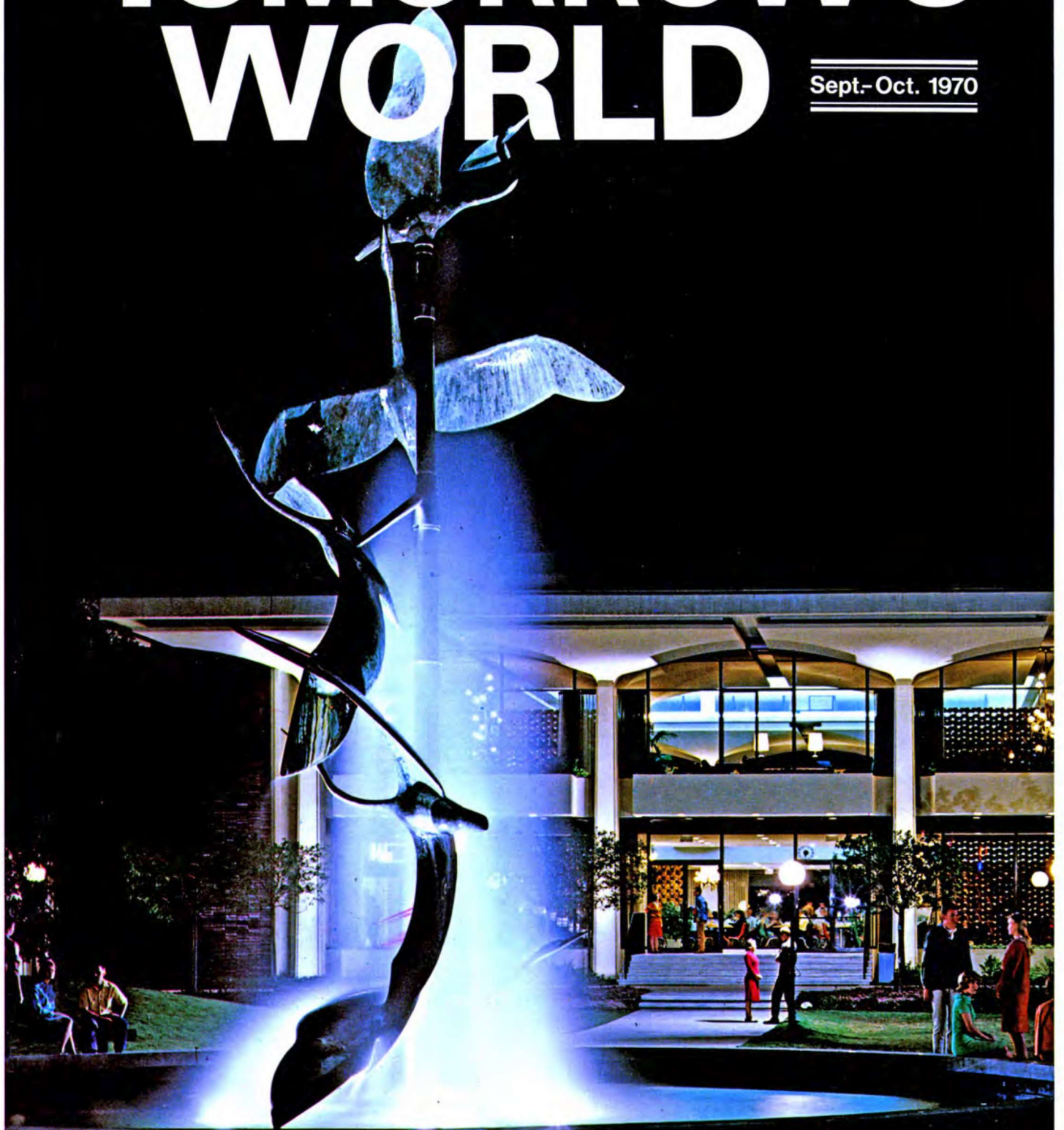


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Personal from the Editor

DO YOU HAVE problems, difficulties, troubles? Some seem to think *God's* people meet no trials or tests but are blessed with continual smooth sailing.

In my personal responsibilities in the conduct of this great, important, always-growing Work of God, I have not found it a smooth, easygoing road with no difficulties. I have encountered repeated trials, problems, tests. There have been critical crises. There has been real persecution. There has been deliberate, vicious, lying, unprincipled misrepresentation.

One enemy printed and circulated a list of twenty things he claimed I believed and taught — and I didn't believe or teach a single one of them. In this Work of the living GOD there has been deceitful, malicious, ruthless opposition. Obstacles have had to be hurdled frequently. Problems constantly require solution. It has required unwavering faith, perseverance, determination, constant prayer for guidance, and reliance on God for both direction and protection.

Does the Bible teach smooth sailing for true Christians whom God is using? Did the men of God, whose lives pleased God, as recorded in the Bible, have only an easy time of it, or were they constantly meeting trials, tests, troubles of every sort — being continually forced to cry out to God for deliverance?

And WHY?

Listen to God's own instruction:

"MANY are the afflictions of the *righteous*: but the Eternal delivereth him out of them all" (Psalm 34:19).

"For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. . . . They are not in trouble as other men . . . Behold these are the ungodly who prosper in the world; they increase in riches . . . For all the day long I have been plagued, and chastened every morning" (Psalm 73:3-14).

"We must through *much tribulation* enter into the Kingdom of God" (Acts 14:22).

"All that will live godly in Christ Jesus *shall suffer persecution*" (II Tim. 3:12).

"If we SUFFER, we shall also reign with Him" (II Tim. 2:12).

"For as the *sufferings* of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ. And whether *we be afflicted*, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the *enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer*" (II Cor. 1:5-6).

But is God unfair? Does He hate Christians and punish them, while He loves the ungodly and prospers them? *Not at all!*

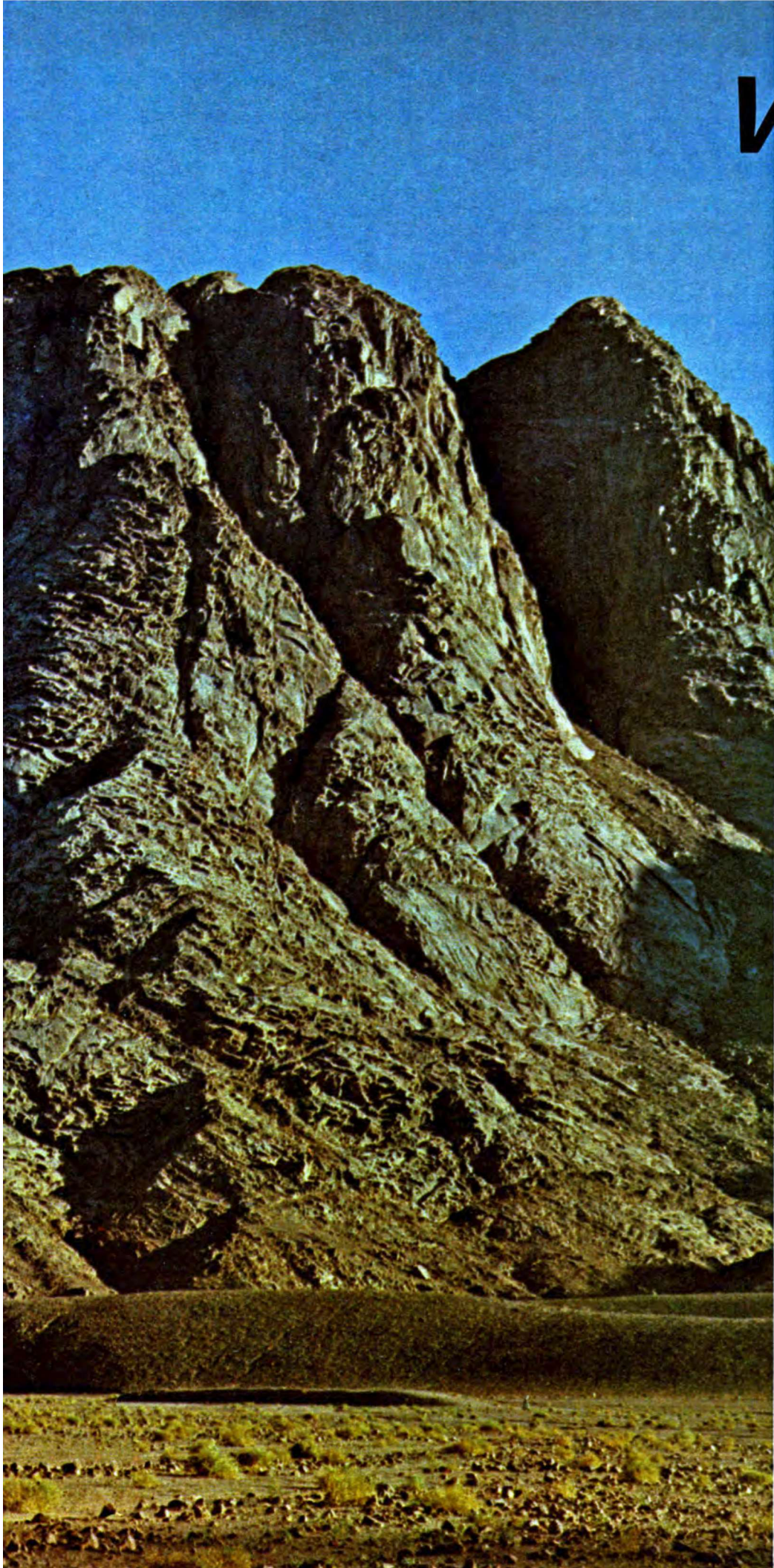
There is great purpose in the trials, tests, tribulations, and sufferings the Christian must endure. For these are the very means of strengthening CHARACTER — of developing fine, upstanding, strong Christians.

God does not *bless the ungodly* with wealth — they acquire it usually in one or both of two ways: by setting their hearts and minds on acquiring it, and following through this purpose to the exclusion of all else, until, without realizing it, the pursuit of MONEY becomes the pursuit of their god, destroying the soul; or by dishonest means.

But God does bless those who seek Him *first* — not always with great money and wealth, but always, in the end, with material prosperity they never would have had otherwise. "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness," admonished Jesus, "and all these things [material prosperity in shelter, food, clothing, etc.] shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:33). That is Jesus' PROMISE.

God loves to see His servants prospering. He says so through David and John. He corrects and chastens every son whom He loves. He allows His true children to suffer much — to fall into troubles, difficulties, to face trials and tests for their strengthening. But if we *endure* these tests, hard though they may be — and if we seek *first* our God, His righteousness, and His

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Were the **TEN** *in*

Here are the startling answers in response to questions asked by thousands of our readers.

by **Herbert W. Armstrong**

THE WORLD IS plagued with many times more troubles and evils today than when I was a boy. There was only a fraction of the crime. Divorces and broken homes were rare by comparison.

But today crime, revolt, riots, violence, wars — and the nuclear mass-destruction weapons — present the world with the SUPREME problem of human survival!

WHY?

And what possible connection could that have with whether the Ten Commandments existed before Moses? **PLENTY!**

There has to be a CAUSE for every effect. Do we *dare* recognize the sobering FACT that the world is bringing all these frightening conditions on itself?

Yes, there is a REASON for today's fast-accelerating world-chaos. But are you afraid to hear it? Will you deny the true facts?

The Very Basis of Life

There is a creation. Of necessity there has to be a Creator. And the Creator set

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force before Moses?

in *living motion* invisible SPIRITUAL LAWS TO CAUSE human happiness, peace, and abundant well-being.

The CAUSE of all human troubles, woes and evils? Man's rejection and transgression of those laws!

That overall invisible spiritual LAW is THE WAY of giving, helping, serving, cooperating — the way of outgoing concern for others. That WAY produces all GOOD. And *that way* of life — is simply the way of the Ten Commandments.

Most people ignore that Law — and live diametrically contrary to it. Yet some will say, "But I've been taught that the Ten Commandments were *done away* — abolished by Christ, and we don't have to obey God's Law any more."

But when a law of God is actually in *living motion* like the invisible *physical* laws of gravity or inertia, it is something *far more* than a church ritual, to be observed during one period and abolished in another. To argue that this inexorable spiritual Law is abolished is like setting a religious doctrine that the laws of gravity and inertia are abolished — and telling people that they may freely leap off a high precipice or a tall building. But if they do, the LAW will exact its penalty.

All the harm — all the suffering — all the evils that have beset this world for six thousand years are the result of violating *God's Law!*

Yet many have been erroneously taught that the Ten Commandments were merely a law devised by Moses, and given to the children of Israel — *and them only* — and that the Ten Commandments never existed until Moses. And, further, that they existed *only* until Christ.

The Paramount Question of Your Life

This is no mere, irrelevant theological or religious question. This is the very ESSENCE OF YOUR LIFE— your home life, your social life, your business life. It even has an important connection with inheriting *eternal* life — or of eternal death!

It's true that you cannot *earn* eternal life by obeying the commandments. But it's *just as true* that you can *earn* — and get *paid* — eternal death for unrepented transgression.

It's the very crux question behind world troubles today. Strange as it may seem, the Ten Commandments have been in FULL FORCE and effect SINCE HUMAN LIFE HAS EXISTED ON THIS EARTH!

They constitute a *spiritual law* that is inexorable and eternal. A law that is LOVE and the *fulfilling* of which is love — a law that was set in motion for our happiness to produce everything good which we have foolishly denied ourselves. These Ten Commandments are ENTIRELY DIFFERENT AND SEPARATE FROM the ritualistic law of Moses which

was just a code of *physical* laws, *not* spiritual laws.

Proof That Commandments Were in Force at Beginning

The Ten Commandments were first made known to ADAM in the Garden of Eden. Why? *Because that is the very law that he broke in the "original" sin.* EVERY ONE of the Ten Commandments was then in full force and effect. It was SIN to transgress any one of them between the time of Adam and Moses. You can read this in your own Bible.

When did this thing that we call "sin" start anyway? Did it start with Moses?

We read the answer in Romans 5:12, "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and DEATH BY SIN; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." And in verse fourteen, "Death reigned FROM ADAM TO MOSES."

"Sin is NOT imputed when there is NO law," you read in the 13th verse. Yet *sin was imputed because death did reign from Adam to Moses.* There must then have been a law from Adam's time.

What Is Sin?

People have numerous IDEAS about what sin is. In Hollywood, years ago, I saw in a number of newsstands a book titled *How to Sin in Hollywood.*

Actually, the book was quite harmless. There wasn't necessarily anything that pointed really to sin, but sin always

seems to be the forbidden fruit that is most glamorous and that would be most desirable if only some "unfair God" had NOT denied it to us. That seems to be what human beings think of sin.

What is sin? Is there a BIBLE definition? Is there any place in the Bible where it says, "Sin is . . ." and then follows the definition?

The answer is in I John 3:4, "*Sin is the transgression of the law.*"

SIN IS THE TRANSGRESSION OF THE LAW! Do you realize that God Almighty is not only the Creator of matter — solid matter, liquid matter and gaseous matter, as we know it — but God also is the Creator of FORCE and of ENERGY and of EVERY POWER and of EVERY LAW — the laws of physics, the laws of chemistry, every law that is in motion and is energized? Do you realize that God Almighty also created a SPIRITUAL LAW? That *spiritual law regulates your happiness.*

Happiness Instead of Suffering

You want happiness. You want to be happy above all things. Everyone does. You want to lead a life that is comfortable, pleasing and pleasant. You would like to lead a life that is full and abundant and INTERESTING — as a matter of fact, a little bit exciting all the way along, wouldn't you? And you want a life where everything is pleasant, where there are no pains or suffering.

You don't want a life of boredom. You don't want a life of sorrow, pain or suffering. You want a HAPPY life, and you would love to feel well, jolly and joyful — happy all the time.

You could have a life like that. Everyone could.

This ENTIRE WORLD could be like that — *if we only UNDERSTOOD the WAY!*

God Almighty in His great love for humanity set a law in motion. That law was DESIGNED to produce just that kind of life for YOU.

But you're *not* living that way! You're *breaking that law* and that law has been breaking YOU a long time, because that's precisely what happens.

That law is merely love, and love is an outgoing concern, not an in-coming lust. It's the way of love. It's the way that love should be expressed — love

toward God and love toward neighbor.

The Apostle Paul tells us what sin is in Romans 7:7, "What shall we say then? Is the law sin?" People think that the law is all wrong, that it's sin. Paul continues, "God forbid. Nay, I had NOT KNOWN SIN, BUT BY THE LAW." In other words, by the *law* is the KNOWLEDGE of sin, as Paul had said previously in Romans 3:20.

The law gives you the knowledge of what sin is. It directs you and guides you as to what you ought to do.

What Is the Law?

You don't KNOW what is right and what is wrong except as God reveals. Paul would *not* have *known* what sin was if the law had not told him. Human nature will not teach you. Human nature is evil. As Paul says, in Rom. 7:7, "I had not known lust," that is, he wouldn't have known that lust was evil or wrong; he didn't have such instinctive knowledge, "except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet." The law that said, "Thou shalt not covet," TAUGHT the Apostle Paul that coveting is wrong — harmful — SIN. And *that is the tenth commandment.* So the law that taught that principle is THE TEN COMMANDMENTS!

In Romans 7:12, Paul says that "the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good." That isn't what you have been taught today, is it? Many people have been reared in the belief that the law is UNHOLY, that it is altogether WRONG, and that Christ had to do away with it.

In verse 14 of Romans 7, the Apostle Paul says, "For we know that the law is spiritual." *The law is spiritual.*

Paul said he was *carnal*. He was fleshly and material. So are you. So am I. But the law is a SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLE, and it REGULATES YOUR HAPPINESS — a spiritual matter.

The Original Sin

Every one of the Ten Commandments WAS IN EXISTENCE during the time of Adam. It was SIN to break any one of them PRIOR to the time of the law of Moses. The law of Moses, we know, didn't come UNTIL the time of Moses — 430 years after the time of Abraham. But the SPIRITUAL

LAW has been in existence *from Adam!*

The original sin is recorded in Genesis, beginning with chapter 2, verse 15: "And the Eternal took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and keep it. And the Eternal God *commanded* the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat."

God gave him permission. God is Supreme Ruler. He is Lord — Master. God is giving the orders. He is teaching. The man DIDN'T KNOW. The man had to be TOLD. He had to be TAUGHT and INSTRUCTED. Here is the instruction — the command, and a sentence. Notice: "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!" That is, to take to yourself the authority to produce the *knowledge* of what is good and what is evil — to decide what you think is right and what is wrong, will result in death.

"The wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23). God was preaching the Gospel to the man. There it is! The very fact that God said, "In the day that thou eatest thereof . . ." shows that the man was ALLOWED to do it, that the man was a FREE MORAL AGENT, that the man himself had to make the choice. God designed that you and I CHOOSE whether we will obey His law, or not.

Animals don't make a choice. Animals have instinct.

God *ordained* that you and I *must* make a choice. And if we choose the *right way* to live, according to that law which God set in motion to produce happiness and contentment and a FULL, THRILLING, ENJOYABLE life, we can have it. But if we're going to choose to live the *other way*, if we are going to take to ourselves to decide what is right — if we are going to do what is right in our own eyes — there is no *other way* that is *right* but God's Law — and we shall automatically choose to transgress God's Law — and we're going to have suffering, sorrows and curses — that's what mankind has always done.

The First Lie

To continue:

"Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the

Eternal God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, Ye shall NOT eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, LEST YOU DIE. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall NOT SURELY DIE" (Gen. 3:1-4).

"YOU SHALL NOT SURELY DIE" — there was the *first lie* that we have any historic record of. It was *not* told by a *man*, but by the DEVIL. "You will not surely die." "You're an IMMORTAL SOUL." Or "You have an immortal soul that WON'T DIE." That's what the DEVIL said.

Continuing: "For God doth know that in the day that you eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and *you shall be as gods*, knowing good and evil."

In other words, it is the prerogative of GOD to determine *what* is right — and *what* is wrong. WHY? Because God created and put in living motion the spiritual Law that is the way that is GOOD — that produces GOOD, and the transgression of which automatically produces EVIL results. To create and put into living action can *only* be done by the Creator. But for any *but* God to decide — to assume the *knowledge* of what is GOOD and what is EVIL is to assume and arrogate to himself the prerogative of GOD — to elevate *himself* to be *as God!* Satan tempted the first humans to intellectual vanity — to produce the *knowledge* of what is GOOD or EVIL by their own minds.

"And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food" — she used her own judgment and didn't obey the law of God — she used her own human reason — "... the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise; she took of the fruit thereof and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat" — the *first human sin!*

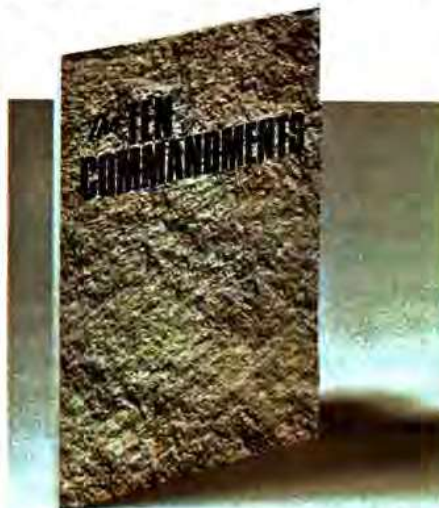
The Commandments Broken

Analyze exactly what happened. God is the One we obey. Do you realize

that's one of the definitions of God? Whoever you obey is your god. Whatever you SERVE is your god. It might be your automobile. Maybe it's an idol. Whatever it is, that's your god.

Adam and Eve had another god in place of the true God — they obeyed Satan — they broke the first commandment. They *dishonored their only Parent*. How? In Luke 3:38 *Adam is called the "son of God,"* because God created him. Adam was the son of God by a direct creation. Adam was not God's son by begettal or birth.

Adam not only dishonored his only Parent, but he also broke the TENTH commandment. There was LUST when the woman saw that it was good for food and desired to make one wise — vanity, egotism and pride entered into her heart.



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Lust is what usually causes a person to have an inordinate desire to have something that is not legal. Lust causes you to *steal*, and Adam and Eve broke the EIGHTH commandment by STEALING what was not theirs.

FOUR OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS WERE BROKEN IN THE ORIGINAL SIN.

And in other ways EVERY ONE of the Ten Commandments was actually broken in that very first sin.

How Did Cain Sin?

Consider their first son. Genesis 4, beginning with verse 6: "And the Eter-

nal said unto Cain [their elder son], Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? If thou doest well," God said, "shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, SIN lieth at the door."

Notice what sin was in those days — in the days of Cain! "Cain talked with his brother, Abel, and it came to pass that when they were in the field Cain rose up against Abel, his brother, and *slew him.*"

And the Eternal said unto Cain, "Where is Abel thy brother?" And he replied, "I know not." He LIED and broke another one of the commandments. That was sin, too.

He was a MURDERER. *Sin* did lie at the door.

Cain broke the *sixth* and the *ninth* commandments. *Every one* of these commandments was *known* from creation, because God had *revealed* them to Adam. He thus revealed them to mankind at that time. But humanity has rejected them.

Idolatry Committed Before Abraham

Notice Joshua 24:2, "And Joshua said unto the people, Thus saith the Eternal God of Israel, Your fathers dwelt on the other side of the flood in old time, even Terah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nachor: and THEY SERVED OTHER GODS." IDOLATRY WAS A SIN in the days BEFORE Abraham and that was 430 years BEFORE the law of Moses!

Now turn to Genesis 35:1-4: "And God said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to Bethel, and dwell there: and make there an altar unto God, that appeared unto thee when thou fleddest from the face of Esau thy brother. Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that were with him, Put away the STRANGE GODS that are among you, and be clean, and change your garments: and let us arise, and go up to Bethel; and I will make there an altar unto God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went. And they gave unto Jacob ALL THE STRANGE GODS WHICH WERE IN THEIR HAND."

They could hold these gods in their hands. Notice: "And all their *earrings* which were in their ears; and Jacob hid

them under the oak which was by Shechem." It was a sin to WORSHIP IDOLS and they had idol gods in their own hands.

The Third Commandment

Notice the THIRD commandment in Leviticus 18:3, 21, 27. "After the doings of the land of Egypt, wherein you dwelt, SHALL YOU NOT DO." Here's the instruction of God to the Israelites in the time of Moses, but IT WAS SIN TO BREAK THAT THIRD COMMANDMENT BEFORE MOSES!

"And after the doings of the land of Canaan, whither I bring you, SHALL YOU NOT DO: NEITHER shall you walk in their ordinances . . . And thou shalt not let any of thy seed pass through the fire to Molech, NEITHER SHALT THOU PROFANE THE NAME OF THY GOD: I am the Eternal."

There's profanity, or profaning the name of God. Now the 27th verse: "FOR ALL THESE ABOMINATIONS have the men of the land DONE, which were BEFORE YOU" — *before this generation during which the law of Moses came.*

In previous generations PRIOR to the law of Moses, "ALL THESE ABOMINATIONS have the men of the land DONE, which were before you, and THE LAND IS DEFILED." It was sin. One of the sins was to profane the name of God. Therefore, profanity — taking the name of God in vain — was a sin before Moses.

The Fourth Commandment Observed

Coming to the fourth commandment in Exodus 16:4, "Then the Eternal said unto Moses" — this was TWO WEEKS before they came to Mount Sinai and BEFORE THE LAW OF MOSES was given or before they ever knew there would be a law of Moses — "Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may PROVE them, WHETHER THEY WILL WALK IN MY LAW, OR NO."

Here is God's law. He was going to see whether the people would obey it *before the law of Moses was given* — WEEKS BEFORE they even came to Mount Sinai where the law of Moses was added.

Verse 5, "And it shall come to pass, that on the sixth day they shall prepare that which they bring in; and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily."

Now notice verse 22: "And it came to pass, that on the sixth day they gathered twice as much."

Verse 23: Moses said to the people, "This is that which the Eternal hath said, Tomorrow is THE REST OF THE HOLY SABBATH UNTO THE ETERNAL."

Then on the following day, verses 25-27, Moses said, "Eat that today, for today IS a Sabbath unto the Eternal, today you shall not find it in the field. Six days you shall gather it; but on THE SEVENTH DAY, WHICH IS THE SABBATH, in it there shall be none. And it came to pass, that there went out some of the people on the Sabbath for to gather, and they found none!"

God was showing them by miracles from heaven which day was the seventh day. TIME HAD NOT BEEN LOST. (Write for our free booklet, *Has Time Been Lost?*)

Some of them *thought* it didn't make any difference. They would wait to go out on the following day — on the Sabbath — BUT THERE WAS NONE! Did that make any difference? "And the Eternal said unto Moses, HOW LONG REFUSE YE TO KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS AND MY LAWS? See, for that the Eternal hath given you the Sabbath, therefore, He giveth you on the sixth day the bread of two days; abide ye every man in his place, let no man go out of his place on the seventh day. So THE PEOPLE RESTED ON THE SEVENTH DAY!" (Verses 28-30.)

That was WEEKS BEFORE they came to Mount Sinai — BEFORE THE LAW OF MOSES! It was the law of God at that time.

The Fifth Commandment

Now turn to Genesis 9:21. "And he [Noah] drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent. And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without. And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid it upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and

their faces were backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness."

Continuing: "Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his [Ham's] younger son [Canaan] had done unto him. And he said, Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren. And he said, Blessed be the Eternal God of Shem, and Canaan shall be his servant" (Gen. 9:21-26).

DISHONORING A PARENT WAS A SIN and a curse was pronounced in those days.

And now notice the seventh commandment against adultery. Genesis 39:7-9, "And it came to pass after these things, that his [Joseph's] master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph." This occurred when Joseph was in Egypt, long, long before the law of Moses. "And she said, Lie with me. But he refused, and said unto his master's wife, Behold my master knoweth not what is with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand; there is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back anything from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and SIN AGAINST GOD?"

Adultery was sin — hundreds of years *before the physical law of Moses.*

Now we come to the eighth commandment against stealing in Genesis 30, verse 33: "Every one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats, and brown among the sheep, that shall be counted STOLEN WITH ME." This is Jacob and his experience with Laban. Stealing was a sin.

We come to the ninth commandment about lying: Genesis 20, the first nine verses: "And Abraham journeyed toward the south country, and he dwelt in Kadesh and Shur, and he journeyed to Gerar. And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, She is my sister: and Abimelech, king of Gerar sent, and took Sarah." He was going to take her as his wife. He would have committed adultery with her, but God sent an angel to him in a dream to warn him. "Yea, I know that thou didst this in the integrity of thy heart." The king, remember, heard Abraham say of Sarah, "She's my sister." "And also I" — God says — "withheld thee from sinning against

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death (Rom. 6:23). Personal disintegration! A total breakdown of society! A world cascading toward self-extermination! God's Word cries out, "Sin is a reproach to *any* people" (Prov. 14:34).

Why does God hate sin so intensely? Because it destroys His most majestic creation! *You* are that creation! God has poured out His love by giving you the chance to share *His own* breath-taking, God-plane Eternal-life existence. That's what human life is all about. And as a loving Father, God has revealed *exactly* how we can enjoy such an abundant life — a life to the full, abounding with excitement, drive and happiness — both now and forever. How? God has given us His "course of instruction" — that's what *God's Law* really means. It's *the way* to fun and success, fulfillment and purpose.

Sin is just the opposite. It's the way to depression and failure. *Sin is the transgression of God's Teachings.*

For your own good, bring your life into harmony with God. Hate sin as He does. Recognize how sin harms people. Deplore it, hate it — flee from it. Obey God's Law — and reap the fruit of contentment now, and life eternal in the wonderful world tomorrow.

Send in for our free, vitally important booklet on *The Ten Commandments*. It will magnify the benefits of God's Law and explain *how* you should keep it.

Now remember, obedience to God's instructions is much more thrilling than the "don't-do-that-do-this" children's story we are all tired of hearing. God's Law is His comprehensive "order of teaching" for His entire massive Plan.

Who's teaching the world about God's Plan? God's Work!

Participation in God's Work is a fundamental component in keeping God's Law! That makes sense since outgoing love is the fulfilling of the Law (Rom. 13:10) and the whole purpose of God's Work is to serve and teach all nations by publishing and preaching the Good News of Christ's soon-coming world-ruling Government (Matt. 24:14, Mark 13:10). God's Work seeks to help *others* — help yourself to this Truth we serve, and help us serve it to others. □

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me: therefore suffered I thee not to touch her."

Abraham *was lying*. It would also have been a *sin to commit adultery*. Of course, Sarah was Abraham's half-sister; but, nevertheless, the *intent* was all wrong. It was a lie.

What about coveting? Notice Genesis 6:1-3, 5-6: "And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, that the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair, and they took them wives of all which they chose." "God saw that the wickedness" — SIN — "of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the Eternal that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart." Coveting was a sin even in those days!

There it is. Every one of the Ten Commandments was in existence from the creation. It was sin to break any one of them between the time of Adam and Moses. What are *you* going to do about it? □

ANSWERS to your Questions

● In the anniversary issue of TOMORROW'S WORLD you recommended books for adults, and I was wondering if you could also recommend a few good books for teen-agers since I have been having a terrible time in finding a good book.

Before any young person sets out to become well-read, he or she should realize that today's teen-ager will very soon be Tomorrow's mother, father, teacher — and *leader*. Books should be chosen to culture the mind with a *balanced*

knowledge in many fields, but not to neglect those few subjects which hold special interest.

First of all we urge you to keep abreast of materials published by the Ambassador College Press. Good examples are *Modern Dating*, *New Facts About Marijuana*, and *Hippies, Hypocrisy, and Happiness*. This is urgent, timely information seen from *Christ's* point of view — literally information fit for *kings*. Don't miss it! But to broaden your mind further, the following list should help get you started. We have included items for several age levels since you teen-agers live in a wide span of years and interests.

The Bible — FOUNDATION of all knowledge. Very few have read all of it. Make yourself part of that privileged few. For difficult parts, try a modern translation.

Man of the Century: Churchill, by R. Harrity

How to Become a Successful Student, by Frol and Lee

Profiles in Courage, by John F. Kennedy

My Early Life, by Winston Spencer Churchill

Up From Slavery, by Booker T. Washington

Gifts From the Sea, by Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Why We Believe in Creation, not Evolution, by Fred John Meldau

I Married Adventure, by Osa Johnson

Kon Tiki, by Thor Heyerdahl

The Good Earth, by Pearl S. Buck

My Darling Clementine, the Story of Lady Churchill, by Jack Fishman

Anne Frank, the Diary of a Young Girl, by Anne Frank

The Story of My Life, by Helen Keller

The Man Nobody Knows, by Bruce Barton

Hiroshima, by John Hersey

These books only scratch the surface. Many other worthwhile books are available for teen-agers.

STRIKE SOLUTION

Sydney

HOW do you run a country with no petrol, no transport, no power? Sydney was asking this question this summer. People were desperate for food, homes blacked out at night, industry paralyzed by day. Very few workers were able to get to work. Millions of people were literally under siege! A whole metropolis was held to ransom. This pictures the frightening spectre that threatened Sydney.

There were *two thousand fourteen* strikes throughout Australia in the past year! How many were genuinely necessary? And how many were only superficial reflections of a widespread, growing, industrial blackmail — an ugly manifestation of human nature in the raw? Labor, management, politicians have all offered solutions — that haven't worked! Why? Because God and His Word are left out! Nobody seems to have the faith — or is it the *guts* — to apply God's solution!

Over a century of struggle against a hostile employing class is the historical setting of current views — views which are not easily changed. Currently, the employer is the "villain," and more so if he attempts to maintain his rights of management during industrial disputes. Often this concept is a 19th century anachronism which unions are not willing to recognize.

Right now we hear reports of permanent industrial warfare. Secretary Mitchell (of the Hospital Employees Federation of Australia) said "chaos would result unless there were a *change of heart* by both sides to create an industrial structure that encouraged cooperative effort" between employers and unions.

Yet the whole motivating incentive today is the reverse from what God says it should be.

The Bible reveals what the employer's attitude should be toward his employee — and that is not to

exploit him. It also reveals what the employee's attitude should be to his boss — and that is not to militantly and destructively extract more than industry is capable of fulfilling. The Bible shows *HOW* that "change of heart" can take place!

God shows there should be no need for the present unrest. There is a *standard* upon which industry can be run — and Jesus Christ is going to show that *it can be done* when He standardizes the entire economic structure of the world.

That standard will be the *giving* standard! "Give, and it shall be given unto you. . . For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again" (Luke 6:38). If this standard were applied in Australia (or anywhere on earth) today, the need for militant industrial warfare would be obviated.

— K. Crouch

Personal from the Editor

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Kingdom, putting material interests second in our hearts, then in His own due time God will always prosper His children even in a material way!

"But *we glory in tribulations* also: knowing that *tribulation worketh patience*" (Rom. 5:3). Therefore it produces GOOD in, and for, us.

"My brethren, *count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations*" — alternate translation: "*trials.*" "Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience" (James 1:2-3).

"Beloved, think it not strange concerning *the fiery trial which is to try you*, as though some strange thing had happened unto you: but rejoice" (I Peter 4:12-13).

If you had to choose between receiving gold valued at \$50,000 or a great trouble to test your faith, which would you choose? The gold? You'd make the wrong choice if you did. God says,

through Peter: ". . . the trial of your faith, *being much more precious* than of gold that perisheth, though it [the trial of faith] be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ" (I Peter 1:7).

Moses suffered affliction in order to lead the children of God, choosing this rather than the riches of the king's palace and the pleasures of sin for a season.

David suffered constant criticism and false accusation, his enemies continually tried to unseat him, and his trials were so great sometimes it seemed God would *never* come to his rescue — yet God always did! Truly these trials teach us to be *patient* — for it often seems an eternity before God finally delivers us. How often I have experienced this personally. Yet, *always* God has intervened *before it was too late!*

God chose Paul to be an apostle of Jesus Christ, and the Lord said, "I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake" (Acts 9:16). And late in life Paul wrote: "In all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments" [people probably would call Paul a crook, a racketeer, an imposter and a jailbird today] "in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings" etc. (II Cor. 6:4-6). Paul outlined more of his troubles and sufferings in II Corinthians 11:23-28.

Perhaps a chosen servant of God may be called upon to endure more trials, troubles, and tests of faith than other Christians — but every Christian shall suffer persecution, and meet fiery trials, sorrows, troubles, tests of faith. All our readers who are Christians will understand. Let us not murmur or grumble. Let us have FAITH, and endure in our faith *patiently*.

All these problems, troubles and trials are allowed to test us, strengthen us in faith and character, and prepare us for joy eternally in God's Kingdom. Paul wrote: "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" (Rom. 8:18). □