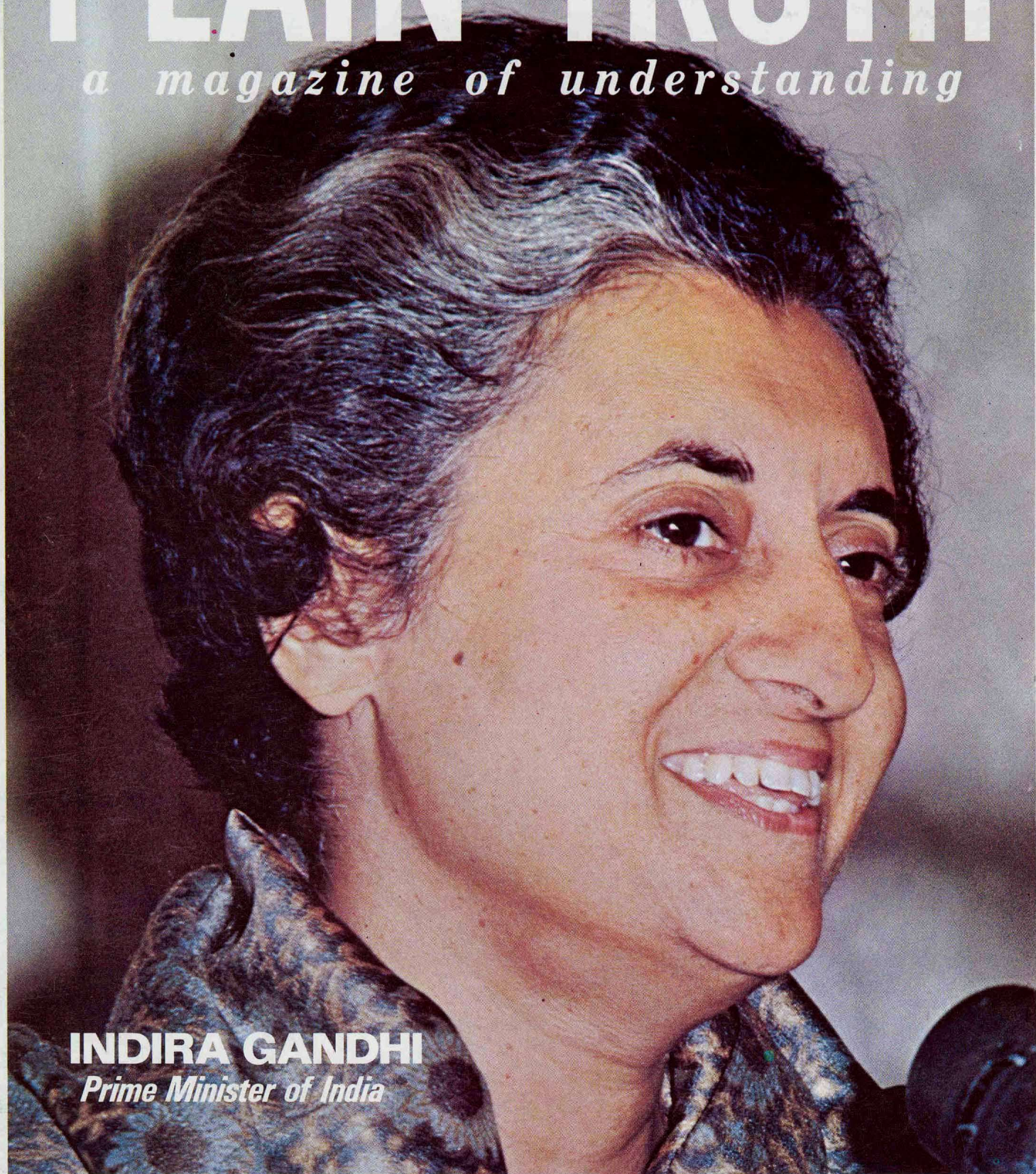


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Prime Minister of India

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"Kindly enroll me in the subscribers to *The PLAIN TRUTH*. A friend showed me a copy and, I must say, I roared with laughter with every page. Hardly a paragraph went by that didn't have some towering absurdity in it."

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"I have just finished reading my second copy of *The PLAIN TRUTH* for the third

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"Please kindly include me as one of the subscribers of *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine. I have read through two copies of the magazine and found out it was the magazine meant for me. I notice the magazine is gaining much ground in my country. Especially in this state. I cannot afford to continue missing the articles it carries."

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Haight-Ashbury

"The article on Haight-Ashbury has got to be the most slanted, one-sided article I have ever read. I've never been to Haight-Ashbury, but the generalizations on 'hippies' would seem to be aimed at all 'hippies.'"

"Things are changing, you know — not all 'hippies' are 'sex-worshippers,' dirty, drug-users, and hypocrites as Mr. Webb states. You might consider me a 'hippie' because I dress in 'hippie garb' and profess love — however, I'm 21, a junior in college (Central Michigan University), and very concerned about the problems in the world."

Michel A. L.,
Mount Pleasant, Michigan

"Yes, the hippie settlement in Haight-Ashbury did fail. It became a cruel joke on those seeking a home of love and meaningfulness. How well I remember with a thrill of joy and brotherhood when, back in the summer of 1967, I heard Scott McKenzie sing about San Francisco and 'flowers in your hair.' It was a colorful utopia that fell, and maybe you're right in saying it was so because of human nature. Something went wrong, to many people's regret. It all seemed fresh and beautiful to the mind and soul of us who are seeking something."

Don M. S.,
Austin, Texas

"I'm Coming Home"

"Your article 'Dear Mom and Dad: I'm Coming Home' was terrific!

"Before I read that article I was one of those people who wanted to be a hippie and do all the things they do, and I'm only 12, but your article has changed my mind. You have really shown me what it is like to be a hippie without being one at all. Thanks for probably saving my life!"

Liz P.,
Portland, Oregon

"I am 12 years old, and last week I was very destined to run away. But I read your article about 'Dear Mom and Dad: I'm coming home.' It was the best article I've

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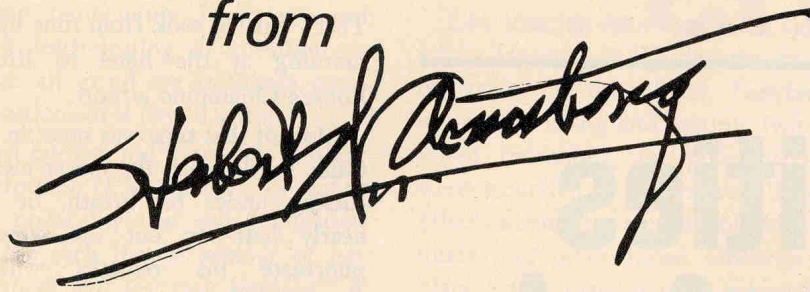
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Personal

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MRS. GANDHI TELLS ME OF HER FRIGHTENING RESPONSIBILITIES

ONE OF THE most horrifying calamities ever to visit masses of humans has just fallen on the shoulders of a woman as one of numerous problems to solve.

The whole world was shocked as news headlines told of the mounting mass deaths caused by the cholera epidemic hitting victims from East Pakistan fleeing into India.

Last December in my personal meeting with the Prime Minister of India, Mrs. Indira Gandhi told me of the crushing burden of the problems that are her responsibility. One of her most serious problems was that of the Pakistan refugees, then at the rate of about 1,500 per day, streaming across the border into India — destitute, helpless, for her overburdened government to feed, clothe and house.

Then, since my visit with her, the Pakistani problem erupted as if "all hell had broken loose." East Pakistan exploded into civil war. The refugee problem was increased to an overwhelming extent. Then, late May, the cholera epidemic started, spreading to a gigantic calamity in early June. On top of this, the monsoon rains broke over eastern India June 5th. By that time Indian estimates were that the spread of cholera had already killed 5,000 refugees in India who had fled from East Pakistan.

Mrs. Gandhi had flown promptly to Calcutta to obtain first-hand information on the raging epidemic. She had appealed to other nations for help. Medical aid was being air-lifted to Calcutta and Eastern India from Britain, the United States and other countries. On June 5th three Indian States, Meghalaya, Tripura, and Assam sealed their borders against further refugees. Inside East Pakistan, with no medical aid, conditions were reported worse. Huge refugee camps were quickly organized to prevent spreading the cholera epidemic into Calcutta and other cities and towns.

I happen to be writing this month's personal in Israel, where 78 Ambassador College students have just arrived to

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ABOUT OUR COVER

Indira Gandhi was born in the north Indian city of Allahabad. She is the daughter of Jawaharlal Nehru, India's first Prime Minister. Mrs. Gandhi was educated in India, Switzerland, and England. She held the post of Minister of Information and Broadcasting from 1964 to 1966. She was offered, but did not accept, the post of Foreign Minister. Mrs. Gandhi became India's third Prime Minister in January 1966, at the death of Lal Bahadur Shastri.

What is the Best Age for **MARRIAGE?**

WHY so many unhappy marriages? WHY is the divorce rate increasing? What are the chances of a teen-age marriage succeeding? Is there a BEST AGE for marriage? Here are the answers, from a wealth of counseling experience.

by Herbert W. Armstrong

I THOUGHT I couldn't live without Archi," said Gloria. "So I got my mother to sign for the license. I am 16, and Archi is 19. Of course my folks didn't want me to get married. But I threatened Mom that if she didn't sign, I'd run away or get pregnant. Now we've been married two months, and nothing is like I thought it would be.

"I thought Archi was a big, strong man. But as soon as we were married, it seems like he changed. And he was so good-looking and so nice. But now he's so afraid, such a coward. He's lost his job and doesn't know how to get another one. He says I've got to get a job and help. All of a sudden, instead of being so big and strong and handsome, he's just chicken. He's like a scared baby — a child. And he says *I'm* immature!

"Marriage isn't a bit like I supposed. I don't know just what I supposed it was — but more fun — more romance — different. The day after the wedding I knew it was all a big mistake. And it's only been getting worse. Archi's mad at me, and swears at me because I don't know how to cook; I never made a bed in my life till we were married, and then I found I didn't know how. You know how it is. My Mom did everything for me — washed my clothes, ironed them — even bought them. I never had any responsibility at home. And now all Archi and I do is fight. He scolds me because I don't know how to do anything, and he's all frustrated and says there's nothing

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in life to live for because he wants sex all the time, and I don't. I get mad at him, because he isn't a bit considerate, and he gets mad at me and says I'm frigid, and he's hit me a few times. He wouldn't give me any money when he had a job, and he doesn't have any now. He leaves me alone evenings, and he runs with his boy friends; and he's even dated some old girl friends. I don't want to tell my folks what a mistake I made. What shall I do? Nothing's like I thought it would be!"

What are the chances of teen-age marriages being happy and succeeding?

Fifty-Fifty? No, Less Than That!

They are LESS than fifty-fifty! The actual records prove it! More about that a little later.

Is there a BEST AGE for marriage? THERE IS! More about that later, also.

But first, WHY are so many marriages failing today? WHY the alarming increase in UNHAPPY marriages, broken homes, divorces?

No one reason — there are SEVERAL causes. One of the greatest is marrying TOO YOUNG! The actual RECORDS — the actual FACTS — show that slightly fewer than half of such marriages last.

Primary Causes

Whatever happens, there was always a cause. There has been a cause for every effect. In the matter of unhappy and broken marriages there are many causes, but certain ones are primary and basic.

Probably the number-one cause is the same as the cause for all wars, and all the troubles of humanity — HUMAN NATURE!

Human nature is VANITY. Vanity is self-love — self-centeredness. Human nature is a PULL in the direction of vanity. It tends to consider *self* first, and therefore elevate the self *above* all else. This, in turn, exerts the pulls of lust, greed, envy, jealousy and hatred.

Many times I have explained that SELF is, in a larger sense, what I call empirical — that is, like an empire. It includes what belongs to self, and that to which self feels compatibly allied.

A young man and young woman "fall in love" — or at least *think* they do — and marry. In his mind, she *belongs to him*, is allied to him and, as long as things go well, like part of him. He is the same to her.

But just as soon as things go wrong — perhaps she denies him his desires — perhaps he doesn't give her any money, or fails to be considerate — just as soon as one steps on the other's toes — then the sense of alliance is broken. Then SELF wells up *against* the other. Then the other is no longer PART of self.

Then what?

Then she says, in bitter resentment, "All men are BRUTES!"

Then he says in equally bitter and frustrated resentment, "She's a frigid woman."

In other words, just what is this thing they usually mistake for LOVE?

It is NOT really LOVE. It is, rather, a sort of sense of being enamored — captivated (taken captive by), inflamed

"A majority of all unhappy or broken marriages that have been brought to my attention were those of people who married too young."

with passionate desire, blinded by unreasoning ardor. It is a being impassioned with anticipated rapturous delight. In plainer language, it is an aroused anticipation of what one expects to GET, RECEIVE, TO HAVE from the other.

Real and *true* love is basically an OUTGOING CONCERN. It is OUT-going, not IN-coming. When it is IN-coming — as "love" falsely-so-called is in almost every romance — it is in actual fact LUST, not truly LOVE!

Regardless of the age at marriage, surely more than 99 percent of all marriages are based on this FALSE "love."

Just as long as she pleases him — as

long as she gives him that delightful sense of enamoration, of luscious enjoyment — he thinks he loves her deeply. In reality, he loves what he receives from her. This, in turn, gives him the feeling that she is a PART of his empirical SELF. He loves SELF — and as long as she is able to remain, in his sight, that allied part of SELF, he will feel that he is in love with her. This works both ways. As long as she is pleased with him — receiving FROM him what she desires — retaining the sense of alliance — she will feel she is in love with him.

The SELF is simply carnality. It is human nature.

What chance, then, does the average marriage have? There are more factors than this one involved. But, so long as each *receives* from the other what satisfies his or her SELF, the marriage will last.

Another basic factor has been religion. Up until World War I the religious teachings of the Western world injected a sort of inbred conviction that marriage MUST be maintained "until death do us part." A large portion of marriages *endured*, due to this conviction, which today would end in divorce.

Another factor, very prominent as a CAUSE today, is the economic one. Formerly women were mainly dependent on their husbands for economic security. The very factor of SELF-PRESERVATION held them to their husbands — drove them to try to "satisfy him" under circumstances in which the modern wife would rebel. Today, with so many wives being employed, being independent, they are far less impelled to satisfy their husbands against their own desires, and far more ready and willing to leave them and break up their homes. They probably weren't real HOMES, anyway, with the wife employed outside the home.

Another prominent factor is this modern "50-50" idea about "who wears the trousers." When the husband abdicates his responsibility, the wife takes it over. Men were intended, by nature, to take the lead and the responsibility.

Today, the poor hen-pecked, woman-ruled, "chicken" of a man — more mouse than man — is a ridiculous creature. Today boys grow up more like girls than he-men!

All these — and more — are CAUSES of broken families today. And they are the BAROMETER of the CRASH of civilization — the HANDWRITING ON THE WALL forecasting a death-sentence on modern society!

Of course another MAJOR cause is "the new morality" which is simply misnaming cesspool immorality!

When society begins to accept pre-marital sex relationships, as promiscuous as participants desire, and adultery is pronounced "good" by psychologists, and when millions "enjoy" the sport of husband-and-wife-swapping parties, marriages are bound to be breaking down — and society is sounding its own death knell!

But put all these factors together with the immaturity, the unpreparedness, the inexperience of teen marriages, and one should have little difficulty understanding that a teen marriage has less than a 50-50 chance of surviving!

A BEST AGE for Marriage?

Is there, then, a BEST AGE for marriage?

There is!

Some time ago I officiated at a wedding in stately Memorial Hall at Ambassador College in England. My next-to-youngest grandson, Richard David Armstrong II, then age two and a half, thought the ceremony so very nice, he said:

"Mommie, I want to get married!"

"Well!" answered his mother, a little shocked, a little amused, "and whom do you want to marry?"

"Karen," replied little Dicky promptly.

"But Karen has just been married. She can't marry anybody else, now."

"Well then," decided Dicky, "I'll marry Sheila." Sheila is a very nice Irish colleen, and was then a student in the college.

"But Sheila is grown up now, and in college," protested "Mommie." "What if she won't have you?"

"Then I'll marry you, Mommie," came the quick decision.

Marriage Is Not for Children

We may smile at the idea of two- or three-year-olds getting married. It *would* be a bit irregular! Marriage is not for children! Marriage is for ADULTS. Marriage is pretty serious business!

Marriage entails the assuming of very serious responsibilities. Children do not realize this, of course. Marriage is a lot more than romance. It is more than day-dreams about a "Prince Charming," or floating around on cloud nineteen, or being in a lover's arms.

But when do we become adults?

Are not boys and girls adults at around age 14? No. Far from it! Let's understand WHY!

Age for Acquiring Knowledge

Human beings know *nothing* at birth. We have to learn, or be taught — EVERYTHING! Without any knowledge, or with erroneous knowledge, we are helpless — as newborn babes. But there are some things many fail to learn. One of these is the right age for marriage.

Whatever an adult knows, true or false, has come into his mind since birth.

It may sound surprising or incredible, but a person actually learns more during his first year of life than in any succeeding year. If a one-year-old baby could talk plainly with complete and adequate vocabulary, you'd be completely amazed at how much he has learned that first year!

The second year he learns a trifle less than the first, and the third year a little less than the second. Gradually, his capacity for learning decreases year by year, if only slightly. This is hard to believe for the simple reason that a two-year-old *adds* his second-year acquisition to what he learned the first year, the third to that, and so through the years his *total* store of knowledge increases continually.

But a person past 60 cannot learn something new in a field new and strange to him as readily as a young person of 22 or 23. Does this mean that a well-educated man of 60 knows less than a young man of 22? Of course not. Other things being equal, he knows infinitely more — because he has the

accumulated knowledge of all those years since age 22 *added* to what he knew then — and he has learned much by *experience*. That is one reason wisdom comes with age!

But a two-and-a-half-year-old cannot delve very deeply into the study of advanced mathematics, philosophy, nuclear fission, business administration, economics, or child rearing. He would have very different ideas on the latter than he probably will have when he becomes a parent!

The first five or six years of life are, so we believe from experience, most profitably spent in learning the basic things of infant and child learning — how to walk, talk, eat, run, and play — knowledge about lots and lots of things. The little child learns what is an automobile, an airplane. He learns about animals — many things.

He may even be taught to count, and part or all of the alphabet. However, the kind of knowledge taught in school (kindergarten excepted) seems most effectively taught beginning age 6. At this age the child can learn to write, to read, and to spell simple words. In some countries he begins to learn a second language at that age. For the next ten years he acquires gradually all the foundational elementary knowledge, and during the last two of the ten perhaps a bit of preparatory knowledge for higher education.

All these years the normal individual has been learning rapidly. There is a great deal to know before maturity, and he is not mature *yet!* Of course, by age 16, the juvenile may think he *knows it all*. Many, in their own minds, know more than Dad or Mom. You see, what they do not yet know, they don't *know* that they don't know! But there is still much to learn.

But by age 16 the average normal young person of good mind is ready to *begin* a little more advanced study into more solid fields.

When Bodies Mature

But along in these early and mid-teen-age years, usually 12 to 14, the physical body suddenly speeds up its growth and development. The teen-ager at this point sprouts up much taller within a single year, with *bodily*

changes from child to man or woman.

Suddenly the young person feels "grown up" — adult. He usually does not realize that at this stage the body makes a rather sudden leap toward maturity, *while the mind makes no corresponding advance!* The mind continues on at only the same year-to-year gradual development. *The mind is still more child than adult.* Its interests are still mostly "having fun," games, entertainments. Sexual maturity is suddenly reached, long in advance of mental, emotional and spiritual maturity.

A human being is not a mere body. The married state needs maturity of mind, emotions, and spiritual qualities as much as physical adulthood.

A boy or girl is physically able to become a father or mother years before he or she is qualified to assume the responsibilities of parenthood.

But, suddenly becoming taller and physically developed, the boy or girl feels mature. A new awareness of the opposite sex is present. What the child of this age does not yet know, I repeat, he usually fails utterly to realize.

The attraction of the other sex acts as a magnet. The girl dreams of her Prince Charming, desire is awakened in the boy to hold an attractive girl in his arms.

The girl often falls in love with love, a certain boy being the focal point of her fantasy. Of course she only sees this particular boy as she imagines him to be, not as he really is. She is dead sure she is in love. And no one can awaken her from this entrancing dream. There are many facts of reality about this puppy-love affair of which she is totally unaware.

But, again, what she doesn't know that her parents see so plainly, she simply doesn't know that she doesn't know! She has to outgrow it! The very fact that she is not mature enough to recognize her immaturity is proof that she is still too immature for marriage.

At this stage, the parents have a problem on their hands, and need great wisdom to deal properly with it.

I repeat, marriage is not for children.

The Preparatory Years

But when does a child become an adult? When is one ready for marriage?

Marriage is in itself a career. One is not ready to enter upon any profession or career until after full preparation. This preparation may be divided, roughly, into three stages. First, that of infancy, preparing the child for school. Second, elementary and preparatory schooling prior to, thirdly, more advanced education and specialized training for the adult life's work.

There are really three stages, roughly, of mental development that parallel these stages of preparation. First, the change from babyhood to boy- or girlhood around age six. Then the mind as

a more definite adulthood of mind, attitude, interests, is reached. The mind becomes more "set" in its ways.

The years between ages 16 and 25 are the *vitally important* years of adult preparation for life's work. These are the *crucial* years of PREPARATION. During these years the mind is capable of *acquiring* faster than at any other stage of life the advanced knowledge needed *before beginning* one's adult career — whether it be business, profession, occupation, or marriage. Before age 16 the mind has not acquired the basic elementary knowledge needed as a foundation for entering more advanced study — and the mind has not developed in serious comprehension to the level of advanced knowledge. After age 25, the mind which has stagnated since age 16 finds it difficult to enter upon more mature study.

Before age 16 the mind simply is not mature. At age 16 it is merely prepared to *begin* acquiring the more mature preparation for either career, business, or marriage.

It should be borne in mind I am speaking of average ages. There are, of course, exceptions to all rules — but in my experience about 99 in 100 follow this pattern.

Another stage of maturity seems to be reached at about age 30. I have noticed that, although most young people reach a certain mental maturity at age 25, a far more complete maturity of mind, personality, performance, and influence on others is reached at age 30.

By age 30 the man or woman has added five years of practical *experience*, in addition to further study, to the preparatory knowledge and final reaching of mental maturity attained at 25. Prior to 25, the young man is often called just that — "young man" — by older men. I can remember how, in my carnal vanity, I smarted under being spoken to as "young man" by business executives I dealt with. This expression simply meant they did not accept me, yet, as a fully mature man, and I knew it.

Somehow, the vanity in a young man of 18 and older makes him want to be considered *mature* — as a completely adult, fully experienced MAN. He wants to be considered older than he is. But as



a rule has absorbed enough elementary and semimature knowledge by age 16 to *begin* more mature thinking and learning. Age 16 is a crucial year in mental development.

Prior to age 16 the average youth has little awareness of the seriousness of life, or world conditions, of human problems or the purposes of life. In our American public school system, he enters senior high school, or the last two years of preparatory school at about this age.

But the mind does not really mature, on the average, until age 25. At age 25

soon as young women are past 20 to 25, female vanity usually causes them to want to be considered *younger* than they are!

The Right Age for Marriage

The fact that man attains a more complete maturity of personality, leadership and influence by age 30 seems fully recognized by the Eternal God. In ancient Israel the Levites were ordained to full priesthood at age 30 — although they were put into physical *service* at age 20.

Jesus Christ, the Example of the Christian world, did not begin His active ministry until age 30. All years prior to that were years of learning and preparation.

Yet in ancient Israel men *began* actual service, adult work, and even military service, at age 20. This, however, does not mean that they were fully and completely educated at that age. Actually, their first years of service were those of apprenticeship — training, preparation. They probably were not accounted fully prepared for adult responsibilities until 25, though the exact facts are not given.

Apparently the Bible has not given specific and direct instruction or command as to the proper age for marriage. God did not even count people in the census, as adults, until age 20. While there appears to be no punishable prohibition against marriage prior to age 20, there is every indication that on God's instruction juveniles were considered children until 20. At 20 they were considered "of age." *This by no means implies they were expected to marry by age 20!* Rather that they were expected not to marry *until* at least 20 — OR MORE!

Based on actual experience, my judgment — and I think it is sound judgment — is that until out of the "teens" a boy or girl is too young to marry! And it is also my judgment — based on lifelong experience counseling on marriage problems of hundreds of people — that even 20 is too young to be *the best age for marriage*.

Two factors are the major causes of broken marriages, or of unhappy problem marriages, in the hundreds of cases that have come to me for advice

and counsel: sex ignorance and marriage prior to age 20. Quite often these two are merged in the same case. A majority of all unhappy or broken marriages that have been brought to my attention were those of people *who married too young!*

Only too well I know that teen-agers who *think* they are in love will not listen or heed. *That very FACT proves* they are too young for the responsibilities of marriage. Marriage is so much *more* than romance, necking, lovemaking and immature emotional bliss. Thousands of young people have gone ahead heedless, and been sadly disillusioned to learn that lesson TOO LATE!

But in my judgment, except in rare cases or circumstances, even twenty is too early an age for marriage. I can only give my judgment. But it is based on experience. It is based on facts and knowledge. It is based on what Biblical revelation God has given us. It is based on hundreds of case histories.

But here it is, and young people will do well to heed it — and later be glad they did! The *best* age for a man to marry is around 24 to 26, after he has devoted those *top aptitude years* between 16 and 25 for mature education, experience, and preparation — *after* he has acquired the knowledge, preparation and preliminary experience to assume adult responsibilities — *after he is able to assume the responsibility of supporting a wife — and family!* And the *best* age for a girl to marry is between 23 and 25, when she has utilized those top aptitude years for preparation, and is prepared to assume the *duties* of wifehood and motherhood — the responsibilities of planning, decorating, arranging a home, keeping it, and being a help and inspiration to her husband.

Mrs. Armstrong and I were married when we were both 25. We were mature enough to assume the responsibilities. Our marriage was *happy*, and blest beyond words to describe. And, during all those years during which God blest us with four fine children, equally fine sons- and daughters-in-law, and eleven fine grandchildren, our marriage continued to be happy beyond words to describe. In fact it was happier after age

70 than ever before, because it had grown constantly more and more happy. WHAT A BLESSING!

Wouldn't you like yours to be equally so? Then heed! Use wisdom! □

CHURCH UNITY

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and religious groups all make up the Church which Jesus Christ founded?

Can the disunited churches of today be the *true* Church of God? Note the admonition of the Apostle Paul: "I beseech you brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be *no divisions* among you."

These are all questions and thoughts which flood into one's mind as he views the contemporary religious chaos and confusion and the attempts at some semblance of unity.

What Are the Possibilities of Church Unity?

Despite the significant steps taken toward unity, the end of the road is not immediately in sight. The differences are too great, and the willingness to compromise not strong enough. And in spite of the majority for church unity, there is always the determined minority to whom the ecumenical movement is completely un-Christian.

So, the way things look now — whether you are for it or against it — only some great, overpowering event could effect church unity. Only a miracle could unite Christendom.

The question is, who will perform that miracle?

For a further discussion of these questions and their answers, write for our free articles, "Why So Many Denominations?" and "Should You Join A Church?" These and many other theological questions are also discussed in the monthly publication of the Ambassador College Graduate School of Theology, TOMORROW'S WORLD. You can receive a year's free subscription by writing to Ambassador College, in care of the address nearest you listed on the inside front cover of this magazine. □

motives. In one class he stated that the Bible was only mythical stories. He also stated that people did not need love and that it is not a trait that can be defined for study.

"I was so grateful to see and read your new article in *The PLAIN TRUTH* about how to overcome emotional stress; it supplied the answers that this teacher could not, and gave me faith again in human emotions such as love, that there really is need for real love. And renewed my confidence in my belief that all man's answers can be found in the Bible.

Grace L. H.,
Lockport, New York

"Speaking as an Attendant II in the Austin State Hospital (Mental), the article on pages 27 to 30 inclusive — 'How to Overcome Emotional Stress' — is the finest article on the subject I have ever read. I just hope and pray that many more of the workers in psychotherapy will see and read this article, or reprints of it.

"Your explanation of 'love' is another wonderful highlight in your article."

Jules M. R.,
Austin, Texas

"This is a letter of thanks to William F. Dankenbring — whoever this wonderful man may be who wrote 'How to Overcome Emotional Stress.'

"Thanks so much. Your article had 'me' in it, in so many paragraphs that it made my mind come down to reality and discover who I really am.

"No more mental disturbances for me — I actually found myself. Your sensational story — I'll never forget it. I faced up to the facts and looked within myself. And I found I have the courage to help myself now that I know where the problems lie.

"Thanks again so very much. I owe you the world — for the first time in my 20 years of life I see things as they really are."

Carolyn B.,
Brooklyn, Michigan

"Thanking you very much — not only for your service but also for an excellent magazine that sees its usefulness by being read by over 50 U. S. Navy sailors, ranging from seamen to officers and chiefs, here on board the destroyer escort — U.S.S. Courtney 1021 — homeported Naples, Italy. All issues of *The PLAIN TRUTH* and *TOMORROW'S WORLD* are permanent magazines in our ship's library.

"As they say in the Navy language of speaking — BZ (Bravo Zulu) — which means *WELL DONE!*"

James J. S.,
New York, New York

SST Article

"I very much enjoyed your article on the SST. I would like to make a suggestion that the United States could implement to rid us of the 'weighty economic factors' and the adverse balance-of-payments that the threatened importation of the Concorde or TU144 would cause. This is to simply outlaw any SST's from landing on American-owned soil. If we said we were doing this to show our true concern for our world environment, we might even get some of our lost prestige back, and possibly make the other countries look like the 'evil polluters' we are often accused of being."

Michael S. C.,
North Kansas City, Missouri

Personal

from

Herbert W. Armstrong

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spend the summer working on our huge archaeological project west and south of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. And this is as far east as I will go at this time. I have no desire to investigate personally the cholera area. Last night the International Cultural Center for

about Mrs. Gandhi's "supposed" turn toward the left, and her "supposed" autocratic tendencies. I had been told I would find her cold, haughty and overbearing. The prediction was made of an impending clash between her and leaders of the conservative opposition.

I found her quite the contrary. As in other meetings with heads of state, I was accompanied by Mr. Stanley R. Rader, our general legal counsel, and Mr. Osamu Gotoh, chairman of the Department of Asian Studies at Ambassador College. We found Mrs. Gandhi very warm and cordial, with a charming



Mrs. Indira Gandhi receives gift of Steuben crystal from Herbert W. Armstrong, left, accompanied by Stanley R. Rader, general counsel for Ambassador College.

Ambassador College Photo

Youth staged a special program to welcome the Ambassador students. Ambassador is a joint participant in this cultural center for youth as well as in the archaeological project. The center was founded by Minister of Tourism Moshe Kol and Eleanor Roosevelt. Tomorrow night is a special dinner in my honor being given at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem. My son Garner Ted, with our television crew are to arrive Friday to do a television documentary on Israel and the Middle East condition.

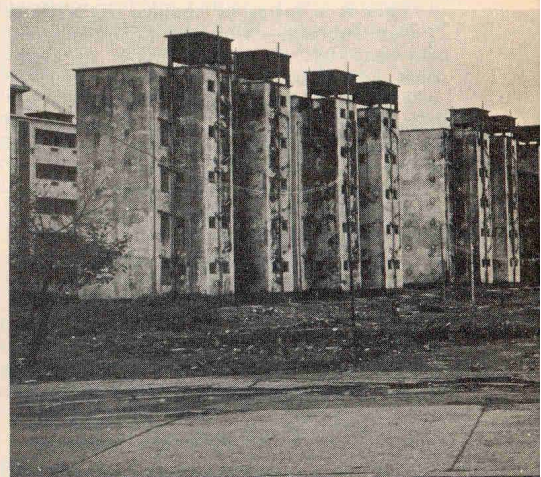
A Cordial Visit

Last December, when I had the meeting with Mrs. Gandhi, rumors were rife

personality and welcoming smile.

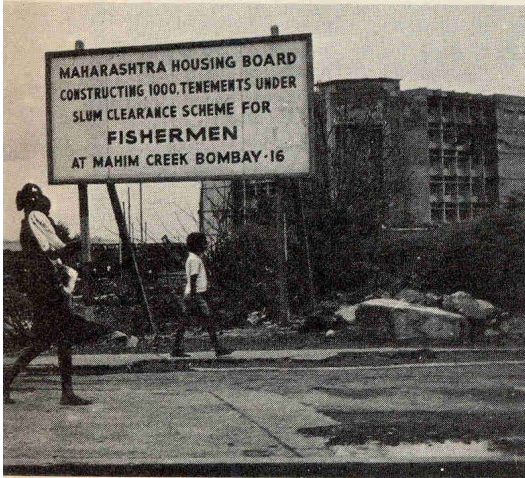
And within a very few days after our visit she, in fact, dissolved parliament and announced that elections would be held forthwith. When we were passing through New Delhi again in February, she was away from the capital, campaigning shortly prior to the election, which she won with a landslide victory. Her power has been consolidated to a degree totally unexpected from her opposition.

When she received us in her office at the Parliament in New Delhi. I presented her with a piece of Steuben crystal. Before I could open the distinctive Steuben red leather gift box, her face lit up with a happy smile,



INDIA TODAY — Struggling with a massive population problem, India has embarked on an extensive family planning program. Part of the educational effort is in the form of posters placed in strategic locations throughout India. The one at the extreme left tells people that a happy family should be limited to no more than two or three children and to ask for a doctor's advice. Meanwhile (top right) the population problem is being aggravated by refugees from Pakistan. Bottom and center photos show other areas in which India is striving to improve — farming and housing.

Wide World (top photos),
Ambassador College (bottom and center)



and she exclaimed: "Ah, a piece of beautiful Steuben." She said she had always admired Steuben crystal. Her father, the late Prime Minister Nehru, had received several gifts of this type of art. It is often given to heads of state.

I handed Mrs. Gandhi a copy of the latest PLAIN TRUTH, and the booklet *This Is Ambassador College*. She reviewed them with great interest and nodded permission to Mr. Gotoh to photograph her reading them.

I then explained to the Prime Minister of the second most populous nation on earth that Ambassador College would like to send its television crew to do a television documentary on India. Mrs. Gandhi responded that she would welcome an Ambassador College television production on India. I had prom-

ised her that it would present India's problems fairly and honestly and in an educational manner.

Mrs. Gandhi then expressed great interest in the Ambassador College agricultural research program at our Texas and English campuses. In answer to questions I explained at some length these activities and the gratifying results being achieved.

Analyses of National Issues

I then asked the Prime Minister to tell us about India's problems and also her problems as Chief of State — and of progress being made. She then spoke, uninterrupted (except by notes being handed to her by a secretary of the arrival of cabinet members for appointments with her). But she rejected interruption and spoke for the next twenty minutes in answer to my question.

She explained first that India does have immense problems of every description. There are no problems confronting mankind that cannot be readily found without effort in India. But she was deeply concerned that journalists, television producers and commentators, and other writers and observers, fail to note carefully the way India is attempting to cope with, and improve, each of the problems. Also, they too often fail to report the progress that India has made during her brief history as an independent nation since 1947.

Mrs. Gandhi explained that most of India's problems stem from immense population, its enormous birthrate and its agricultural resources — or its lack of the same. For the sake of comparison, she noted India gives birth each year to a population equal to the entire population of Australia. India is making every effort to lower the birthrate, but education and time will be needed.

There have been agricultural reforms. Much progress in agricultural production has taken place but there have been significant setbacks because of the natural elements. As irrigation becomes more widespread, many of the agricultural needs will be alleviated. In the meantime, India is grateful for the aid received from the U. S. and elsewhere.

The Prime Minister was very much

interested in Ambassador College's worldwide educational extension program, and she noted that the educational needs of India should be significantly helped by such a program. But that, again, much time would be needed to correct India's educational system. Efforts had been made to make education compulsory, but the means of enforcing the compulsory education were not readily at hand.

I mentioned my discussions with President Marcos of the Philippines and his "green revolution." Mrs. Gandhi said that she was well aware of the progress being made in the Philippines, and indicated that India was also making great strides with its "green revolution."

I mentioned, or possibly she noted independently, our association with Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and a brief discussion ensued about the Kibbutz system. She seemed to suggest some interest in the adaptability of such cooperative efforts in India.

Mrs. Gandhi said that India has been confronted with an ever-increasing problem of refugees from East Pakistan. These refugees were then coming into India at the rate of some 1,500 persons per day. Most of them find their way to Calcutta and make conditions there, already bad, increasingly worse. She called our attention to the increasing political and civil strife in East Pakistan and also Calcutta as a result of this refugee problem.

Democracy, Mrs. Gandhi insisted, will prevail in India despite the rumors to the contrary. She said that she believed very strongly in democratic institutions herself and was confident that they had been successfully adopted by her people.

I then alluded to the Palestinian refugee problem in the Middle East. I advised Mrs. Gandhi of Ambassador College's efforts to promote world peace and understanding everywhere and explained how Ambassador College had given assistance to the Jordanian Government refugee problem through the purchase of radio time. Also I advised the Prime Minister of our support of the International Cultural Center for Youth in Jerusalem where young Arabs

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and young Israelis are brought together and taught to respect the customs and traditions and individual differences of the other.

I then explained that I had recently visited with Deputy Prime Minister Allon in Israel and that Mr. Allon had sent his very warmest regards to Mrs. Gandhi and expressed great admiration for her and her father, Mr. Nehru. Deputy Prime Minister Allon had asked me to convey to the Indian Prime Min-

ister that he was deeply concerned that India did not have diplomatic relations with Israel and was, therefore, unable to learn firsthand about Middle East problems as viewed from Israel's vantage point. Mrs. Gandhi shrugged and explained why the government of India was unable to establish diplomatic relations with Israel. She expressed admiration for Israel as well as sympathy for Israel's difficulties, but she said her problems were very much complicated

in relation to Israel because of Pakistan, which is a Moslem state.

Mrs. Gandhi said that she had heard very nice things about Ambassador College and myself from President Giri and from her minister of information. She said that she would look forward with great interest to our articles about India, and to a WORLD TOMORROW television production dealing with India's problems today. She then extended a warm invitation for us to return. □