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a magazine of understanding



**Romania's Manescu
in Bonn**

What our READERS SAY

First Fatal Flight

"The article called 'The Fable of the First Fatal Flight' in the January issue of *The PLAIN TRUTH* was very interesting. The story about Archy really shows how foolish evolution really is. I am a biology major in college and all my courses are aimed toward evolution. But I never believed that animals evolved even though on a test I must put down the evolutionary answer. I never saw any real evidence of evolution."

Earl R. K.,
Salem, West Virginia

"I received *The PLAIN TRUTH* a few days ago and have already read over half of it. I was fascinated about your article on 'The Fable of the First Fatal Flight.' What a weird, eerie-looking 'bird' your drawing showed! I'm anxious to read future articles on evolution because you make it very interesting. Also, what you have to say makes sense. I can hardly wait for next month's issue of *The PLAIN TRUTH*."

Virgil L. H.,
Chattanooga, Tennessee

"I have just finished reading the article entitled 'What do You Mean . . . SALVATION?' in the December issue of *The PLAIN TRUTH*. I am among the 99 out of 100 who [did] not . . . understand the meaning of salvation. Years and years of traditional teachings have covered the truth so effectively that an article like yours is almost unbelievable, yet it is in God's Word and is to be believed if one is to enter into the Kingdom of God."

Chester L. B.,
Cincinnati, Ohio

Editorial

"I was interested in the recent remarks made by the lady in London, wherein she believed the Bible was not written to inform man's mind, but to change man's heart. And that therefore, since she was right and you were wrong, she didn't want to read any

more of your literature. I not only agree with your logical explanation, but this uninformed, uneducated lady could probably add to her education by not only reading *The PLAIN TRUTH*, but also by reading the Bible. She says in effect, 'Don't confuse me with the facts, my mind is already made up.' This lady reminds one of the cigarette-smoking man who had become greatly concerned and frightened from reading so many articles about lung cancer being caused by tobacco. In fact, he became so frightened that he decided to give up reading."

E. E. B., Portland,
Oregon

Neo-Nazi Revival

"Please send me the free article 'There is a Way of Escape.' I do not wish to perish as millions of Jews did in Nazi concentration camps. I am shocked to hear that teen-agers have taken to wearing iron crosses, medals of the enemy which their fathers and brothers once fought. I am amazed that they should wonder why these crosses anger their parents. I am only 13, but am disgusted by the Nazis and everything they stand for."

Frank S.,
Elmwood Park, Illinois

"In reading the January issue of *The PLAIN TRUTH*, on the rising power of Germany and what is coming to pass, it's quite frightening, especially when a government . . . ignores the warnings you've stated and turn to leaders instead of God, 'to end the wars'."

Mrs. Alice V.,
Warrensville Heights, Ohio

Checks Up

"In reading your article on salvation and checking it with the Bible, I have obtained a better understanding of the meaning of salvation. What was explained in the December issue of *The PLAIN TRUTH* was so plain and simple, that I can see how many are lacking

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Personal from the Editor

ONE OF THE MOST read pages in *The PLAIN TRUTH* is the "What our Readers Say" Department, beginning on the opposite page.

This month we received a letter, a little too long for that department — yet too interesting and factual to be condensed or omitted. So I pulled this letter out, so that I might use it myself in this *Personal* talk with our readers.

This man sat down to figure what the subscription price for *The PLAIN TRUTH* would be — *if* we did charge for it — and *if* we charged what it is really worth!

You know, I had never thought to figure this up, myself! You see, I just never *thought about* any such thing as the amount of subscription price — because, to me, a subscription price on this magazine is unthinkable, anyway.

Of course, *The PLAIN TRUTH* is a world-NEWS magazine. And if it were *merely* that, we might charge a subscription price, commensurate with a magazine of its fine quality. Especially, when the world's top news events are covered, on the spot, by our own trained and accredited news writers and staff photographers in all parts of the world. Yes, and especially with all those superb color photos, taken close-up *on the spot*, mostly by our *own* staff photographers, giving you better close-ups, I believe, of *important* world events (see pages 9, 11, and front cover in this issue) than you'll find in ordinary news magazines.

But *The PLAIN TRUTH* is *so much more* than just a world NEWS magazine. Each of these articles reporting news happenings of world importance also brings you the MEANING and true significance, as it fits in the fast-moving panorama of Biblical prophecy fulfilment! And there is *so little* knowledge and right understanding of Biblical Prophecy today, that you simply could not obtain *this* priceless service anywhere else — *at any price*. You just

could not obtain it elsewhere — period!

Of course we give you an interesting, eye-opening education on certain vital phases of Science — (largely "falsely so called") — especially on the FOUNDATION, the basic concept, and the approach, of virtually all the so-called Sciences — the theory of EVOLUTION! We're having a deal of FUN giving you these articles, and I hope you're enjoying them also — unless you have been unfortunate enough to have been brainwashed by *good* minds that should have known better, and should have directed their powers of intellect in more *intelligent* and beneficial directions.

Then, of course, I suppose there would be nothing wrong in charging a subscription price for all those articles on HOW TO LIVE, to get the most out of life — how to become SUCCESSFUL — how to have a happy marriage and home life — how to rear children. That is, *if* they were the run-of-the-mill articles on these subjects like you may read in numerous other magazines.

But — and here's the BIG point — here's why we *can't* even *think about* putting a PRICE on *The PLAIN TRUTH*! These articles on the BIG NEWS of the world — these articles on world problems, personal problems, social problems, family problems, romance problems, marriage and divorce problems, and all the questions that plague us, puzzle us, frustrate us today (NO, *not* us, but everybody else) — these articles *are not run-of-the-mill!*

They are NOT like any other articles you'll read in any other magazine.

Do you know the difference?

All articles on this type subject-matter in the mass-circulation popular magazines of this world *are approached* from the basic concept of this world — the FOUNDATION of its ideas and knowledge and so-called "wisdom," — this

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OUR COVER

Tall, handsome, personable Corneliu Manescu — Romanian Minister of Foreign Affairs since 1961—charmed German officials in Bonn during surprise January diplomatic conference. The U.S.S.R. was shocked by the Manescu trip. A one-time Minister of Armed Forces (1948-55), later Vice President of State Planning Committee (1955-60), then Ambassador to Hungary (1960-61), Manescu made it clear to West Germans that Romania's Communist Party was fully independent, able to negotiate with the West without consulting Moscow.

American Republic, exemplified this trait in many ways. During the Revolutionary War he encountered a number of British Redcoats defending themselves fiercely, and he cried: "See how those noble fellows fight!" But after the battle, he found a wounded British soldier being set upon and robbed by American stragglers. Furious, Washington drove the thugs away and ordered a soldier to stand guard over the bleeding Redcoat until he could be moved to camp.

Later, as President, he was often visited by former comrades-in-arms, old soldiers having a hard time. Though constantly plagued by a shortage of cash, Washington always gave each soldier a warm reception and there was a standing order in the kitchen that each veteran was to be served a good meal and sent away with a few dollars.

Any great leader must develop this capacity for understanding, for mercy, and for forgiving the minor faults and irritations of others. "For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath showed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment" (James 2:13).

VI. Practice Diligence and Self-Discipline

Once the nation begins to flourish or the business begins to prosper, it is all too easy for the man at the helm to let down, begin to "take it easy," and give way to human lust and vices. A great leader must so *discipline himself* that this NEVER happens!

God says: "The hand of the *diligent* shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute" (Prov. 12:24). The man who works hard and produces — this man is going to end up "in charge." But the man who lets down and is lazy will soon find his job taken by others.

Again, "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that RULETH *his spirit* than he that taketh a city" (Prov. 16:32). For the sake of his position — and as an example to his followers — a true leader must learn to discipline himself in what he eats and drinks, how much time he spends away from the job in recreational activities, the kind of companionship he keeps, the kind of spiritual

character he is and portrays to others.

Nearly every great nation or institution is merely the length and shadow of one man. People follow their leaders! If a king is a drunken woman-chaser, so will his subjects be. If the head of a company or family is irresponsible, lazy and given to personal indulgence, so will be his employees and his family!

We see all around us today the so-called "new freedom" — freedom to BREAK God's Laws, to DESPISE all human law and constituted authority, to "get something for nothing," to justify sexual promiscuity, lying and cheating and even homosexuality.

Bernard Baruch — famous "counselor of presidents" — sums up a supreme lesson all of us in this modern world *desperately need to learn*: "This is the test of SELF-DISCIPLINE. Even when we know what is right, too often we fail to act... we blame the nation's troubles on others... But it is far more likely that we will find the source of our national trials in our *own failure as individuals to DISCIPLINE OURSELVES to do what the nation's well-being demands*" (emphasis ours).

Through God's help, learn to MASTER yourself — your own selfishness, lust and vanity. Self-mastery comes first — the opportunity to lead and direct others follows as a result.

VII. Have LOVE for God and Fellowman

Finally, the sincere feeling of *outgoing concern, compassion* and LOVE for others is an absolute must in the character of anyone who would be a real leader or king.

Jesus Christ said: "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if you have LOVE one to another" (John 13:35). His entire life and ministry was a continual example of love and service. In the end, He GAVE *His very life* to redeem human beings to their God.

Throughout history and throughout life, the lesson is indelibly written that a man who does not have sincere love for others will never command their deep loyalty, respect and obedience. They may be cowered into fear, goaded on through greed and avarice in antic-

ipation of the spoils, but when the going gets rough it is LOVE which truly binds together the right kind of family, the true Church of God, the right kind of nation or people.

Coupled with humility and the fear of God, guided by GOD's standard of right and wrong, inspired by wise and impartial judgment, empowered by strength and determination, tempered by patience and mercy, protected by diligence and self-discipline, this outgoing LOVE will lead any father and head of his family, any company president, any team captain, any national leader to GIVE and SERVE unselfishly those who share with him in the common task, trials and blessings.

If you would truly build GOD's kind of *character*, then *ask, seek, cry out* and then yield yourself to EXERCISE this kind of love in your life and in your relations with others and with Almighty God! There is NOTHING more important. For this kind of love is far from a religious platitude. It is a living, abiding, moving, active spiritual principle which is as real as tomorrow, as active as the law of gravity, as eternal as God Himself.

To be a *leader, a servant* of your fellowman, and a KING in The World Tomorrow, *think on* and LIVE by these things.

Personal from the Editor

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theory of EVOLUTION. Evolution, as such, may never be so much as mentioned! Yet the ideas and conclusions drawn — if any — are approached from this concept.

The only true FOUNDATION of *all* knowledge is the Word of God! It truly makes sense — once you understand it! And of course any good mind *could* understand. That is, *if* the hostility to the all-knowing God who inspired it were put down — *if* one came to a repentant and believing attitude.

Here at Ambassador College, we have learned that truth! Few, indeed, in *this* world's education, look on the Bible

as a source of KNOWLEDGE — of EDUCATION! Yet it is the only true BASIC source!

That is why the articles in *The PLAIN TRUTH* are *not* run-of-the-mill. They are *different!* They are *interesting!* They are *alive!* They are *vital!* They *make sense!* They are TRUTH, made PLAIN!

Now Jesus' GOSPEL was NEWS! It was WORLD NEWS! It had to do with WORLD problems, and with WORLD GOVERNMENT! It is KNOWLEDGE! It is true EDUCATION! Actually, these articles are the true Gospel — as it applies to TODAY'S conditions and problems, and world news. Presenting it in this manner makes these articles *vital, dynamic, interesting, scintillating, thrilling!* ACTUALLY, they give you THE GOSPEL in a modern dress that makes sense and makes it PLAIN!

And *THAT'S* why we cannot put a PRICE on *The PLAIN TRUTH*! The Gospel of Jesus *cannot be sold* like merchandise! No one must make any profit out of it! It cannot be commercialized! It must be FREELY GIVEN! That is GOD'S WAY!

Of course *The PLAIN TRUTH* does cost money to edit and publish. Your subscription does, after all, have to be PAID FOR — but we cannot charge YOU for *your* subscription. There just happens to be enough "Co-Workers" with

me, who of their own free will — never originating by any solicitation from us — *WANT* to have part in *GIVING* Christ's Gospel in this simple, plain, up-to-date manner adjusted to OUR DAY'S METHODS AND CONDITIONS. They join us in *GIVING* Christ's Gospel, as a labor of LOVE, through this up-to-date superb MAGAZINE, and through the WORLD TOMORROW broadcast, and the other operations of this great Worldwide Work of God!

Your subscription is, indeed, paid for — that is, the actual bare cost of production and mailing, by these volunteers who GIVE willingly that we together may GIVE to our readers. And we try to give the BEST — the FINEST — for that is GOD'S WAY!

But, IF we were to charge subscribers what this vital, unique, quality magazine is really WORTH — well, that is what one of our readers sat down to figure up! And this is what he figured we should charge:

The PLAIN TRUTH
Box 111
Pasadena, California

Dear Sir:

Have you ever wondered what the subscription rate would be for *The PLAIN TRUTH* IF you did charge for it? I thought about it — and, the rate would be staggering.

For example — the PT is surely a

review of the current news that can be found in the *U.S. News & World Report*, *Time*, and *Newsweek*. Subscription to these would run around \$25 per year. In addition a couple newspaper subscriptions would be needed to balance out today's haps and mishaps, so add \$15 more.

But there is more than current news in the PT! There is the equivalent of a 3 semester hour (or more) course in the Bible. If taken at the university here (IF they offered it) that would be roughly \$90 more. May as well include another 3 hour course in General Science since the PT has taught more about evolution and about the sciences that are based on facts. That means another \$90.

The Bible Story alone is worth \$7.50 — since that is what a good book is worth (or should I say a *good* book is worth \$5 — the *Bible Story* \$7.50 plus!).

How does a person pay for ENCOURAGEMENT, CORRECTION, DIRECTION, REPROOF, PURPOSE and all of the other things that are in *The PLAIN TRUTH*? How does a person write out a check and say, "This is for a big part in my life!"? If we ignored these attributes of the PT, the subscription rate would be around \$227.50! I'm glad *The PLAIN TRUTH* IS FREE... but even if it weren't, I'd gladly pay the \$227.50 per year to be included on the receiving list!

Sincerely,
(Signed)
Robert D. McIntyre
Memphis, Tenn.

P.S. — The attributes he ignores, if paid for, might be worth an additional \$1,000 up! In other words, *The PLAIN TRUTH* is PRICELESS! Either way you want to construe that! — EDITOR.

Migrations

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weather begins to set in. The Tern grows restless. He's cold. He's also hungry — since all the insect population seems to have disappeared, and the fish and tiny crustaceans he feeds on are all frozen solid, under the ice — or have long ago left for the warmer waters.

He decides to leave. But, alas, he hasn't stored up any body fat for the journey. He didn't know he should! After all — he's never "migrated" before!

So he turns southward, looking for warmer climates. But he's never done this before — is a complete novice. So, halfway across the Atlantic Ocean, he "runs out of gas" (body fat) and plummets down into the sea, and drowns.

Or, if evolutionists would say this is impossible — since there *are* still Terns with us today — and somehow they *have* survived in SPITE of their migrations — let's assume he DIDN'T drown.

Let's assume he just became hopelessly lost, and has become known as the "great circle" bird. A strange creature that keeps flying around and around and around in "great circles" in the middle of the Atlantic.

But this would be preposterous, might the evolutionist say — no bird would be that crazy. But why, then didn't the Terns *stop* when they found warmer climates? Why did they keep right on going, to the *frigid shores of Antarctica* to "winter" there?

Some have speculated it's because they like the sunlight. But why didn't the Tern just turn into a Ptarmigan

(there are such birds in the high arctic tundra!) and stay where he was?

But let's assume the very first Tern overcame ALL these many obstacles.

When he arrived in Antarctica (a feat even a modern jet, with its vast array of electronic instruments must be very careful to achieve) — how did he know *when to return* to the north?

What if the first birds had left the north too late — and froze before they left?

What if they became hopelessly confused, and migrated to the Hawaiian Islands instead?

And, anyway, why couldn't a Tern turn before he arrived in Antarctica? EIGHT THOUSAND MILES, JUST TO TURN AROUND? That's getting ridiculous!

Obviously, migrations CANNOT be the result of "natural selection."

First, if the birds didn't migrate un-