen, DO NOT KNOW THESE ESSENTIAL BASICS!

This MOST IMPORTANT knowledge can only be REVEALED — and by GOD!

“Among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. . . . None of the rulers of this age understood this . . . but, as it is written, ‘What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart [mind] of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love Him,’ God has *revealed* to us through the Spirit. . . . The unspiritual man does not receive the gifts of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned” (I Cor. 2:6-10, 14 RSV). Or, verse 14, *A.V.*: “But the natural man receiveth not the things [knowledge] of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”

ONLY GOD knows right from wrong! Some “psychologists,” based on erroneous human reasoning devoid of truth, may say that the test of one’s sanity is ability to know right from wrong. Well, they may be right, at that! Perhaps the only SANE ones *are* those to whom God’s TRUTH has been revealed!

God alone determines *what* is right and *what* is wrong — that is, WHAT is sin, and WHAT is righteousness.

He compels us humans to decide WHETHER to sin — but does *not* allow us to decide *what* is sin! For it is HE who set the invisible LAWS *that determine results* in motion!

Then HOW ARE WE HUMANS TO KNOW which are the true values, and which are the CAUSES of the right results?

Well, instead of supplying us with built-in instinct, or built-in knowledge of right CAUSES, *our* MAKER sent along with the human product of His making an INSTRUCTION BOOK. He made us so that we develop ability to read. He gave us eyes through which we may see, ears through which our brain hears, minds to absorb the in-

struction, and powers to make decisions, and to act.

Remember, everything is a matter of CAUSE and EFFECT!

The Bible reveals the CAUSE of all unhappiness, suffering, anguish, heartache. God set in motion invisible spiritual LAWS to PREVENT all this, and to CAUSE, instead, peace, happiness, and abundant well-being! These laws are as inexorable as gravity and inertia. They are the gift of God's LOVE — to CAUSE and produce ENJOYABLE lives.

But, then, WHY is not all humanity HAPPY?

Why are these teen-agers so revengefully and unhappily filled with hate and rioting and destruction and murder? And WHY, I asked our teen audience, are YOU so happy right now?

Because human nature *resents authority!*

Because most humans have *refused* to be *taught* by GOD! They are *hostile* to authority over them — whether of law and organized society, and the police — or of instruction from GOD and obedience to GOD'S LAWS! Because they have REFUSED to be corrected by God.

Instead of going THE WAY of His Laws, they have gone THE WAY that brought all this UNhappiness. But it goes farther — much farther — than these teen-age rioters. THEIR TEACHERS — their parents — the teachers in whatever schooling they have had — virtually all Society — has REJECTED the KNOWLEDGE revealed and made available in our Maker's Instruction Book!

And WHY were these young people at this camp happy?

There was a REASON!

Because they had been UNDER authority. This camp was well organized. There was a chain of AUTHORITY! These teen-agers had *willingly* submitted to that authority.

Yes, but *what kind* of authority?

THAT PARTICULAR AUTHORITY over them was, in turn, submissively UNDER GOD'S AUTHORITY! The mature officials in charge of this camp had opened their minds to be WILLING to be taught OUT OF THE INSTRUCTION BOOK — GOD'S BOOK!

They had, in their turn, first

submitted their wills to God — allowed their minds to be teachable — to let their Maker teach them HIS WAYS — His Laws!

And THESE were the ways that regulated these young people in camp! RESULT?

They ENJOYED that camp!

They were HAPPY! They HAD FUN — the kind that didn't boomerang!

THAT was the LESSON they had WRITTEN!

The CAUSE of peace, happiness, enjoyable life had been taught, and applied. The EFFECT was the HAPPINESS they EXPERIENCED!

Put to the TEST, God's Way *really paid off!*

It will IN YOUR LIFE, TOO!

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

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College! And he must have the *vision* to think BIG — to personally inspire and guide the Work around the *entire earth*, as God intends.

In addition to all these qualities, he must, of course, be thoroughly *yielded* and *consecrated* to God — totally SUR-RENDERED to His will. He must have the spiritual *love* and *compassion* to be a minister and help to all those he can personally reach, and these qualities must be the *motivating factor* in the exercise of all his gifts and in the administration of his high office in God's Work. And he must be a DRIVING FORCE — a *hard* WORKER — and show by his "fruits" that God is able to *use him* in effectively carrying out all the responsibilities and tasks that fall his lot.

Cause For Rejoicing

The *solution* to this problem may have occurred to many of you by now!

NO ONE can as yet step in and take over this responsibility with the same effectiveness it is now being handled. *Time* and *experience* would be required to do this job full justice.

However, over a period of time it has become evident to many of us that there is only *one person* who — in an emergency — would be able to take

over the many facets of the job that is Mr. Armstrong's. You have all seen *and heard* the "fruit" of that in recent months!

Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong has *demonstrated* that he is able to effectively carry on the daily broadcast, write articles for the magazine, and provide much of the necessary leadership in his father's absence. Bearing the same name, having the same general voice and personality are all important assets in carrying on the Work and broadcast. As in the case of Abraham and his son Isaac, Moses and his brother Aaron, Jesus and his brother James (Gal. 1:19; Acts 15:13-21), God has chosen to direct His Work through a *family* having the abilities necessary for this responsibility.

Mr. Armstrong recently made the official announcement that he was appointing Garner Ted Armstrong as the Vice-President both of the Radio Church of God and of Ambassador College. Thus, during any prolonged absence of his father, Mr. Ted Armstrong now has full authority to take complete charge and make any decisions necessary for the effective accomplishment of God's Work.

That was Mr. Meredith's article.

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What our READERS SAY

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the reasons you gave for the Pope's trip to Fatima were more accurate than the ones given in our daily newspaper. The article was also free of sarcasm and hate that is so often found in non-Catholic publications when writing about Catholics. For this I thank you."

Carolina S.,
Chicago, Illinois

• *There is no room for hatred in the mind of Christ toward any person.*

Teen-age Gang

"I have waited to write to you for some time, but I had three serious