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Densinal from the Editor

F COURSE you've heard the story about the three men in hell. The Catholic asked the Jew, "Why are you here?"

"Because I ate some pork," he replied; "but why are you here?"

"I ate roast beef on Friday." Then they turned to the Christian Scientist. "And why are you here?" they asked.

"Me? Oh, I'm not here," came the answer.

Some may believe that matter is illusory or non-existent. But it's no illusion — you and I are here in this world of the living.

But WHY?

Do you know you were put here for a PURPOSE? Do you know what that purpose is? Are you sure?

Over two decades ago Queen Elizabeth gave birth to her first son. Everyone in Britain knew — and much of the world knew — that her son was born for a purpose. They knew he was born to become a king. From birth he has been receiving training to prepare him to be a king.

But if I should tell you that YOU were born to be a King — and a ruling King at that — you'd probably expect me to tell you also that I, myself, am Napoleon. But I am not Napoleon. And I do tell you on authority of the living Jesus Christ, that you definitely were born for that very purpose! Ever sing that old hymn "I'm the Child of a King"? Did it ever occur to you that the child of a King is heir to the King's throne? Read Romans 8:16-17.

WHY has the real purpose of life been hid from the world? WHY must the world remain oblivious to the real meaning of life?

Search, in this world, for the answers! The world does not have the answers! WHY?

Go on a quest for the truth. Ask the question: Is there any PURPOSE? Is there any meaning to life? Do we know why we are here—where we are going—what is THE WAY—what lies ahead?

Let's ask Science. Let's ask Education. Let's ask

Government, Religion, Technology, Industry. Do any of them have the answers?

Dr. Fred Hoyle gives his answer in his book, The Nature of the Universe. He speaks of this wholly fantastic universe in all its incredible order and precision, yet leaving mankind with scarcely a clue as to whether there is any real significance to human existence. He wonders why the universe is as we find it, and not something else. Or, he wonders, why is it here at all? At present, he says, we are without a clue to the answers.

This scientist stands in awe of the fact that man possesses intelligence so powerful that he can penetrate deeply into the wonderful universe, yet he is left without the smallest clue to his own fate!

Did you ever hear of the grandmother who searched over the whole house for her mislaid eye-glasses, when all the while they had merely been shoved up on her own forehead? Scientists look way off in the remote regions of endless space to find the reason for their own existence, when all the while the answers are on their own bookshelves — probably covered with dust — in the one Book they never read unless in skepticism and doubt.

Let's ask the Nobel prize-winner Dr. Harold Urey. He replies: "Science gives us no purpose in living beyond having a pleasant existence in one way or another."

What, then, do scientists live for? Well, they are fascinated and inspired, he says, by the intriguing and magnificent things which they study. Yes, one can occupy his mind, for a while, with a hobby, a study, or almost any interest. But it's a passing interest. It doesn't answer our questions.

But if scientists may enjoy being wrapped up, for the nonce, in the fascinating things they study, what does science give the ordinary man? "But Science," answers Dr. Urey, "does not give the ordinary man, whose daily life is often drab... any motive that gives him a feeling of dignity.... One of the

great needs of this age is a great interpretation which can accept the facts of Science and at the same time give inspiration to fill this great void."

But I wonder what he really means by the facts of science? Science too often expresses its "facts" in terms of: "We cannot know, but we are coming to suppose thus and so..." Or, "Many are of the opinion that..." Or, "It is coming to be believed..." Or, "We may well assume..." Or, "Assuming such and such hypothesis to be true, it naturally follows that such and such is a fact." Then all these speculations, hypotheses, guesses, and imaginary fables are assumed to be "facts." All too often, that is so.

Of course, there are many established FACTS of science — facts that have been proved facts. And if scientists only knew, the true "interpretation," which can come only from God, does completely square with the true and proven facts of science. And it does, at the same time, fill that void and inspire to joy unspeakable!

So Science does not have the answers. Science turns out to be a false messiah, after all.

Let's ask Education. Thoughtful men have said that KNOWLEDGE is the one solution to all our ills. "Give us sufficient KNOWLEDGE," they say, "and all problems will be solved."

Look first at the colleges and universities where this education is being disseminated. Student enrollments are on a rapid increase — at an all-time high. But also there is a rapid rise in discontent, disillusionment, a sense of hopelessness and a "what's-the-use" attitude. And there is an accompanying rise in illicit sex, in premarital pregnancies, in mental illnesses, in drunkenness and in suicides. Among students! Plainly, the instruction they are receiving is not giving them the answers they need.

Then look at the product of this world's education. The world leaders — the politicians, the scientists, the industrialists, the professional people — they are the product. They have the KNOWLEDGE.

Is, then, KNOWLEDGE the solution? Will KNOWLEDGE solve all the problems, end the world's ills? The KNOWLEDGE acquired by these people has not brought world peace. It has not ended hunger and want. It has not brought health, happiness and joy.

Take a few specific examples at random. The technicians invent toothbrushes, the chemists produce toothpaste formulas, industry "educates" the public to "brush after every meal." Each toothpaste brand

contains that one special ingredient, contained in no other, that will result in "fewer cavities," and end tooth decay. So the world responds. Frantically the people brush, while the manufacturers pile up huge profits. Result? Tooth decay increases.

I do not say all this brushing causes the decay. The point is, they either do not know, or in the interest of volume sales and mounting profits do not tell you, that the cause is faulty diet. But, then, if they crusaded against starch, sugar, and fats, that would threaten the profits of the flour millers, the sugar refiners, the breakfast-cereal companies, and a host of other commercial enterprises.

The more doctors we have, the more sickness and disease there is to be treated. The more psychiatrists, the more mental cases. WHY? Do the doctors cause the sickness, the psychiatrists the mind-slippage? No, of course not. But, neither do they deal with and prevent the causes. They treat the effect, while they let other commercial outlets increase the CAUSES.

So, Science cannot give the answer.

Education has gone materialistic and does not have the answers.

The world has tried about every form of government the human mind can devise — but none has brought world peace, universal prosperity and economic security, or given us the real MEANING of life.

Technology, Industry, the world of Business have never provided the answers.

And Religion? None of this world's religions know WHY mankind is here, what is his potential destiny, how to achieve it or to be happy along the way.

Do you know WHY none of the world's religions has the answers? It is because NOT ONE of them has for the SOURCE of its religion THE TRUE AND PURE WORD OF GOD! People suppose their religion came out of the Bible. I supposed that what I was taught as a boy in Sunday school came out of the Bible. Then, over 43 years ago, when I was angered and challenged into my first real STUDY of the Bible, I was shocked with amazement to see that I had been taught the diametric OPPOSITE of the teachings of the Scriptures!

The Bible teaches that man's potential is to BECOME A KING — an actual ruling KING — It teaches that he is going to rule people right here on this earth.

Notice the very words of the resurrected, (Continued on page 46)

Christians Have Lost Their POWER!

Probably YOU, too, are spiritually powerless! Here is the shocking TRUTH! Read WHY your prayers are not directly — miraculously — answered!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

THE CHANCES are that even you, if you believe you are a Christian, are today on mighty dangerous ground!

You'd better STOP — and check up! Open your Bible! Take a look at the real Christians back in the days of Peter, John, and Paul — AND COMPARE! Take a look at the POWER in the original true Church — in the lives of those Christians. See how your life stacks up!

... But Are You SURE?

You think you are under God's GRACE? Safe and secure for all eternity?

Well, listen! "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed, lest he FALL!" So warns God's Word (I Cor. 10:12). It's time to realize you are going to be finally judged by the very WORD OF GOD. You need to see to what standard you must measure up.

Jesus told His disciples, just before He ascended to heaven, that they should receive POWER when they were converted. "Ye shall receive POWER, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you," He said (Acts 1:8).

Do you have that same POWER today? Did you ever study closely to see what that power IS? Have you ever been concerned about HOW you may receive it?

Have you ever checked to see WHETHER you need it? It's time you did, for without it YOU ARE NOT TRULY CHRIST'S!

What We DO See

Of course many of you professing Christians see that you must accept Jesus Christ as personal Saviour, to be saved.

You may even see that you must

repent of transgressing God's Law — His spiritual Law, as summarized in the Ten Commandments — because sin is the transgression of the Law.

Perhaps you've gone far enough to realize WHY you were born — you've learned God's great PURPOSE being worked out here below.

You may see that today ALL NATIONS are spiritually drunk on the false pagan doctrines of the modern spiritual "Babylon" — that all nations are deceived — that the TRUTH has been turned upside down.

You may *see* that even the churches are deceived, and have turned away from the truth and embraced fables.

You may realize that grace has been turned into license!

You may even have progressed so far as to comprehend that God is *molding* our lives until we shall be literally BORN of Him — His character created within us — this *mortal* becoming *immortal* — this human becoming *divine* in the very Kingdom of God.

But haven't you overlooked, or failed to "see," the POWER of the Holy Spirit of God within you?

You may have come to see how evil and paganized this world has become, and to be *disgusted* with its ways.

You may recognize that you must forsake YOUR WAY, and turn to and live God's WAY! Yes, you may fully understand that Isaiah said: "Seek ye the ETERNAL while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake HIS WAY, and the unrighteous man HIS THOUGHTS" (Isa. 55:6-7).

But have you overlooked, or neglected, verse 1: "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the WATERS...."
Thirsty for what? WHAT "waters"?
Why, the very "waters" Jesus spoke of:

"If any man thirst," He said, "let him come unto me and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly [innermost being] shall flow RIVERS of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because that Jesus was not yet glorified)" (John 7:37-39).

Have you ever fully realized that the Holy Spirit is something that was not born in you? We hear a lot today about tapping your own inner hidden resources—the dormant powers within your mind. Modern religions are springing up calling that sleeping, dormant, latent part of your mind "God"! But the Holy Spirit is something you have not had—something you must RECEIVE from God! Something infinitely greater and more POWERFUL than any powers within you—something from the great God who created you—who created the entire vast universe and all that exists!

It is the essence — the very life — the NATURE of God. But it also is something from God, which He gives you from Himself, which is actually a part of Himself — and which IMPARTS POWER!

Do you know what that power is? Has that POWER come into you, so that you can wield it?

You, as a professing Christian, may have come to realize, to see, to comprehend, many of these things — to have accepted them — but is this POWER actually being manifested in

your life? Are you sure you know WHAT that power is?

What IS This Strange POWER?

First, let me tell you what this power is NOT.

It is *not* an emotion physically worked up through the senses. It is *not* something that *you* can generate, or work up, yourself.

It is *not* a "loosened tongue" which suddenly becomes glib and loud and forward in "spiritual"-sounding phrases. It is *not* a *bragging* tongue.

It is not falling over backward "under the power." It is not being robbed of all power, as some people who have accepted the counterfeit emotional religion are, while "under the power."

It is not something that makes people shout, shriek, jerk, laugh insanely and uncontrollably, or go through ridiculous and childish antics in a meeting where the preacher generates a fake, false "power" and a counterfeit spirit by constantly calling for loud emotional responses of "Hallelujah!" "Praise the Lord!" "Amen!" etc., in response to his oft-repeated: "All who believe it say 'AMEN!" etc., etc.

To know what it truly is, look into your Bible!

Jesus is our example, and we find this POWER first of all in His life. It was nothing physically inherent within Him. He said: "I can of mine own self do NOTHING" (John 5:30). But, He said, "the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works" (John 14:10).

The Father dwelt IN Jesus by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit imparted POWER. What WAS that power?

The inspired Peter, bringing salvation to the first Gentiles, explained: "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with POWER; who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him" (Acts 10:38).

Notice, that POWER in Jesus did none of those things that are done today by the very ones who most loudly profess to have the power of the Holy Spirit. He used that power, going about quietly, unobtrusively, not shouting, bragging, falling helpless "under the power," or any of those "wild-fire" things — but DOING! Yes, His was a life of

DOING — but doing what? Doing GOOD! Serving, helping, OTHER PEOPLE! There was divine power — with it He performed MIRACLES — He HEALED all that were sick — He cast out demons, and had discernment to know when a person was demonpossessed.

His was the POWER of the Creator God! The very same POWER that produced all creation — when "He spake"! God is a miracle-working God! With that POWER, which came from the Father, and was in Jesus, He stilled the storm, He turned water into wine, He fed five thousand with only five loaves and two fishes!

The POWER of the TRUE Church!

Now notice that POWER in the original Church, before the apostasy set in, and the degeneracy of our day.

Soon after being filled with that power from God, Peter and John went up together into the temple at Jerusalem, at the 3:00 p.m. hour of prayer. They entered through the gate called "Beautiful." At the gate a beggar, crippled from birth, asked for money.

"Look on us," said Peter. "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk!"

Grasping the beggar's right hand in perfect faith, Peter lifted him sharply to his feet. The beggar was healed instantly. He *leaped* up, and then walked with Peter and John into the temple, leaping as he went, shouting out praises to God (Acts 3:1-8).

Jesus, powerless of His own human self, was filled with the divine POWER of the Creator. The very supernatural power of God did the WORK OF GOD through His human BODY. Jesus said, "the works that I do in the Father's name, they bear witness of me" (John 10:25). And again, "If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. But if I do...believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him" (John 10:37-38).

Today that same Spirit — that SAME SUPERNATURAL POWER — utilizes the collective body of the true Church of God as God's human instrumentality,

through which God accomplishes HIS WORK here on earth. In that way the true Church is also the BODY OF CHRIST (I Cor. 12:27).

And Jesus said: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do" (John 14:12).

That same POWER of God was in Peter and John. It did the WORK OF GOD in proclaiming Christ's Gospel.

God's POWER in Action!

The miraculous healing of the beggar aroused the antagonism of the priests and Sadducees until they seized Peter and John and threw them in prison for the night. The next day, these religious leaders threatened them, commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

Then these *true* Christians went immediately to their own group of believers. And here is a point I want you to get. They were human. They had none of this power inherent within themselves. They, themselves, were not the *source* of this dynamic power. It had come from God.

And the important point is this: WE DO NOT RECEIVE ENOUGH OF THIS DIVINE POWER ALL AT ONCE TO LAST FOREVER.

Remember, Jesus said this power of God shall flow out from our innermost being! (John 7:38.) This power of God is active — dynamic! It is not static. You cannot get a supply of God's Spirit, and then bottle it up within you. This power comes into you from God daily! It circulates — from God, into You — and then on out from you in love, in faith, in joy, in patience — even in performing miracles.

You might have been imbued with this power yesterday and depleted of it today!

A RE-filling of Power

The threatenings of these chief priests and elders, after a night in prison, apparently left Peter and John a little depleted of faith and the confident POWER of God. Yes, they were human!

They went to their brethren in Christ. When they reported what had happened, all their brethren were shaken. They, too, being human, must have felt a sudden sense of spiritual inadequacy—a lack of power! But they sensed and knew their NEED. They knew the SOURCE of constant refilling of this POWER OF GOD within them! They didn't delay! They went immediately to the SOURCE of their divine power!

"And when they had heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is ... and now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy Word, by stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus" (Acts 4:24, 29-30).

Yes, suddenly this company realized their own human inadequacy — realized their need of renewed POWER FROM GOD. They didn't run from their difficulty! They didn't cower and tremble in fear. They didn't give up in their Great Commission. They went directly to the SOURCE of their power. They yielded themselves into God's hands, as His servants, anew. They urgently, intensively, cried to God to FILL THEM with His power — to give them boldness, faith, power of speech. They asked God fervently and believingly to heal and perform miracles.

Was there any God listening? Was there any response? Listen!

"And when they had prayed, the PLACE WAS SHAKEN where they were assembled together; and they were all FILLED with the Holy Spirit, and they spake the word of God with boldness! . . . And with GREAT POWER gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus" (Acts 4:31, 33).

We Need It Today

Do you, today, have the SAME POWER the original Christians had? They were just as human as YOU! The real question, then, is this: Do you yield yourself as fully — surrender your will as unconditionally to God — pray as often, as earnestly and intensively, as they? If you do you will be filled with as much of the divine POWER as they — for God is no respecter of persons!

This same POWER OF GOD operated, actively, in those early original Christians continually. They actually did do greater works than Jesus — until even the shadow of Peter passing over the sick healed them! THEY DID THE VERY WORK OF GOD!

The Work of God, which God started in the individual body of Jesus, was carried on through the collective body of disciples, now becoming the BODY OF CHRIST — the true CHURCH of God!

The same POWER of God's Spirit that worked in the human body of Jesus worked in the collective body of God's Church in the days of the original apostles. That same power works in the collective BODY OF CHRIST — His Church — today!

The Great Commission is this: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel!" Not some *other* Gospel, as Paul prophesied would be preached (II Cor. 11). That true first century Church, empowered by God, carried on this true WORK OF GOD!

Then the great apostasy set in. The apostate false church (Rev. 17:1-5) rose up in 33 A.D., two years after Christ started His true Church. It professed to be Christian, taking on Christ's name.

This professing Christian church turned away its ears from the TRUTH, and turned to FABLES (II Tim. 4:4). Pagans flocked in, embracing what they called "Christianity" wholesale—bringing in with them their pagan beliefs and practices! The ancient Babylonian "mysteries" came to be labeled, falsely, "Christianity"! The WHOLE WORLD, TODAY, IS DECEIVED! (Rev. 17:1, 2, 5; 12:9.)

But there continued, also, God's true Church, pictured in Revelation 12—persecuted by Satan and his great false church of Revelation 17. No longer was this persecuted Church able to proclaim the true Gospel to all nations—to the whole world—in great power.

But Jesus had said, prophetically, that just before the END of this world — right NOW — "This gospel of the KINGDOM shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto ALL NATIONS; and then shall the end come!" (Matt. 24:14.)

Today that prophecy is being fulfilled, right before your eyes this very second! Today the dynamic broadcast, The WORLD TOMORROW, is going out in the POWER OF GOD, reaching the millions around the world!

Today God is opening gigantic DOORS — the doors of radio, television, and the printing press. Doors of MASS COMMUNICATIONS. The original, true Gospel of Jesus Christ — the same Gospel He brought from God and taught — is broadcast into EVERY CONTINENT around the world! It is hitting this world with terrific IMPACT — with tremendous POWER!

This very WORK OF GOD for our day is foretold in the prophecy of Revelation 3:7-13. But there it is revealed that we, today, are a people of but little strength — little power! (verse 8) — within ourselves — though we have faithfully KEPT GOD'S WORD! The impact of this WORK OF GOD today is going out only through the power of God! Are you having your part in this very WORK OF GOD?

But — let's face it! — WE DO NOT HAVE WITHIN OURSELVES, AS GOD'S INSTRUMENTS FOR HIS WORK TODAY, ANYWHERE NEAR THE POWER OF GOD THAT ACTIVATED THAT ORIGINAL FIRST-CENTURY CHURCH!

For that very reason, the living Christ says (Revelation 3:8), He has opened to us the gigantic door of MASS COMMUNICATION! The magnified power of the microphone and the printing press. Yet that is only physical mechanical power! The REAL POWER that makes God's Work vital and alive is the Holy Spirit of God!

We need to present our bodies a living sacrifice to God! (Rom. 12:1.) We need to receive a greater TRANSFORMING — and to be LESS CONFORMED to this present evil world! We need to REPENT! We need to more earnestly SEEK God! We need to put on the WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD, as we are admonished in Ephesians 6:10-18! Perhaps some of us need to FAST and PRAY — as Jesus did!

Have YOU enough of the POWER OF GOD flowing dynamically into, and out from you! YOU need to seek a much closer contact with your GOD!

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glorified, living Jesus Christ: "And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: and HE SHALL RULE THEM with a rod of iron" (Rev. 2:26-27). Again: "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne" (Rev. 3:21).

The Father's throne is in heaven (Psalm 11:4; Isa. 66:1; Matt. 5:34). But Jesus' throne is to be ON EARTH—the throne of David, at Jerusalem (Luke 1:32). Jesus says that "saved" Christians shall sit on that throne with Him, ruling the nations!

The "saved," in the resurrection, shall be KINGS, and priests, and shall reign with Christ a thousand years (Rev. 20:4, 6) and ON THIS EARTH (Rev. 5:10).

Jesus Christ preached the Gospel! Which Gospel? Always the Gospel of the Kingdom of God! A kingdom is a GOVERNMENT. The twelve original apostles were commissioned to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom of God (Luke 9:2). They did. Philip did (Acts 8:12). The Apostle Paul preached the Kingdom of God (Acts 19:8; 20:25; 28:23, 31).

In preaching the Gospel, Jesus gave, among other things, the parables of the "pounds" and the "talents." Because the disciples thought the Kingdom of God should then appear immediately (Luke 19:11), He told them the parable of a Nobleman (Christ) going to a far country (God's throne in heaven), to receive a Kingdom, and to return. So before going, He called His ten servants, giving each a pound -English money - now worth \$2.40. His citizens (His own tribe - the Jews - Judah) rejected Him. The ten servants were the ten tribes. He told them, "Occupy till I come." When He returned (Second Coming of Christ), having now received the Kingdom (King of Kings as a WORLD RULER),

He called His servants to account - to judge how far each had developed while He was away. One had multiplied what Christ had given him ten times over. This simply represents overcoming, and growth in Biblical knowledge and in spiritual character of doing. To him, the returned Christ says: "Have thou AUTHORITY OVER TEN CITIES." To the one who gained five pounds - that is, developed the spiritual gifts given him five times over -Christ says: "Be thou also over FIVE CITIES." The one who made no spiritual progress in his life had taken away from him the salvation he expected. He represents the millions following the "NO LAW, NO WORKS" teaching.

The parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30) also shows that the "saved" become KINGS — RULERS, but that the training and preparation for that rule MUST BE DEVELOPED IN THIS LIFE — NOW! Those who gained in this life, spiritually, BECAME RULERS (verses 21 and 23). Those who did not develop and grow spiritually simply "missed the boat" altogether! They had taken away from them the salvation they believed they had!

In the prophecy of Daniel 7, the world-dominating empires of this world are to be DESTROYED. It is "the saints of the Most High" that "shall take the kingdom [from this world's governments], and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever" (verses 17-18, 21-22).

When Jesus Christ returns to earth in all the POWER and GLORY of the Eternal GOD, and takes the reins of government from men, setting up the WORLD-RULING KINGDOM OF GOD, David — the ancient King David of Israel — resurrected to immortal life, shall be King, under Christ, over all the nations descended from the twelve tribes of Israel (Ezekiel 37:15-25; 34:23; Jer. 30:9).

And who will be the kings over each of the twelve tribes — then, of course, actually twelve powerful nations? Jesus has promised those positions to the original twelve apostles (Matthew 19:27-28).

In the World Tomorrow — to dawn on this world within a very few years — we shall have WORLD PEACE. Soon there will be universal prosperity. There will be happiness — Joy!

There is, truly, a PURPOSE being worked out here below, as a former Prime Minister of Britain, Winston Churchill, said before the United States Congress.

To make Possible a perfect Utopian condition, God created and set in actual living, inexorable motion, a great invisible spiritual Law. That Law is the way of Love. And Love is an outgoing concern for others. It is Love toward God — and Love toward fellowman. The Bible is the instruction book, for peace, happiness, prosperity, security, joy. Jesus said man should live by every word of the Bible. Sin is the transgression of that great Law. And all have sinned.

The world has rejected God's Law — God's way. It has gone the way that has brought every curse on mankind. The world tomorrow will change all that. It will be ruled by God's Law!

To QUALIFY to become a King - a RULER in the KINGDOM OF GOD - you must come to really KNOW that Law. And the WHOLE BIBLE is a magnification - an elaboration of its principles. It is ONLY those who REPENT of their transgressions of God's great spiritual Law — the Ten Commandments — and who surrender to and accept as Saviour JESUS CHRIST, who can become begotten children of Gop. No one is a true Christian until he has received THE HOLY SPIRIT of God (Rom. 8:9). That is God's gift. It imparts the very LIFE of God. It renews and opens the MIND to comprehend spiritual knowledge. It bestows the LOVE of God - divine, spiritual love. It imparts POWER. It instils FAITH.

Then, once really CONVERTED — the entire direction of your life CHANGED — you must continually OVERCOME. There are three very tough things to overcome — your own self with the pull of human nature; the WORLD, with its customs, false teachings, wrong ways, wrong fellowships; and the invisible yet very real devil. You must GROW not only in spiritual grace, but in the KNOWLEDGE of Christ — the KNOWLEDGE in God's INSTRUCTION BOOK — the Holy Bible. You must study — understand it — live henceforth by its

directions. It points THE WAY — walk ye in it!

You must LEARN TO RULE! But, since there is a chain of AUTHORITY, from God the Father, through Jesus Christ, and on down, you must always be UNDER authority—so learning to rule begins with SUBMISSION TO RULE. You must first learn to BE RULED—by Christ!

A wife says: "But how can I have any experience learning to rule? You say the Bible teaches that a wife must obey her husband. HE does the ruling. He learns how to rule me, but how may I learn to rule?"

I say to such a woman, God has given you, first, your own SELF to rule. Why not start on your tongue? Many women do not yet know how to rule their own tongues. You may rule in your kitchen, and over your children, when your husband is not home doing it.

Even a child can be taught to RULE

— over his toys and playthings, being
careful not to break them, to put them
away neatly after use, etc., etc., etc.

God will never save any person He does not GOVERN. If we are to RULE the nations, we must RULE WITH GOD'S GOVERNMENT, ACCORDING TO HIS LAWS — not according to our ideas. You must learn in this life — and there is NOT MUCH TIME LEFT!

Yes, you were born to BE A KING!

There IS tremendous PURPOSE for human existence. There IS stupendous meaning to life!

In the beginning God devised, created, set in actual, invisible MOTION, a living, spiritual Law. This Law is a way of LIFE. It is THE WAY God devised to produce peace, well-being, happiness, prosperity, joy. Then God made MAN. He made man a free moral agent. Man must choose WHETHER to obey God, follow THE WAY that will bring him every blessing, or turn to THE WAY that may seem right, but that brings only curses.

God created man in His very own likeness — same form and shape. But God is A SPIRIT, and He formed man out of MATTER. Thus if man rejects THE WAY to every blessing for his happiness — if he makes a choice to go THE WAY that brings on him unhappiness, suffering, and curses — he can be destroyed.

But God provided for man's salva-

tion. Even if man starts out the WRONG WAY, he can repent, turn around to go the RIGHT WAY of God's Law. The SIN of having gone contrary to that Law can be forgiven. Christ paid the death penalty for us. We can be reconciled to God, through Christ. And then God has promised to actually beget us, by His Spirit, to be BORN AGAIN - next time born of God, as HIS CHILDREN, into HIS VERY DIVINE GOD FAMILY! Then we, too, shall BE SPIRIT. IF man will choose THE WAY that produces full, abundant, joyful HAPPINESS, he may enjoy it FOREVER! But he may not suffer self-inflicted curses forever.

God marked out a 7,000-year duration to work out HIS PURPOSE in having put humans on earth. The first 6,000 years are allotted for man to be allowed to go the way that, in his deception, looks right — contrary to God's Law.

Under Satan's sway, man has set up his human society — human forms of government, contrary to God's government. He has set up his own world — with its Satan-influenced, human produced systems of economic, political, scientific, educational, religious life. Man has REJECTED THE WAY to peace, happiness, prosperity and joy.

But the few who repent, turn to God and His WAY through Jesus Christ, study and learn God's WAY, *live* that way with God's help, *converted* by God's Spirit, are, in *this* life, actually learning to be KINGS whom Christ will USE, in the seventh thousand years, to RULE the world WITH GOD'S FORM OF GOVERNMENT.

For one thousand years there will be a different system of GOVERNMENT. It will be GOD'S GOVERNMENT. The governments of Russia, China, Japan — yes, also of the United States, Britain and France — will be overthrown (Daniel 2:35-36, 44). Jesus Christ will return, having received the KINGDOM from God Almighty the Father. He will set up WORLD GOVERNMENT. It will be the GOVERNMENT OF GOD. Its Laws are found in your Bible.

Christ will assign some, who have learned and lived His way — the way of His government, during this life — to rule over one city, or, perhaps five, ten, or a hundred cities.

But THIS LIFE is the training period. It is only those who are UNDER and OBEDIENT TO the authority of God's government now — who learn its LAWS, who overcome every other (and false) WAY — whose real citizenship is now reserved in heaven, who then will be assigned A POSITION OF RULE.

Christ is going to rule the whole world — WITH A ROD OF IRON!

The world has had 6,000 years of MAN's governments — MAN's education — MAN's industrial, commercial and economic systems — MAN's social customs — MAN's religions (yes, even that falsely called "Christianity"!!!!). Man has written the lesson in human blood — in suffering, frustration, anguish — in wars, failures — in discontent and emptiness.

Soon he will BE FORCED to start a 1,000-year period under GOD'S GOVERN-MENT — with GOD'S religion, GOD'S education, GOD'S social customs, GOD'S economic, industrial, and merchandising system.

MAN IS GOING TO BE FORCED, against his will — TO BE HAPPY!

The real and true Christian life is, simply, THE WAY of GOD'S GOVERN-MENT. It trains the true Christian to ADMINISTER that Government. It trains him to BECOME A KING!

Yes, you were born to be a KING!

What's the Word for Today?

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what not even Daniel in his day could understand! Try reading Daniel, chapters 7 and 8 along with Revelation 13 and 17. Then pick up your newspaper and see how the union of European nations is coming along, count and see. God says there will be ten. How many are there now? Hmmm... Ve-e-rry interesting!

That's enough for one day. Pleasant, or at least exciting, reading to you. If any questions come to your mind which you can't answer for yourself, just drop us a line, we'd be glad to help — we've read the Book before! We read the Book every day! And, remember: You read it FIRST in the BOOK, the BIBLE! — That's the Word for Today!