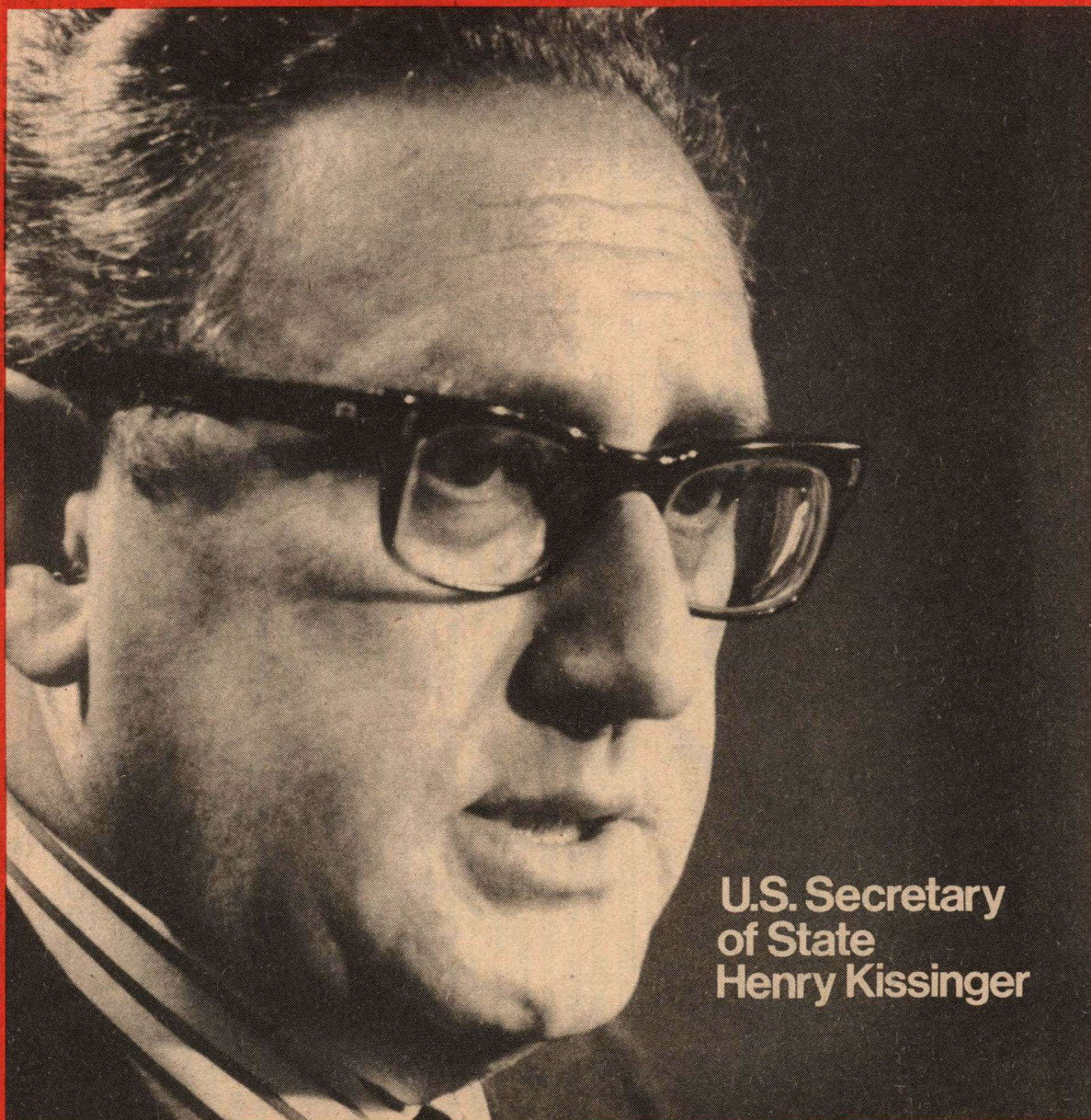


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The INCREDIBLE HUMAN POTENTIAL...

The Missing Dimension in Knowledge

by Herbert W. Armstrong

Part III

DOES IT make sense to you — when humanity has been endowed with such tremendous mental power — that more than HALF of all people on earth should be illiterate, living in abject poverty, near starvation, in filth and squalor; that in one country of 26 million people, only 3% can read and write and per capita income is only \$69 per year?

Does it make sense to you that human civilization has developed modern science, higher education, the world's religions and its great governments, yet all these are in total ignorance of the way to world peace? None of these can tell us *what man is*, whether he was put on earth for a purpose, what that PURPOSE IS, where *he is going* or *how to get there*.

Does it make sense to you — with the human endowed with such great powers — that the world should be filled with so much unhappiness, troubles and evils?

Did God Almighty the Creator purpose and ordain all of this?

We may blame it all on human nature, but did God create man with this evil to harass him?

It's time to clear up this mystery. It's time we understand. It's time we come to the answer of these supposedly unanswerable questions that seem to baffle all human thought.

Man Has Rejected This Knowledge

What is the most necessary of all knowledge to know?

It is the knowledge of what man is; the knowledge of why he is — the PURPOSE for which humanity was put on earth; the knowledge of the way to achieve that purpose — of the way to world peace, peace between individuals, groups and nations; the knowledge of the cause of all the world's troubles and evils; the knowledge of the solution to all these problems; the knowledge of the true values — what is important and what is unimportant.

That is the missing dimension in knowledge. Look at the situation as it is now — our present, pulsating twentieth century. Supposedly this is the day of enlightenment and mass production of knowledge. Both modern science and higher education have rejected the sole source of this basic knowledge — revelation — and no religion has given us this most-needed knowledge, though it is all contained in the book generally supposed to be the source of belief of at least three of the world's great religions.

Look at the situation as it was more than 1900 years ago. Jesus Christ came from heaven with a message from God containing this knowledge. But even most of those who believe *on him* disbelieve the message he brought and demanded his crucifixion for declaring it. His apostles went forth proclaiming the message; they too, with one possible exception, were martyred. Before the end of the first century, Christ's gospel message was suppressed and a spurious "gospel" proclaimed.

Go now all the way back to the beginning of humanity on the earth. Our very first parents rejected this same revealed knowledge imparted to them by their Maker in person. They disbelieved *what he said*. They disobeyed by stealing the forbidden fruit. They *took to themselves* the knowledge of what is good and what is evil. All humanity has followed their example ever since.

The Eternal God nevertheless has made

Does it make sense to you why the human mind is so capable it can produce the incredible computer and the accomplishment of sending man to the moon and back, yet is utterly helpless in fact to solve our problems here on earth?

this vital revealed knowledge and truth available to any willing to BELIEVE *what he says* — in his inspired book, the Book of books — the Holy Bible. This book has actually become the world's best seller. But this precious book has been interpreted and misinterpreted, distorted, twisted, misrepresented, misunderstood, and maligned as no other book ever has.

Humans have written uncounted millions of books. People BELIEVE what these books say, though they may be partly, mostly, or totally in error and devoid of truth.

People take these books literally to mean *what they say*. Yet of the Bible they will say, "You surely don't take the Bible *literally*, do you?" They will not believe *this book* means what it says. It is the very Word of the living God, but they refuse to believe what God says.

And thus disbelieving humanity continues stumbling on its way, piling up the mountains of human woes, discontent, unhappiness, sorrow, pain, suffering and death.

Yet the Eternal God of truth and mercy makes available even today — in this end-time of the present evil world — this vital missing knowledge to those willing to believe *what he says* and to obey it.

Forty-eight years ago ON PROOF, I came to BELIEVE and OBEY.

And in his Word the living God has opened my mind to the awesome human potential — to the *missing dimension in knowledge*; to the CAUSES of all humanity's evils and to the way to world peace and how it finally is *going to come*. And the same God of all creation is now opening before me the doors to unusual favor in the eyes of heads of state all over the world as an ambassador without human portfolio for world peace and a builder of bridges for peace between nations.

The Vast Universe — and Man

In this book of all books, God reveals himself as Creator of all, not merely the earth and man, but the *entire limitless universe*. On a clear, cloudless night one may behold the star-studded sky. The Maker of mankind is also the Creator of all. Is it possible there is an unrealized connection between the galaxies with their mighty suns, their planets — and man?

In this true story of the *missing dimension in knowledge* and of the *incredible human potential*, I deem it well to look first to the Creator's overall purpose. Prepare yourself for exciting new knowledge — the incredible awesome potential for which humanity was created and put here on earth.

Winston Churchill said before the United States Congress that there is a purpose being worked out here below. Few indeed know what that purpose is; yet it is plainly revealed.

And it's the most exciting, most wonderful, hope-inspiring truth that could be revealed.

God — Creator of the Universe

Did you ever wonder about the countless millions of shining stars you have seen on an

otherwise black, cloudless night? Sometimes they appear like a stupendous skyrocket which has just burst out into a glittering cluster. Many of them are tremendous suns incredibly larger than our sun. Probably most of them are surrounded by planets, like our sun is surrounded by Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, and the other planets or our solar system.

Haven't you wondered about them? Are any of them inhabited? Did they evolve, as most scientists — astronomers, biologists, geologists — theorize? Were they created by an all-intelligent, all-powerful Creator Being? Were they created and set in space FOR A PURPOSE? Do any of the planets contain any kind of life, or are all like our moon — dead, decayed, lifeless, wasted, empty, uninhabitable? And if they are in a dead state of decay and lifeless, WHY would an intelligent Creator have created them thus? Or did he?

These are indeed intriguing questions. Scientists are extremely interested in knowing more about these uncountable gigantic bodies out there in space. Science does not know much about the origin of all these mighty bodies in space. There are many theories — many guesses — many hypotheses — as to how they were formed — but not based on natural fact.

Science generally rejects REVELATION as a basic source of knowledge. Although astronomers for hundreds of years have been curious about the stars in the sky, many devoting their lifetimes to this study through constantly improved telescopes, yet they knew nothing about the purpose — or whether there is a purpose.

In Pasadena, California, a short distance from Ambassador College is the world-famous Jet Propulsion Laboratory (known as JPL), operated by California Institute of Technology, devoted primarily to U.S. government and space projects. There they design and produce unmanned spacecraft to be sent into outer space to photograph and send back pictures of other planets in our solar system. Recently (December 1974) one came comparatively close (26,000 miles) to Jupiter. It sent back photographs that revealed additional knowledge about this largest of our planets. They did not give any proof of existing life or of conditions capable of sustaining life.

More recently (February 9, 1975) astronomers at the University of Arizona claimed to have discovered through a telescope evidence of water on Jupiter. This I consider highly doubtful.

Of course, the planet Mars has attracted the widest attention. Haven't you wondered if Mars is inhabited — what kind of life might exist there? This very question has supplied the theme for science-fiction movies and a television series viewed by millions.

On July 4, 1976 — the 200th anniversary of the United States as a nation — something is planned to happen on Mars. An unmanned spacecraft named the "Viking," in appearance something like a huge, ungainly tinkertoy, is due to land on Mars and send back to earth photographs from the very surface of Mars.

But does human life or some other form — either much superior to man, or much inferior — exist on Mars or any other planet? Science does not have the answer. But the many photographs sent back to Earth from spacecraft flying much *nearer* Mars, Venus, Jupiter and Saturn than our planet Earth at least INDICATE a total absence of life on any of these planets — or conditions capable of sustaining life.

All indications are that *only* our planet earth is a life-supporting planet. Others appear to be like our moon — dead, decayed, wasted and empty. Our earth is part of the solar system which is part of a single galaxy called the Milky Way. There are many other galaxies on beyond our Milky Way. They extend in space distances so vast the human mind cannot conceive of them in terms of miles, meters, or any measure of distance except light years.

So even though science knows comparatively little about the limitless universe, revelation tells us something amazing beyond words about them.

The first verse in the revealed Word of God, says: "In the beginning God created the heaven and earth." The word "heaven" in the A.V. should be translated "heavens," since the original Hebrew is in the plural.

The ancient King David of Israel wondered about the stars and was inspired to tell us God created them.

Created — But Why?

David was inspired to write, "Oh Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens. . . . When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; what is man, that thou art mindful of him?" (Psalm 8:1, 3-4.)

It may be that King David was not given the revelation of the real connection between man and the stars of outer space, for he continues: "For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet: all sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; the fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas. O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!" (Psalm 8:5-9.)

David here limits man's dominion to the present — that which God gave mankind in the creation of man — the solid earth, the earth's atmosphere, and the waters and sea (as in Gen. 1:26-28).

That is the dominion man has now. In the New Testament, written much later, far more is revealed.

In the book of Hebrews we read: "For unto the angels hath he [God] not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak" (Heb. 2:5). The theme of the context here is "the world to come."

There is but one earth, but the Bible speaks of three worlds, ages, or civilizations on the earth — the "world that then was" (the antediluvian world from Adam to Noah); this "present evil world" (from the Flood until Christ's return, yet future); and "the world to come" (which starts when Christ comes and sets up the kingdom of God).

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In Brief

by Stanley R. Rader

VIENNA: Bill Tilden once said, when speaking of tennis, "never change a winning game, but always change a losing one." Perhaps Mr. Kissinger has that in mind when he considers the broad strategic concepts that are so dear to him and his carefully architected foreign policy as he commences his latest journey to the Middle East.

Ostensibly Mr. Kissinger is on an exploration mission, and he has this time deliberately stressed that he is not seeking final answers or conclusions from his personal efforts, although he will be seeking areas of compromise, particularly between the Israelis and the Egyptians, in accordance with his heretofore highly publicized "small, step-by-step" approach, which President Ford and President Sadat, as well as Prime Minister Rabin, have supported in statements made just prior to Mr. Kissinger's departure.

But is it not more probable, with "time pressing," as President Sadat said recently and with the opposition party in Israel demanding an election before any concessions are made in Sinai, that Mr. Kissinger is looking for something on a much grander scale — "a permanent solution" — to be achieved by Mr. Kissinger's abandoning of his "small, step-by-step" approach in favor of a Geneva-type conference dictated to and controlled by both the United States and the U.S.S.R.? Is it not significant that Mr. Kissinger and his counterpart, Mr. Gromyko, plan a meeting in Geneva after Mr. Kissinger completes his tour of the Middle East?

When one realizes that the foreign policy of the United States, as designed, orchestrated and implemented by Mr. Kissinger under both Mr. Nixon and Mr. Ford, is designed to prevent the Middle East area from being dominated by the U.S.S.R., by insuring that peace prevails in the area, and to prevent an alliance between the Arab nations and Europe from becoming the third great world power, it is really easy to see why Mr. Kissinger is motivated to maintain the delicate equilibrium between the United States and the U.S.S.R., not only in the Middle Eastern area, but in the entire world. One can also see that the U.S.S.R. would also prefer the status quo.

The U.S.S.R., of course, is not without alternatives, should Mr. Kissinger (and Mr. Gromyko) be unsuccessful. Mr. Gromyko, in fact, has been busy mending fences in Egypt and shoring up the confidence of Syria, while continuing to support the rebels in Ethiopia and South Yemen — all of which poses a great threat to the Red Sea becoming permanently too "red" and the Arabian Ocean becoming more and more under the control of the Arab states with the support of the U.S.S.R. On the other hand, the United States has not failed to make its alternatives plain. It has directly and indirectly warned the Israelis that Israel cannot count upon unlimited support and it has warned the entire Arab world that military intervention has not been excluded. In fact, the powerful United States aircraft carrier, the *Enterprise*, has been dispatched into the area. A formal request has been made to the United Kingdom for the sub-leasing of an important island, with its naval base, off the coast of Oman — an island which controls the passage of the most oil tanker traffic in the world. The United States has delivered to Israel missiles capable of launching nuclear warheads, and a special, little-known installation within territory controlled by Israel has been given particular attention by the Pentagon.

As Mr. Armstrong and I travel throughout the same countries, we discuss at great length the problems of the Middle East and the world with not only the important leaders of each country, but also with all of the informed and knowledgeable people from the fields of education, industry and culture. They are also concerned about the many problems confronting Mr. Kissinger, and everyone has expressed the hope that he can unblock what appears to be an impending stalemate and that he will be successful in renewing and maintaining the momentum for peace, because we have all learned that in that explosive area stalemate has produced a series of military attempts to solve the problems of the area, and another such effort might destroy mankind.

Mr. Armstrong is specifically asked over and over again what he foresees for the world in the future, and he has told world leaders and others (just recently in Bombay, Cairo, and Israel) that, until mankind learns its lesson, things will get worse before they get better, but that mankind will not be permitted to destroy itself. As an ambassador for world peace, he, meanwhile, strives mightily to bring to peoples everywhere their heritage — a message of hope and inspiration. He continues to stress that the way of get and of competition between peoples and nations will have to be replaced by the way of love and cooperation.

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This verse speaks of angels as if the world had been put in subjection to angels; in fact, in the very beginning of this book of Hebrews, the first chapter, it is speaking of Christ and angels and the relation of angels to humans. This must be explained a little later.

But bear in mind the general theme here, or context, is the quote: "the world to come, whereof we speak" — not this present age, now coming rapidly to its end! Continue on in verse 6: "But one in a certain place testified, saying..." Then follows a quotation from the first six verses only of the eighth psalm.

In this psalm, David continued showing specifically that God has now placed in subjection under man the solid earth, the earth's atmosphere or air, and the sea. But now the writer of the book of Hebrews is inspired to follow with something radically different — something to happen in the world to come!

This revealed knowledge of God's purpose for mankind — of man's incredible awesome potential — staggers the imagination. Science knows nothing of it — no religion reveals it, so far as I know — and certainly higher education is in utter ignorance of it.

Nevertheless, it is what God says he has prepared for them that love him (I Cor. 2:9-10).

I have said before that God revealed necessary knowledge to our first parents, but they didn't believe what he said! Some 4,000 years later, Jesus Christ appeared on earth with a message direct from God the Father in heaven, revealing the same necessary knowledge — but only a handful believed what he said, though many professed to "believe on him" (as in John 8:30-31, 37-38, 40, 45-46).

Today science, religion, and education still do not believe WHAT HE SAID.

I will explain this — and why — a bit later. But so many of these interrelated points cannot be explained all at once.

But now let's see what he said in this passage in Hebrews, beginning where Hebrews leaves off quoting the eighth psalm: "Thou hast put all things in subjection under his [man's] feet. For in that he [God] put all in subjection under him [man], he [God] left NOTHING that is not put under him" (Heb. 2:8).

Is it possible God could mean what he says ("all things")? Nothing excluded?

In the first chapter, the Moffatt translation of the Bible renders the Greek word translated "all things" as "the universe."

In other words, for those willing to believe what God says, he says that he has decreed the entire universe — with all its galaxies, its countless suns and planets — everything — will be put under man's subjection.

But wait a moment! Before you disbelieve, read the next words in the same eighth verse: "But now we see not yet all things [the endless universe] put under him [man]." Remember (verse 5), this is speaking of the "world to come" — not today's world. But what do we see now, today? "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels [or, "for a little while lower"] for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour." Man, other than Christ, is NOT YET "crowned with glory and honour."

But see how Christ is already crowned with glory and honor. Continue: "For it became him, for whom are all things [the entire universe] and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings... for which cause he [Christ] is

not ashamed to call them brethren" (verses 10-11).

In other words, Christians having God's spirit are joint-heirs with Christ to INHERIT all that Christ already has inherited. He is now in glory! He has already inherited the entire universe. He sustains it by his power. Man, if he is converted, having God's holy spirit (Rom. 8:9), is now only an HEIR — not yet a possessor.

But see now how Christ already has been crowned with glory and honor — and is already in possession — has already inherited. Begin with Hebrews, chapter 1:

"God... hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things [the entire universe], by whom also he made the worlds; who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding [sustaining] all things [the entire universe] by the word of his power..." (Heb. 1:1-3).

The living Christ already sustains the entire universe by his limitless divine power. The passage continues to show his superiority over the angels — he is the begotten and born Son of God — angels merely individually created beings. Angels are now administering spirits (invisible to us), ministering to us — to us who are now in lower status than angels — but who are heirs of salvation, when we, like Christ, shall become born sons of God (Heb. 1:4-14).

Outer Space — Planets Now Dead

Now put this together with what is revealed in the eighth chapter of Romans.

Here it speaks of Christ as God's Son: "... that he might be the firstborn among many brethren" (Rom. 8:29). Humans, having God's holy spirit, are heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ — who, alone of all humans, has already been born as God's sons by a resurrection from the dead (Rom. 1:4). He is the FIRST of the human family to be born into the family of God — the kingdom of God. He is our pioneer who has gone on ahead. We shall follow at the resurrection of the just at Christ's return to earth in supreme power and glory.

In this book of Romans, verse 9 says if we have within us the holy spirit of God we are his begotten sons, but if we do not have his spirit we are none of his — not Christians at all. But verse 11 says that if we have God's holy spirit growing within and leading us we shall be raised from the dead by his spirit — (or if living when Christ comes we shall be changed from mortal to immortal).

Now continue: "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God... The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ, if so be that we [in this life] suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us..." (Romans 8:14-18).

Continue, Revised Standard Version: "For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God; for the creation [all the suns, planets, stars, moons] was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God. We know that the whole creation [stars, suns, and moons now in decay and futility] has been groaning in travail together until now; and not only the creation but we ourselves [we spirit-begotten humans], who have the first fruits of the Spirit [the very few now being called to salvation — the "firstfruits"] groan inwardly as we wait for the adoption [birth] as sons" (verse 19-23).