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they learn war  
anymore.”**

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## A New Truth about Abortion

**W**HEN does human life start?

WHY human life? It's time we knew this TRUTH that has remained a mystery.

Is abortion murder? Is it a crime? Is it a SIN? A crime is a violation of a man-made law. Sin is transgression of GOD'S LAW. God's law defines right as opposed to wrong.

Humanly legislated laws do not always do that. Some things can be sin that are not a crime in man-made laws. But man-made laws have even made obedience to the higher law of God a crime, punishable by death. For example, the Council of Laodicea, A.D. 363, enacted a law enforced by the Roman government: "Christians must not Judaize by resting on the Sabbath, but must work on that day, rather honouring the Lord's Day."

If any were found to be Judaizing by "resting on the Sabbath," they were to be declared "anathema from Christ." This was interpreted by the government as a crime and often was punishable by death. Yet the law of God commands: "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy."

But in the final judgment every individual will be judged and sentenced according to the law of God, regardless of what has received general human acceptance or what has been made into a human law.

The whole controversy on abortion revolves around the question: When does human life start?

Where did human life first begin? It began when

God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life (Gen. 2:7). God had said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." God is composed of spirit. God is a Spirit (John 4:24). But man was made out of the ground—matter.

God's purpose is to reproduce himself through man, who is formed of matter or substance. God creates in a system of duality. Man was made first of material, the ground. The second stage of man's creation calls for making him into a holy, righteous spirit being as a child of God. Thus God's ultimate purpose is to reproduce himself—and God not only is formed and composed of spirit, but God is perfect righteous spiritual character. God's spiritual creation involves the development, with man's own assent in this physical life, of God's righteous character. To reproduce himself, God purposed that man should reproduce himself physically, even as God is reproducing himself spiritually. The one is the type of the other.

Human life first began with the creation of the first man Adam by a process of reproduction. The human life has continued from that original life and is transmitted from generation to generation.

God said to the first man Adam, "Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth" (Gen. 1:28). Man was to reproduce himself physically—in other words, continue that human life from generation to generation. But the man was unable to do that. No man has ever been able to reproduce himself all by himself. So God performed an operation. He put man into a "deep sleep," which today we would call anesthesia, and operated, removing one of the man's ribs, out of which he made a woman.

The woman was not made from the dust of the ground. Woman was first made from man. The two—the man and the woman—became one. How did the two become one? They became one human family. A family is composed of two or more. They reproduced, had children, and the family increased. That original family, by the process of human reproduction, has been increasing for 6,000 years until today there are about 4¾ billion of us humans populating the earth.

The human life in every human being started from the human life God created in Adam. Even Eve's life came from Adam. Every human life since



is a continuation of that same kind of human life continually reproduced after its kind.

This human reproduction was the exact type of divine reproduction by which God is reproducing himself.

Human reproduction started with the first human, the man Adam. Divine reproduction has started with the second Adam, Jesus Christ. Jesus was begotten and born as a human being, just as all humans have been, except that God was his Father, and therefore, one of his names is Emmanuel, which means "God with us," or, "God in the human flesh." Therefore, Jesus Christ was human, born of the human virgin Mary, but he was also God, sired by the Spirit of God. The Spirit of God actually fertilized or imparted life to an ovum in the womb of the virgin Mary.

Now examine human reproduction. Human life starts from an egg, or an ovum, produced through an ovary in the human mother-to-be. This ovum, of itself, has only a very temporary life—a matter of days. Unless fertilized by a sperm cell from the body of the male, it will soon die.

The female ovum is about the size of a pinpoint—not the head, but the tiny point of a pin, barely large enough to be seen through the naked eye. The male sperm cell that will fertilize it is the smallest cell in the human body, only one fiftieth the size of the ovum. In the female ovum is a still more tiny nucleus. Once the male sperm cell penetrates and enters the ovum, it joins immediately with the nucleus. At that instant, human life has begun.

This very start of human life is the exact type of the beginning of the divine life. Jesus said he had come that we "might have life, and that [we] might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). He was talking about the fact he had come that we might have immortal, divine life, which would be a much more abundant life than this frail human life. Jesus said, at the beginning of his ministry on earth, "I will build my church" (Matt. 16:18). Jesus chose and called 12 disciples to be taught the good news or gospel of the kingdom of God—the kingdom of God beings that shall reign over all the nations of this earth, beginning with the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

Now consider carefully this fact: Human reproduction is the exact type of divine reproduction. In every human there is human spirit. The human brain, as scientists have learned in the new science of brain research, differs little from animal brain. Yet we learn from many scriptures in the Bible that in every human brain resides a human spirit. This spirit empowers the physical brain with intellect, which makes the vast difference between human ability to think, to reason, to acquire knowledge, to have a sense of spiritual values, which animals do not possess.

A factor that has greatly puzzled and mystified human scientists—especially in the new science of brain research—is what constitutes the incredible difference between the vast output of the human brain as compared to the animal brain. They cannot account for it on physical grounds, and most all

stubbornly refuse to accept the truth as it is on spiritual grounds.

Most scientists, it seems, refuse to accept the existence of spirit. That very refusal caused the development in human imagination of the theory of evolution. Evolution is the atheist's and the agnostic's explanation of the presence of the physical creation without the preexistence of the great supernatural spirit Creator who is God.

The Holy Bible is the word of the Creator God. In it, God, who knows the rationalizations and reasonings of the natural mind cut off from him, says of these unbelieving skeptics, "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (I Cor. 2:14).

The God-rejecting mind, therefore, will be incapable of understanding what is to follow in this Personal.

In the comparison of human reproduction to divine reproduction, each human being is an ovum. Each of us might be called a spiritual ovum. Each has a limited life span on average of approximately 72 or 73 years at present. Unless fertilized within a life span by the spiritual male sperm, which is the Holy Spirit from the very body of God the Father, each of us will perish. How, then, does divine life start?

The original apostles had been taught and trained for some three and one half years by Jesus. They were, as it were, spiritual ova. They did not receive the spiritual sperm cell from God the Father until after Christ's sacrifice and resurrection and ascension to heaven.

On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came and entered into the disciples gathered together, all in one accord. This divine sperm cell from the body of God the Father was the Holy Spirit—the very divine, life-imparting Spirit of God. Naturally, on entering the apostles, this Spirit went immediately to the nucleus of the human, which is the mind. There it joined with the human spirit that had been a part of the human being from human conception.

Thus the humans who received the Holy Spirit of God had the divine life of God imparted into them. They thus became the begotten children of God. When the Holy Spirit enters the human mind, it unites the human mind with the mind of God.

The human spirit imparts capacity to acquire physical and material knowledge infinitely superior to that acquired by the animal brain. It also imparts to the physical brain limited spiritual concepts of good as opposed to evil, albeit on the human spiritual level. However, with the addition of the divine Spirit of God to this human spirit, the human mind is capable of acquiring the spiritual knowledge of the purposes, ways and objectives of God.

The human spirit cannot see, think, hear or indulge in the process of reasoning. It is the brain that sees through the eye, hears through the ear, and does the thinking and

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## How the Seven Mysteries Were Revealed

We continue, with this second installment, the serial publication of Herbert W. Armstrong's latest book *Mystery of the Ages*.

**T**HE world's number one concern today is the question of human survival! Science and technology have produced the weapons of mass destruction that could blast *all human life* off this earth!

So many nations now possess nuclear weapons that one madman could ignite the nuclear World War III that could erase all human life from this planet.

Yet the truth of God, if known and acted on, could have saved humanity from this threat and all its evils!

Stop a moment.

THINK on this.

You live in a world seemingly far advanced in science, technology, higher education and diffusion of knowledge. People think it's a world of GREAT PROGRESS. We send men to cavort about on the moon and return them safely back to earth. Unmanned spacecraft

land on Mars and send back to earth close-up photographs of the Martian surface. Other unmanned spacecraft fly close to Jupiter and send back astonishing pictures of Jupiter and the rings of Saturn. Surgeons transplant human hearts and other organs.

It's a magic, entrancing push-button world where work is done largely by machines. It's the glamour dreamworld of the three "Ls"—leisure, luxury and license.

But paradoxically, it's also a world of IGNORANCE! Even the educated *know not* how to solve their problems and the world's evils. They *know not* the way of PEACE or the TRUE VALUES of life.

About one half of the world's population is still illiterate, in the grip of abject poverty, living in filth and squalor. The grim reapers of starvation and disease take human lives by the millions.

It's an unhappy, restless world in frustration, staring a hopeless future in the face. It's a world ridden with escalating crime and vio-

lence, immorality, injustice (even in its courts of law), dishonesty, corruption in government and business, and continual wars, pointing now to the *final* nuclear World War III.

WHY this paradox of "PROGRESS" amid DEGENERATION?

### God's Truth Would Have Solved!

True religion—God's truth empowered with the love of God imparted by the Holy Spirit—would have pointed the way, and led to happiness, abundance and eternal salvation.

When you see what's wrong with the world's religions, you'll have pinpointed the *cause* of all world evils!

What *is* religion? It is defined as the worship of, and service to, God or the supernatural. It is man's relation to his Creator. Some religions have perverted that definition. They worship not the God who created them, but gods that *they* have created. Religion involves one's conduct, one's princi-



ples, one's way of life and one's concept of the hereafter.

The real CAUSES of all this world's religious confusion—and all its evils—are revealed in SEVEN BASIC MYSTERIES that decry this babylon of religious confusion and the resulting world chaos!

But now God's time has come! He now sends a voice to cry out with amplified world-covering power to reveal the way out of this senseless madness, into the world of PEACE and righteousness that soon shall grip the earth!

In the book of Isaiah is a "NOW" prophecy: "The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord. . . lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say . . . Behold, the Lord God will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him" (Isa. 40:3, 9-10).

That voice now cries out!

The prophet Malachi confirmed this: "Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts" (Mal. 3:1).

### The Elijah to Come

Both of these prophecies have a dual application. First, they refer to John the Baptist, who prepared the way before Jesus' human ministry more than 1,900 years ago. BUT, as a prototype, or forerunner, they foretell one to prepare the way before Christ's Second Coming as the King of kings and Lord of lords to RULE OVER ALL NATIONS!

Malachi's prophecy, like Isaiah's, if you will read on past the first verse, refers to a human messenger preparing the way before Christ's now imminent Second Coming, this time in supreme POWER AND GLORY as Ruler over all nations!

Understand the duality principle here. These prophecies refer to a type and its fulfillment.

John the Baptist was a voice crying out in the *physical* wilderness of the Jordan River area, preparing for the human *physical* Jesus' First Coming to a *material* temple at

Jerusalem, to a *physical* Judah. But that was a prototype, or forerunner of a voice "lifted up" (greatly amplified by modern printing, radio and TV), crying out in the midst of today's *spiritual* wilderness of religious confusion, announcing the imminency of Christ's Second Coming as the spiritually GLORIFIED Christ, to his spiritual temple (the Church resurrected to spirit immortality) (Eph. 2:21-22).

Jesus came, more than 1,900 years ago, to announce the FUTURE kingdom of God. He's coming this time to ESTABLISH that kingdom. That end-time last warning message is now going out worldwide in amplified power.

It's going before kings, emperors, presidents, prime ministers of nations—and to their peoples, on all continents and all nations of the earth!

How in this age of religious confusion could one come to know these seven basic mysteries of the ages that decry this world-gripping conglomeration of beliefs?

Why, in general, are people in Thailand Buddhist; Italy, France and Spain Catholic; those in the Arab world Islamic? Primarily, of course, because they and those around them grew up being taught, and automatically accepting, those faiths. To expect one of them to discover the TRUTH (hidden from them and also contrary to the teachings of childhood and adulthood that engulfed them) would seem to be expecting the impossible.

Why do most people believe the things they believe? Few, indeed, ever stop to ask themselves in retrospect how they came to accept the beliefs that have found lodgment in their minds.

### The Source of TRUTH

You probably have seen pictures of the statue "The Thinker." A man sitting alone, leaning forward, elbows on his knees, his hand supporting his head. There, supposedly, he sits in deep thought, hour after hour, day after day—just thinking!

Supposedly that statue depicts the manner in which some of the religions of the world came into being.

But "The Thinker" had nothing

to think *from!* No foundation for his thinking. No facts on which to base his conjectures.

The human mind is not equipped to manufacture truth with no basis for that truth!

However, few, it seems, really *think!*

Most people accept carelessly what they are taught from childhood. And, coming into maturity, they accept that which they have repeatedly heard, read or been taught. They continue to go along, usually without question, with their peers. Most people do not realize it, but they have carelessly *assumed* what they believe without question or proof. Yet they will defend vigorously and emotionally their convictions. It has become human nature for people to flow with the stream—to go along with the crowd—to believe and perform like their peers around them.

Further, most people stubbornly refuse to believe what they are unwilling to believe. There's an old saying, "He who is convinced against his will is of the same opinion still."

I was no different. Of myself, and of my own volition, I would never have discovered these GREAT TRUTHS.

But then, the prophet Moses never would have discovered the truths he wrote—the first five books of the Bible. It required a miraculous act of GOD, in the incident of the burning bush, to open his mind and to reveal to him the things of GOD. Moses did not seek God. God called and drafted Moses. Even on being confronted by the very voice of God, Moses protested. But God's command was irresistible and Moses yielded.

The apostle Paul, centuries later, never would have come to know or reveal for us God's TRUTHS of his own will. He was "breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord" (Acts 9:1). But the living Jesus struck him down blind, brought him to his senses and instructed him both in knowledge and in what Christ determined he should do. Christ in Person revealed to him many of the TRUTHS you will read here.

How, then, did I come to under-  
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# Today's Child-Care Crisis

**I**T IS now a worldwide trend.

Not only in industrialized societies, but in developing areas, such as in the islands of the Caribbean, rising numbers of mothers are joining the work force. Here, statistics show up to 90 percent of the children were in day care before they were 2 years of age.

Demand for day care in Australia, New Zealand and in Latin America is strong.

In Canada, more than half the children 5 years and under are supervised by some sort of nonparental care. About 40 percent of Britain's under-5s are in day-care facilities. More than 35 percent of children of 6 years and less are in day care in West Germany.

The United States is experiencing another baby boom, but this time, only a few months after the birth of their babies, mothers are returning to their jobs. More than half of U.S. mothers are now working outside the home. Mothers of children under age 3 are a significant part of the record-breaking increase.

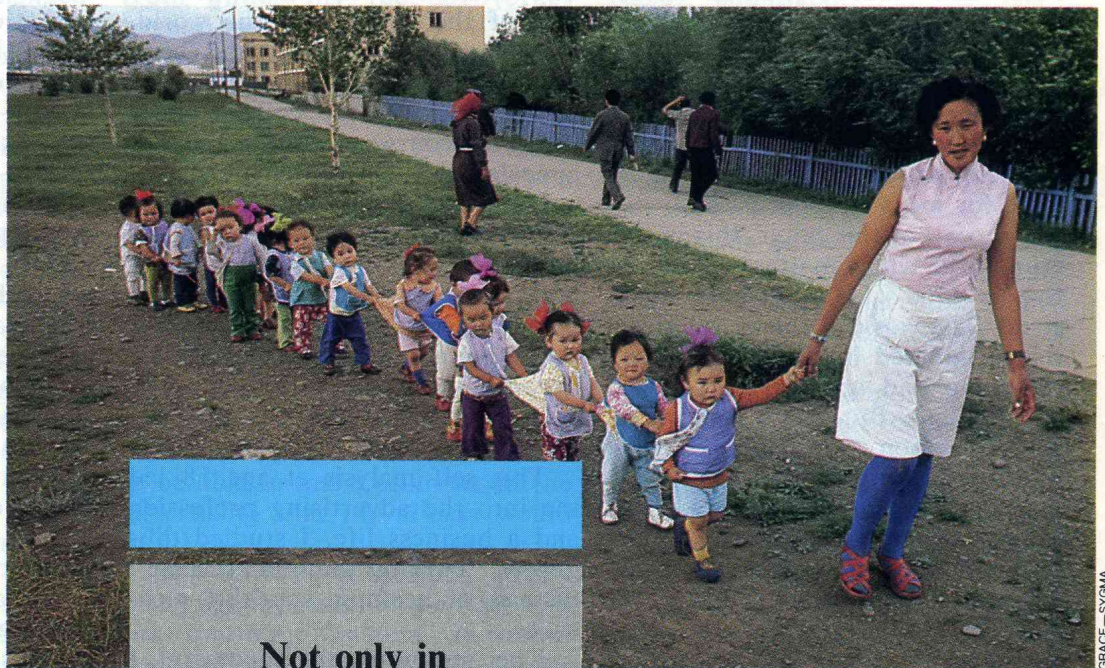
Who will care for these children? And the hundreds of thousands of children in other nations whose fathers and mothers have both joined the labor force?

Is organized, government-licensed or subsidized day care really providing the answers to the need of today's families? Or can franchised or corporation-provided day care or nonprofessional care answer those needs? And what about the needs of the children?

How does custodial care in an

indifferent day-care environment affect fragile, impressionable young minds? Let's look at average day care, hopefully with competent personnel and clean, properly furnished facilities.

(It's not our purpose here to include the horror stories of the tragically mismanaged day-care



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facilities we've seen portrayed in our newspapers and on television. But we should not ignore these dangers in the system.)

#### **Infants Learn Early**

Human infants begin to learn at birth—some experts believe infants perceive information even in the womb. Before babies are a year old,  
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# Mysteries Revealed

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stand the precious knowledge of the TRUTH? Certainly not on my own, or because I sought it or because of any virtues of my own. But Jesus Christ struck me down in a manner quite different from the apostle Paul's experience, yet nonetheless painfully and effectively.

Such basic TRUTHS are *revealed*, not thought out in any human mind. They come from God, not man! And in all biblically recorded cases the initiative was God's!

Jeremiah protested that he was too young. But God said: "Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you you shall go, and whatever I command you you shall speak" (Jer. 1:7, Revised Standard Version). Isaiah protested that he was a man of unclean lips, but God caused him to accept the appointed mission. Jonah tried to run away on a ship but God compelled him to deliver his commanded message. Peter and Andrew wanted to be fishermen but Jesus called on them to forsake all and to follow him.

Similarly, I wanted to be an advertising man, but God brought me by circumstances not to my choosing to the mission he had in store for me.

I repeat, at this point, this is the crux of the whole matter: the initiative is God's. His purpose shall stand. The world is full of religions that originated in the imagination, reasoning and speculating of certain humans. But they had no true basis to reason from. The TRUTH IS REVEALED FROM GOD!

But, does not everybody have access to biblical truth? Yes, people *suppose* the *churches* teach what is revealed in the Bible.

So I give you, now, a brief synopsis of the experience by which Jesus Christ struck me down, so to speak, and revealed ASTOUNDING TRUTHS! Biblical truths *not* believed or taught by the churches!

## The Awakening—Spark of Ambition Ignited

I was born of ordinary but stable and upright parents, with an ancestry in the Quaker faith. I have my genealogy all the way back to Edward the First of England and a

line extending back to King David of ancient Israel. I have been astonished to discover this genealogy and the fact that I am actually of "the house of David." My forebears emigrated from England to Pennsylvania with William Penn, a hundred years before the United States became a nation.

I had been reared from earliest childhood in the Quaker faith, but religious interest in those formative years was passive.

At age 18 I virtually dropped all interest in religion, and ceased attending church. I had, at 18, put myself through an intensive self-analysis, coupled with a survey of the occupations and professions to determine where I belonged—to avoid being the proverbial square peg in the round hole.

Even at that age I had observed that most people were simply victims of circumstance. Few had ever planned intelligently their future lives. Many or most had stumbled into whatever job they found open. They did not choose where, in what part of the country or the world, they should live. They had been buffeted about by circumstance. Those who went to college chose whatever course or profession that appealed to them at the time.

But when I was yet only 16, a summer-vacation employer had, by praise for work well done and general encouragement, aroused the burning fire of ambition within me. Ambition is not only the desire for accomplishment, it includes the will and the drive to *pay the price!*

This self-analysis at age 18 led me into the advertising profession and a business life. I studied diligently, "burning the midnight oil," instead of seeking youthful pleasures.

I became unusually successful. I worked hard, had a reputation as a "hustler." I studied diligently, worked toward self-improvement. All this, of course, developed great self-confidence, which was later to be replaced by a different kind of confidence—FAITH in Christ.

I selected the jobs where I would learn, and "sold myself to my employers," choosing fields that threw me into contact with successful men.

In 1915 I established my own business as a publishers' representative in Chicago, Illinois. I managed to represent the nine leading bank journals of the United States—journals read by chief officers of banks. I did business with the presidents of many of the nation's largest industrial corporations in the Middle West. I attended state and national bankers' conventions, got to know many of the leading bankers of South LaSalle Street, Chicago, and Wall Street, New York. I was making an income, by age 28, equivalent to approximately \$375,000 per year measured by today's dollar value.

It was at this height of my early business success that God began dealing with me. I had been recently married.

## The Unrecognized Call

In a matter of days after our marriage, while living in Chicago, my wife had a dream so vivid and impressive it overwhelmed and shook her tremendously. It was so realistic it seemed more like a vision. For two or three days afterward everything else seemed unreal—as if in a daze—and only this extraordinary dream seemed real.

In her dream she and I were crossing the wide intersection, only a block or two from our apartment, where Broadway diagonally crosses Sheridan Road. Suddenly there appeared an awesome sight in the sky above. It was a dazzling spectacle—the sky filled with a gigantic solid mass of brilliant stars, shaped like a huge banner. The stars began to quiver and separate, finally vanishing. In her dream, she called my attention to the vanishing stars, when another huge grouping of flashing stars appeared, then quivering, separating and vanishing like the first.

As she and I, in her dream, looked upward at the vanishing stars, three large white birds suddenly appeared in the sky between us and the vanishing stars. These great white birds flew directly toward us. As they descended nearer, she perceived that they were angels.

"Then," my wife wrote a day or two after the dream, in a letter to



my mother that I have just run across among old family pictures, "it dawned on me that Christ was coming, and I was so happy I was just crying for joy. Then suddenly I thought of Herbert and was rather worried."

She knew I had evidenced very little religious interest, although we had attended a corner church two or three times.

Then it seemed that "Christ descended from among them and stood directly in front of us. At first I was a little doubtful and afraid of how he would receive us, because I remembered we had neglected our Bible study and had our minds too much on things apart from his interests. But as we went up to him, he put his arms around both of us, and we were so happy! I thought people all over the world had seen him come. As far as we could see, people were just swarming into the streets at this broad intersection. Some were glad and some were afraid.

"Then it seemed he had changed into an angel. I was terribly disappointed at first, until he told me Christ was really coming in a very short time."

At that time, we had been going quite regularly to motion picture theaters. She asked the angel if this were wrong. He replied Christ had important work for us to do, preparing for his coming—there would be no time for "movies." (Those were the days of the "silent" pictures.) Then the angel and the whole spectacle seemed to vanish, and she awakened, shaken and wondering!

In the morning, she told me of her dream. I was embarrassed. I didn't want to think about it, yet I was afraid to totally dismiss it. I thought of a logical way to evade it myself, and still solve it.

"Why don't you tell it to the minister of the church up on the corner," I suggested, "and ask *him* whether it means anything."

With that, I managed to put it out of my mind.

Let me say here that in about 99,999 times out of 100,000, when people think God is speaking to them in a dream or vision in this day and age, it is pure imagination, or some form of self-hypnotism or

self-deception. But if this was a vision from God, like Jonah, I tried to run away. But subsequent to this, in God's due time, God dealt with me in no uncertain terms, even as he had dealt with Moses, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Jonah, Andrew, Peter and the apostle Paul.

### Business Disintegrates

Then came the devastating flash depression of 1920. It was not long-lived, but disastrous for the year. My big advertising accounts were in the farm tractor and implement and other manufacturing fields, rather than the metropolitan banks. All my big-commission clients, including such corporations as Goodyear Tire & Rubber, J.I. Case, Moline Plow, John Deere and Company, Emmerson-Brantingham and Dalton Adding Machine, went into receivers' hands. One nationally known corporation president of my acquaintance committed suicide. Through no fault of my own, my business was swept out from under my feet by forces beyond my control.

Out of Portland, Oregon, where I had moved with my family, I established an advertising service for laundry owners. The laundry industry was 11th in the country in dollar volume of business, yet the most backward. I teamed with an efficiency expert, in my judgment top in the nation in his field. I took on only clients who allowed us to put their businesses on a new efficiency basis—both in the quality of laundering service and in business methods, which I supervised. I had to be able to make promises in the advertising that my clients would fulfill.

But in 1926 a national advertising agency based in the East sold the Laundry Owners' National Association a bill of goods—to put big-space advertising in the national women's magazines. The association had power to obligate every member to a commitment for this magazine advertising equal to approximately 85 percent of the justifiable advertising expenditure each local laundry could make. I knew nothing of this until it was a closed deal. I had been doubling and trebling the business volume of each of my clients. My business

was growing. Again a highly successful business was swept out from under my feet through causes over which I had no control.

But there was a reason—God was taking away my advertising business.

### Disturbing Dual Challenges

Then, in the fall of 1926, at age 34, it seemed that the roof had caved in and I was crushed! I was assailed by very disturbing dual challenges.

My wife, after nine years of happy marriage, began keeping the seventh-day Sabbath instead of Sunday!

I was aghast! I was angry. To me that was religious fanaticism! What would business contacts think? But she claimed to have found this teaching in the Bible.

All the arguments came instantly to mind. They were of no avail.

"But the Bible says," I protested, "Thou shalt observe SUNDAY!"

"Can you show that to me in the Bible?" she asked.

"Well, no," I replied. "I don't know much about the Bible. My interests and studies have been in the area of business. But all these churches can't be wrong—they take their beliefs from the Bible, and they all observe Sunday."

"If," she smiled sincerely—but to me exasperatingly—"you can show me where the Bible commands Sunday observance, I'll go back to it."

There was no dodging the challenge. My marriage depended on it!

Coincidentally, a sister-in-law, newly married and fresh out of college, hurled at me a second humiliating challenge.

"Herbert Armstrong," she accused contemptuously, "you are just plain *ignorant!* Everybody who has any education *knows* human life has come by evolution."

I was proud. I had not neglected study and education. I thought I knew the facts about evolution, and I didn't believe in it. But now I had to admit I had never pursued a thorough, in-depth research of the particular question.

Following on the heels of my wife's "fanaticism," this challenge was humiliating. This double jolt to



my pride hit me immediately after the second time my business had been destroyed. The effect was devastating. It was utterly frustrating. Nevertheless I was determined to prove both my wife and sister-in-law wrong.

The dual challenge drove me into a determined almost night-and-day research. That intensive study continued for six months before I found the proved answer. Yet the study has never ceased to this day.

Both challenges focused on a common starting point—the book

zation that I had *assumed* the reality of God, because from childhood I had heard, and therefore assumed, it. For a while my head was swimming. Was all I had ever believed mere myth and error, after all? Now I was determined to know the TRUTH! My mind was being cleaned out from ideas and beliefs previously taken for granted.

Of all the writings on evolution, Dr. P.E. More alone had culled out many discrepancies in the theory. Yet he, too, went along with the doctrine overall.

But now I had, first of all, to prove or disprove the existence of God. It was no casual or superficial study. I continued in this research as if my life depended upon it—as, in actual fact, it did, as well as my marriage. I also studied books on the other side of the question.

Suffice it to say here that I did find irrefutable PROOF of the existence of

God the Creator—and I found proof positive of the fallacy of the evolutionary theory. The overwhelming array of college brainwashed minds to the contrary notwithstanding. I had the satisfaction of winning the admission of one Ph.D. thoroughly steeped in evolutionary thought—who had spent many years in graduate work at the University of Chicago and at Columbia—that I had definitely chopped down the trunk of the evolutionary tree. Like Dr. More, though, she had been so thoroughly brainwashed in evolution she had to continue in what she had acknowledged was PROOF of its falsity.

Also I had the enjoyment of being able to cause my sister-in-law to “eat those words” branding me as “ignorant.” All of which was mere vanity on my part, which I had not yet eradicated.

I had proved the reality of THE GREAT MAJESTIC GOD! But my wife’s challenge was still tormenting my mind. Already, in the evolutionary research, I had studied Genesis.

I knew each of the world’s religions had its own sacred writings. Once God’s reality was proved, I had expected to continue in the

pursuit of comparative religions to see if any such sacred writings proved authoritative. Through which of these—if any—did GOD speak to mankind?

Since I had to research the Sabbath question anyway, and already I had delved into Genesis, I decided to continue my study in the Bible.

### A Doctrine at a Time

I came across, early, the passage in Romans 6:23: “The wages of sin is death.” I stopped, amazed. “Wages” is what one is paid for what one has done. Here I was staring at a statement diametrically opposite to my Sunday school teaching (prior to age 18).

“Why,” I exclaimed, “how can that be? I was taught in church that the wages of sin is EVERLASTING LIFE in an eternally burning hell.”

Another shock came on reading the last part of the same verse: “but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

“But,” I questioned in disillusionment, “I thought I already had eternal life—I am, or I have—an immortal soul. Why should I need it as a gift?”

I researched the word *soul* by means of a Bible concordance. Twice I found the expression, “The soul that sinneth, it shall die” (Ezek. 18:4 and 18:20).

Then I remembered I had read in Genesis 2 how God said to the first humans, who were souls, “But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt *surely die*.”

In Genesis 2:7 I read how God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man (dust—matter) “became a living soul.” This stated plainly that a soul is physical—formed from matter. I found that the English word *soul* is translated from the Hebrew *nephesh* and that in Genesis 1 fowl, fish and animals—all three—were *nephesh*, as Moses was inspired to write.

Next, I happened to read where Jesus said, “And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man” (John 3:13). I researched the heaven and hell

## How in this age of religious confusion could one come to know these seven basic mysteries of the ages . . . ?

of Genesis in the Bible and the subject of origins—although that was only the beginning.

These challenges came at a period in life when I had ample time on my hands. I plunged with intense concentration into the study.

### Researching the Bible and Darwin

I did not begin the research in Genesis. First I delved thoroughly into the works of Darwin, Lyell, Haeckel, Huxley, Spencer, Vogt, Chamberlin and More, and even into the earlier works of Lamarck and his theory of “use and disuse,” which preceded Darwin’s “survival of the fittest” hypothesis.

Immediately those writings appeared convincing. (They necessarily are, to have won virtual universal acceptance in the world of higher education.) I readily understood how the field of education had been gripped in the clutch of the evolutionary concept.

Evolution is the agnostic’s or atheist’s attempted explanation of the presence of a creation without the preexistence of an intelligent Creator.

This initial stage of my research rudely shook my faith in the existence of God. It brought me to reali-



knowledge I found them of little help.

I also used, in questionable passages, the Hebrew Old Testament and the Greek New Testament, with the lexicons. And I used every translation or version then published—especially the Moffatt, Ferrar Fenton, Smith-Goodspeed, American Revised and the Williams New Testament.

### My Experience Unique

My research was totally different from that of students in a seminary. They absorb what they are taught in the doctrines of their denomination. Education has become a matter of memory training. The child, and the adult student as well, is expected to accept and memorize whatever is taught.

For example, in an elementary grade one of my grandsons was once asked by the teacher, "Who discovered America?"

"The Indians," promptly answered the grandson. The teacher was astonished.

"No, Larry, don't you know that Columbus discovered America?"

"No, Ma'am, the Indians were already here to greet Columbus when he finally arrived."

The lad was given a zero for his answer and severely instructed to always remember that the book says Columbus discovered America!

A pupil, or a student in high school or university, is graded on memorizing and believing what he is taught by the textbook, the teacher, instructor or professor.

In the first dummy copy of the magazine *The Plain Truth*, which I put together in 1927—seven years before the magazine was actually published—I had an artist draw a picture of a schoolroom, with children sitting at the desks, each with a funnel stuck into his or her head. The teacher was pouring out of a pitcher ready-made propaganda into each child's head.

A student enrolled at a Methodist seminary receives Methodist doctrine and teaching into his head. A Catholic student studying in a Catholic seminary is taught Roman Catholic teachings. A student in a Presbyterian seminary is given Presbyterian doctrines. A student in Germany studying history is

instructed in one version of World Wars I and II, but a history student in the United States is taught a somewhat different version.

But I had been called specially by the living GOD. I was trying to prove the very opposite of what I found clearly and unmistakably to be what the Bible SAYS! I was taught by Christ what I did not want to believe but what he showed me was TRUE!

Jesus Christ is the *personal* Word of God. He, in person, taught the original 12 apostles and the apostle Paul. The Bible is the SAME Word of God IN PRINT today. Thus it was the same Jesus Christ who taught both the original apostles, beginning A.D. 27, and 1,900 years later, beginning 1927, myself.

And let me add here that my study of God's revelation of truth has never ceased. Later Christ used me in founding three liberal arts colleges—including one in England. Through constant study, teaching and collaboration with spirit-minded faculty members in theological courses, my mind has remained OPEN. And knowledge of God's revealed truth has increased.

But in my initial six-months intensive in-depth study I was undergoing a process of UNlearning—discovering that church teachings had been the diametric opposite of Bible TRUTH!

### "Eating Crow"

This is not the place for a lengthy, detailed account of my intensive search in the Bible, and of my conversion. I had been bent on proving to *my* satisfaction that "all these churches can't be wrong, for their teachings came from the Bible!" The essential point here is the simple fact that I did find irrefutable PROOF of the divine inspiration and supreme AUTHORITY of the Holy Bible (as originally written) as the revealed Word of God. Even all the so-called contradictions evaporated upon unbiased study.

The most difficult thing for any human mind is to admit being wrong. It was not more easy for me than for others. But God had brought me, through circumstances, to the point where he had made me willing.

To my utter dismay and chagrin, I was forced to "eat crow" in regard to my wife's supposed "fanaticism." It was not what I *wanted* to believe *then!* But by that time I had taken a severe beating. I had to accept PROVED truth, contrary to what I had wanted to believe!

It was humiliating to have to admit my wife had been right and I had been wrong in the most serious argument that ever came between us.

### Disillusionment

But to my utter disappointed astonishment, I found that many of the popular church teachings and practices were *not* based on the Bible. They had originated, as research in history had revealed, in paganism. Numerous Bible prophecies foretold it. The amazing, unbelievable TRUTH is that the SOURCE of these popular beliefs and practices of professing Christianity was, quite largely, paganism and human reasoning and custom, *NOT the Bible!*

I had first doubted, then searched for evidence, and found PROOF that God exists—that the Holy Bible is, literally, his divinely inspired revelation and instruction to mankind. I had learned that one's God is what a person OBEYS. The word *Lord* means MASTER—*one* you OBEY! Most people, I had discovered, are obeying *false* gods, rebelling against the one true CREATOR who is the supreme RULER of the universe.

The argument was over a point of OBEDIENCE to GOD.

The opening of my eyes to the TRUTH brought me to the crossroads of my life. To accept it meant to throw in my lot with a class of humble and unpretentious people I had come to look upon as inferior. It meant being cut off from the high and the mighty and the wealth of this world, to which I had aspired. It meant the final crushing of VANITY. It meant a total *change of life!*

### Life-and-death Struggle

It meant real REPENTANCE, for now I saw that I had been breaking God's law. I had been rebelling against God in many more ways than just breaking the Sabbath



command. It meant turning around and going THE WAY OF GOD—the WAY of his BIBLE—living according to every word in the Bible, instead of according to the ways of society or the desires of the flesh and of vanity.

It was a matter of which WAY I would travel for the remainder of my life. I had certainly reached the CROSSROADS!

But I had been beaten down. God had brought that about—though I didn't realize it then. Repeated business reverses, failure after failure, had destroyed self-confidence. I was broken in spirit. The SELF in me didn't want to die. It wanted to try to get up from ignominious defeat and try once again to tread the broad and popular WAY of vanity and of this world.

I had been part of this world. I did not realize, then, that this was not God's world but Satan's. I came to realize that accepting God's truth meant being called out of this world—forsaking this world and its ways, and even to a great extent my friends and associates in this world. Giving up this world, its ways, interests, pleasures, was like dying. And I didn't want to die. I think one of the greatest tests that everyone whom God has called faces, is giving up this world and being part of it. But now I knew that this world's way was WRONG! I knew its ultimate penalty was DEATH. But I didn't want to die now!

It was truly a battle for LIFE—a life-and-death struggle. In the end, I lost that battle, as I had been losing all worldly battles in recent years.

In final desperation, I threw myself on his mercy. If he could use my life, I would give it to him—not in a physical suicide, but as a living sacrifice, to use as he willed. It was worth nothing to me any longer. I considered that I was only a worthless piece of human junk not worthy to be cast on the junk pile.

Jesus Christ had bought and paid for my life by his death. It really belonged to him, and now I told him he could have it!

From then on, this defeated no-good life of mine was GOD'S. I didn't see how it could be worth anything to him. But it was his to

use as his instrument, if he thought he could use it.

### JOY in Defeat

This surrender to God—this REPENTANCE—this GIVING UP of the world, of friends and associates, and of everything—was the most bitter pill I ever swallowed. Yet it was the *only* medicine in all my life that ever brought a healing!

For I actually began to realize that I was finding joy beyond words to describe in this total defeat. I had actually found JOY in the study of the Bible—in the discovery of new TRUTHS, heretofore hidden from my consciousness. And in surrendering to GOD in complete repentance, I found unspeakable JOY in accepting JESUS CHRIST as personal Savior and my present High Priest.

I began to see everything in a new and different light. *Why* should it have been a difficult and painful experience to surrender to my Maker and my God? *Why* was it painful to surrender to obey God's right ways? WHY? Now, I came to a new outlook on life.

Somehow I began to realize a NEW fellowship and friendship had come into my life. I began to be conscious of a contact and fellowship with Christ, and with God the Father.

When I read and studied the Bible, God was talking to *me*, and now I loved to listen! I began to pray, and knew that in prayer I was talking with God. I was not yet very well acquainted with God. But one gets to be *better* acquainted with another by constant contact and continuous conversation.

So I continued the study of the Bible. I began to write, in article form, the things I was learning. I did not then suppose these articles would ever be published. I wrote them for my own satisfaction. It was one way to learn more by the study.

And I can say now, with the apostle Paul, "that the gospel which [is] preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ. . . . But when it pleased God . . . to reveal his Son in me . . . immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood: neither went I

[to a theological seminary, but I was taught by Jesus Christ, the Word of God (in writing)]" (Gal. 1:11-12, 15-17).

That is why I have said the experience I was painfully subjected to in this original intensive study was unique in human life and conduct in our time. I know of no world religious leader who arrived at his teachings in such a manner. This world's religious teachings did not come from GOD! Only God is infallibly correct!

I was brought, by the spring of 1927, to a complete MIND-SWEEPING! My mind was being *swept clean* of previous assumptions and beliefs—I had been brought through a painful experience.

Twice profitable businesses had collapsed, leaving me frustrated.

Then I was brought to acknowledge that whatever religious beliefs I had held were contrary to the truth of God. Not only what I had believed, but also the churches!

I had taken a beating! I had been brought to realize my own nothingness and inadequacy. I had been CONQUERED by the great majestic GOD—brought to a real *repentance*—and also brought to a NEW ROCK-BASED SOLID FAITH in Jesus Christ and in God's Word. I had been brought to a complete surrender to God and to HIS WORD.

I was baptized, and the infilling of God's Holy Spirit opened my mind to the JOY UNSPEAKABLE of knowing God and Jesus Christ—of knowing TRUTH—and the warmth of God's divine LOVE!

What I once hated I now loved. I found the greatest and most absorbing joy of my life in *continuing* to dig out those gold nuggets of TRUTH from God's Word. Now came a new enthusiasm in Bible study.

And I was led through the years from conversion to understand God's revelation of these seven biblical mysteries that have baffled the minds of humanity and to find that one and only true Church of God, founded by Jesus Christ on the day of Pentecost, A.D. 31.

I now reveal, to the reader, SEVEN MAJOR MYSTERIES that have bewildered all humanity. I begin, next month, with "Who and What Is God?" □



# CHILD REARING

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they will have acquired more knowledge and awareness of their surroundings than they will in any other comparable year of their lives. Before infants can reach out, some researchers find that they have stored up, through sight, information about an object, and are not totally surprised at its shape when able to handle it.

A baby quickly learns to recognize mother and definitely prefers her face and voice. (And more researchers are emphasizing the added importance of father's play with the child in the beginning years of life, as well as later.)

By the time the baby is 5 or 6 months old, the degree of mental and physical abilities acquired will depend upon the response and interest of parents, especially the mother. Parental response increases alertness even in the tiniest of infants.

A baby left alone for long periods of time becomes not only lonely, but also frustrated. He or she is not able to exercise, and thus develop, all the new skills being learned. Later the frequency with which the infant expresses himself or herself in making sounds will decrease if not stimulated, and the child's language development will slow.

Infants and young children do not thrive physically, mentally or emotionally in an environment where they are denied consistent loving attention—the case in average day-care institutions.

Sobering studies reveal that a child's ability to form a lasting attachment to another human being—the capacity to love—is learned before age 3. This ability to form a lasting mutual attachment seems to be inexorably tied in with the development of the child's conscience. In other words, no human attachment equals no properly developing conscience.

Yet how many toddlers today have been confused at one time or another, calling some part-time caretaker "Mommy"?

What does the absence of a full-time mother do to impressionable young minds? From studies over

the last 20 or 30 years, infant psychologist Selma Fraiberg states: "... we have learned that the human qualities of enduring love and commitment to love are forged during the first two years of life. On this point there is a consensus among scientists from a wide range of disciplines" (*Every Child's Birthright: In Defense of Mothering*).

Day-care advocates have not been fully aware of the limitations of a caretaker environment. Most of their studies were made in day centers of above-average quality. Few of these facilities are available and would be out of the price range of most families anyway.

It's a controversial subject and books and articles expressing opposing views are numerous, but it's hard to deny living, breathing evidence. The effect on the future character development of these children is not even addressed in the studies.

## The God-ordained Family

Broken homes are a tragedy. Children need two loving, concerned parents (especially their mothers, at an early age) to develop into mature adults capable of loving and caring for other human beings. Adults who can enrich the lives of others with their own unique creativity, who, guided by loving parents, have exercised their God-given right of independent thought and action. The developing of such character in young children is the responsibility of parents.

Our transient mobile society has robbed our children of the stable extended-family ties enjoyed by our grandparents. Most young people have little sense of the past and less regard for the wisdom of their elders. It should come as no surprise that youths have been wandering around for the last two decades wondering who they are.

The society we live in has made child rearing doubly difficult. Without the support of the extended family, parents' responsibilities today have never been more important.

Children need both parents more than ever. To avoid future deep-seated emotional problems, there is

no substitute for mothers during those early years.

For those with older children, depending on the family circumstances and children's ages, some form of day care may be an alternative, but for those with young preschool children, mothers are indispensable—at home!

## Daring to Question

For many there's no alternative, of course—single parents trying to single-handedly hold their fractured families together physically and economically, as well as emotionally. They're caught, we're all caught, in a system we didn't create, but to which the majority are paying more than lip service.

But what about the rest? Some women are reanalyzing their priorities. Husbands and wives are going over their budgets, taking the time to count the cost of turning their children over to others to rear. Is it really worth it? Cost of day care is rising—some women are paying almost 50 percent of their paychecks for child care.

Other women have stopped long enough to take a good look at their goals in life and how they plan to accomplish them. They've plotted a time to have children and to enjoy rearing them. They believe child rearing is a career. These goal-oriented women approach training and rearing their children in the same way they have successfully accomplished responsibilities in other areas of their lives.

More companies are offering job-sharing opportunities and flexible working hours to their employees. Some will allow working hours to be scheduled around family responsibilities. In this computer age, various corporations are encouraging employees to work from their homes.

Cottage industries are another alternative. Some people, even those who aren't parents, prefer to pursue their careers from their homes.

Don't think you have no choice when with a bit of ingenuity you may be able to come up with a workable solution. Avoid day care for your infants and preschoolers if at all possible. Give your children the priceless gift only you can give—yourself, at home. They're worth it. □



## PERSONAL

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reasoning as it is empowered in the reasoning and thinking process by the human spirit.

However, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him" (I Cor. 2:9). This further and deeper and more profound spiritual knowledge of God's purposes and plans and of God's righteousness is acquirable only by the addition of the Holy Spirit of God uniting with the human spirit of man.

On that day of Pentecost, A.D. 31, at the very founding of the Church of God, this divine Spirit of God entered into the believers there assembled in Jerusalem.

The point I want to make at this juncture is that at this moment of divine conception—the receiving of the Holy Spirit—they became the children of God, though as yet unborn. The divine "sperm" of the Holy Spirit had entered the human "ovum" as it were, and divine conception had taken place. The human sperm cell entering the human ovum constitutes human conception.

The then-fertilized human ovum from that instant is medically called an embryo. After some weeks, as it grows gradually into a human form, it is called a fetus. This growing and developing stage is called gestation. This is the precise type of spiritual conception and the Christian period of growing spiritually in grace and spiritual knowledge (II Pet. 3:18).

The Bible calls the Church of God "the mother of us all" who are the begotten children of God. The Church, as the spiritual mother, feeds spiritually the converted Christians within her, protects them from false teachings and ways, and brings them along in a spiritual period of gestation, ready to be born spiritually by a resurrection (at Christ's coming), an instantaneous change from mortal human to divine God in the kingdom of God.

Reproduction of human life is the exact type of spiritual reproduction. Our question is, When does human life start?

Human life in general started with the creation of Adam. He alone was specially created. All other humans have been reproduced from Adam. This reproductive process was designed by the same God who designed the spiritual reproductive process by which God is reproducing himself. A *human* life first starts in each individual human; so *divine* life starts by a spiritual conception—when the Holy Spirit first enters the human.

Now when does divine life start? When does one become a Christian—one of Christ's? In Romans 8:9, one who has received the Holy

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Spirit is Christ's. One who has not the Spirit of God is "none of his"—not a Christian. And, verse 11, if the Holy Spirit dwells in one, he shall be born immortal. In verse 14, as many as are led by the Holy Spirit dwelling within them, are, already, during this Christian life—this spiritual gestation period—the sons of God, though as yet unborn spiritually. They are begotten children of God.

In I John 3:1-2: "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."

Already now in this human

Christian life, as yet unborn, in gestation stage, we are the children of God. Yet we do not yet "appear" visibly as we shall be when born.

At the instant of physical conception, the embryo, and weeks later the fetus, is, already, the child of its parents. It is not just and only a piece of "fetal tissue," as abortionists argue, in their attempt to justify human murder.

From the instant of conception, a human life is in existence. To deliberately kill or destroy that human life, the GREAT LAWGIVER and SUPREME JUDGE says, is MURDER, punishable by eternal and final DEATH!

Regardless of human lawyers, human courts, human judges, or even supreme court justices, abortion is an act of murder, in defiance of the supreme Almighty GOD. And those who commit it, and order it, or "legally" by man's law authorize it, will be held in contempt of this SUPREME COURT OF HEAVEN, and answerable to that great Supreme Judge!

God Almighty has called and authorized me to "CRY ALOUD, AND SPARE NOT, AND SHOW OUR PEOPLE THEIR SINS!"

If we obeyed the laws of God we would avoid a world filled with suffering, anguish and helpless frustration. God's laws are the way to PEACE, to HAPPINESS, to JOY, to accomplishments that make life full, enjoyable and abundant.

God says, "Children are an heritage of the Lord" (Ps. 127:3). Human family relationship is one of the supreme blessings God has given mankind. What a tragedy that a rebellious mankind has spurned, forsaken and deprived itself of the wonderful blessings and happiness a loving God has made possible.

However, the final conclusion of the whole story of human life is this: When mankind has succeeded in spurning and repudiating every blessing, and has brought itself to the very brink of the total extinction of the human race through man's own nuclear and other life-destroying inventions, the merciful Eternal God will intervene and at last usher in the happy, peaceful and overwhelmingly satisfying eternal life in the glorious kingdom of God. □