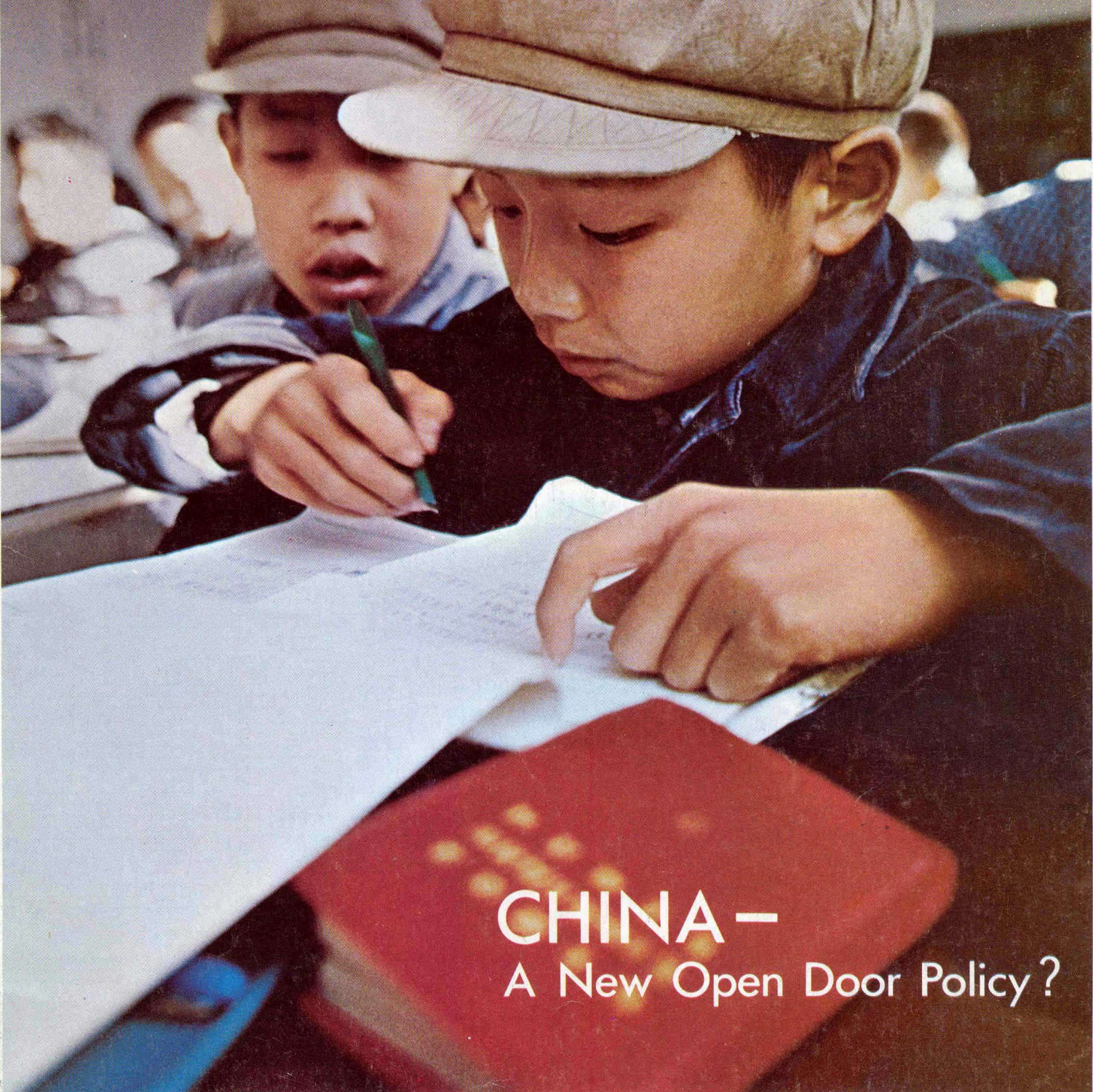


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structors ever discuss such an important issue in depth and with objectivity. Usually their past training has so prejudiced their minds that they cannot discuss the issue without dragging in religion in a condescending and sarcastic way. Instructors that I have had attempt to make the student feel that science supports the materialists' while it strongly invalidates the religionists' theory. Hence, there is definitely a prepackaged ideological bias. Those that have attended public universities and colleges should especially appreciate this article. I have a MS in sociology and have completed two years of Doctoral work in psychology and sociology so I do know the implications of this article. It is time that we put priority on the important issues in life and in the universities and colleges of our country. Robert L. Kuhn's article really indicates the 'missing link in modern education.'"

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Personal from



Meetings With the Leaders of Japan, India, Ceylon and Israel

TOKYO, March 15th:

THIS HAS BEEN a thrilling day! I have had meetings today with eight of probably the ten most powerful men in the government of Japan — the second most powerful nation in the free world.

These are the leaders whose responsibility it is to guide the destiny of more than one hundred million people.

The climax of the day was another 40-minute meeting with the Prime Minister of Japan, Mr. Eisaku Sato. At the outset of our meeting, the Prime Minister reminded me that this was a very historic occasion. But let me save that for the climax of this *Personal* talk with our readers, even as it was the climax of this historic day.

On this present trip, I have been accompanied by my elder daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley R. Rader. We left Pasadena Monday, March 6, flew to Honolulu, stopping there overnight. Then Tuesday morning we took off on a one-stop (Wake Island to refuel) flight to Tokyo. During the morning leg of the flight we crossed the international dateline, and suddenly it was Wednesday, March 8.

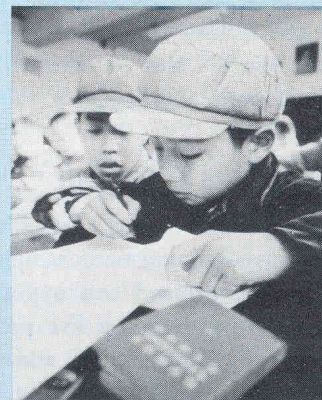
At Tokyo International Airport we did not disembark, but Dr. and Mrs. Nobumoto Ohama came aboard our aircraft, and flew with us to Seoul, Korea. Besides being Japan's leading educator, Dr. Ohama is probably the leading nonofficial adviser to the Government—at least concerning Okinawan affairs. Dr. and Mrs. Ohama have visited both our Pasadena and Texas campuses of Ambassador College, where he addressed the student bodies. At Seoul airport we received a warm welcome, from a welcoming delegation, and a number of television and newspaper photographers.

I had never been to Korea before. Dr. Ohama and I had

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ABOUT OUR COVER

The Western World gained fresh insights into Chinese society with the inauguration in 1899 of the "Open Door Policy" by the United States. Fifty years later the Communists seized power, and China ducked behind the "Bamboo Curtain." Now after another twenty-three years, President Nixon has made his epic journey to China, launching what might well be called "Open Door Policy — Phase Two." Today's China internally maintains its almost puritanical allegiance to Marxist-Leninist philosophy as interpreted by Mao Tse-tung in the famous "little red book." The children in this photo remind one of Lenin's words: "Give us the child for eight years and it will be a Bolshevik forever."

The BIG Question... SURVIVAL!

The leader of any one of a number of nations could, now, in a rash moment, touch off the nuclear war that COULD ERASE HUMAN LIFE from the earth! And there's not much time to find the ANSWER!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

PRESIDENT NIXON's visit to Communist China was called a peace-seeking mission. But heads of nations — I've said it before — have been seeking peace for thousands of years. *Yet none have found it!*

We need soberly to face it — we may not have even one more decade to come up with the SOLUTION! Up to some three decades ago, it was different. The world had TIME! It has been faced with the question of peace for millenniums. But now we are on a collision course head-on with the question of SURVIVAL!

Now — Five Means of Mass Destruction

At least five means of mass-destruction exist today that could destroy all human life on this planet!

That's the factor that makes all the difference!

On his return to Washington, Mr. Nixon said: "We have demonstrated that nations with very big and fundamental differences can learn to discuss those questions calmly, rationally and frankly, without compromising their

principles. This is the basis of a structure for peace." But that is the same basis by which nations have attempted to achieve peace for millenniums.

Consider soberly: "... Very BIG and fundamental differences . . . without [either side] compromising their principles" — can THAT be the basis for peace? It never has been!

When you realize that, on the Communist side, those very big and fundamental differences are *selfishly aggressive* — differences involving designs on ultimately *conquering and taking over* the free world — *that* is no basis for peace! Yet that is, and has been from the beginning, the BIG and fundamental DIFFERENCE in the Communist objective!

But — MOST IMPORTANT — up to now, *ONLY* the problem of peace was involved. But today we are facing the question of SURVIVAL!

Notice briefly some of the international reactions to this "peace mission." A report in *Time* on the mission says: "Still, almost everywhere, the China trip prompted fresh pondering about the unsettling new shape of

world diplomacy and, in some countries, about the future state of ties with the U.S."

One example: In Europe and Britain the joint communiqué issued at Shanghai, and signed by President Nixon, was viewed with misgivings of a further loosening of U.S. ties in support of Europe. This sort of European misgivings is the very thing that could trigger an immediate crash program to unite Western Europe in a resurrection of the old "Holy Roman Empire" — as a third colossus among the great military powers, equal to or stronger than either the U.S. or Russia!

And that could quickly trigger the nuclear WORLD WAR III!

This is not intended as a personal criticism of Mr. Nixon's visit to Red China, nor of his efforts in "seeking peace." A President of the United States enters office BOUND by many circumstances. I would be the last to say that I could do better.

I am simply grateful that I do not find myself in the position of being so bound and restricted. I have been

free to discuss these world conditions and problems — and the WAY to world peace — with many heads of governments around the world. Also, I have been free to speak to many millions, through *The PLAIN TRUTH* and over the air, pointing out freely what is WRONG with the world — what is the only possible CAUSE that can bring world peace (or peace between individuals or groups) — free to tell the world *how* we ARE GOING TO HAVE world peace.

YOU who read this need to realize the urgency and extreme seriousness of the present world situation! It is ominously *possible* that the extinction of human life on this earth could take place in this decade!

Let's get straight to the crux of this terrifying number one world problem.

The Number One World Problem

If we are to save humanity alive, we must learn WHY man is as he is and how he got this way — WHY man seems always befuddled with unsolvable problems — WHY humanity is harassed with so many EVILS and WHY these evils are fast accelerating — WHY man can fly to the moon and back, but can't live at peace with fellow man here on earth.

We need to go all the way back. Man's troubles, evils, and wars extend back to the beginning of history — or prior to it. To find the answer we must go all the way back to pre-history. Man did not come to be *as he is*, just recently. We need to know how humanity came to be on this earth — how earth itself came to be. We need to find HOW, WHY, and WHEN man came to be *as he is*!

As I said last month, men have speculated through the millenniums on this question of origins. Scientists have devoted lifetimes to studying the question. Many scholarly books have been written — BUT NO ANSWERS — NO SOLUTIONS FOR OUR DESPERATE PROBLEM OF SURVIVAL! No explanation of why man is as he is, helpless to deal with his own problems.

But the plain truth is that the most scholarly researches have had nothing more to go on than baseless speculation — human guesses in total absence of evidence or fact. The scholarly books *must* start with statements such as “we know nothing — but men of science give us some guesses.”

One of the scholarly works that has won wide acceptance is H. G. Wells' *Outline of History*. I quoted from it last month, with quotes such as: “We do not know how life began upon the earth. Biologists . . . have made guesses about these beginnings.”

I first read Wells' *Outline of History* many years ago. Ever since, I have wanted to write a parallel outline of history, presenting the other side of this two-sided question of origins.

For while the scientists, historians and scholars are forced to start with admissions of ignorance about these beginnings, they have exhibited an equal lack of knowledge to account for man *as he is* — man with such intellectual and technical abilities that he not only can fly to the moon and return, but also can produce the modern computer and the most delicate mechanisms. Yet he cannot solve his own personal, social, moral, and ethical problems. He seems, now, bent on DESTROYING HIMSELF!

The Academic Freedom to Investigate This Two-sided Question

When I began an in-depth study of the creation-vs.-evolution question, I researched both sides. I delved into the writings of Darwin and his champions, Haeckel and Huxley, and of Lamarck before them, as well as Chamberlain, Vogt and others after them. But also I opened my mind to look into the Biblical claims for special creation.

And there I found a total lack of guesses, speculations, hypotheses and theories. I found positive statements. And I found the only rational explana-

tion of WHY man is as he is, and how he came to be that way — WHY there is no peace, and what is the sure CAUSE that would produce peace.

Like H. G. Wells' *Outline of History*, most of the scholarly works are based solely on the evolutionary theory and a rejection of revelation as a source of basic knowledge.

This has placed these scholarly gentlemen in the position of being utterly SHUT OFF from all knowledge and factual evidences of origins: of HOW man came to be on earth, of HOW life began, of WHY man is as he is!

Thus of necessity they have had no recourse but to use baseless IMAGINATION to speculate, guess, conjecture and theorize as to what they in their utter ignorance SUPPOSE *might* have taken place.

But in the Bible are positive statements, *claiming* to come from the Supreme Being of total intelligence and total power. These positive statements claim He brought all matter, force and energy and all natural laws into being. Evolutionists are forced to begin their speculations with all these having already been brought into existence.

The Bible claims to explain HOW man came to be as he is — so seemingly intelligent, yet so utterly helpless before his own social, moral and ethical problems.

Now we, ourselves, have two alternatives. We may deliberately blind our eyes and shut out of entrance into our minds these positive Biblical claims, and accept with the “educated” majority the baseless imaginations and humanly devised theories of the scholars, OR we may open our eyes to read, and our minds to weigh and consider, these POSITIVE claims and evidences for origins, for CAUSES of conditions as they are, and for SOLUTIONS the Bible PROMISES shall come.

So now I propose to give you a comparatively short-short condensation of the Biblical revelation of origins, and of the PURPOSE for which humanity was put on earth, as well as the

reasons for men's pathetic plight today.

This short-short outline of history will begin at the beginning — all the way back into prehistory, where Biblical claims found in various parts of the Bible make some very startling revelations, not generally understood even by the theologians. From prehistory, back to the very *beginnings*, we shall quickly trace the outline of history to the present, and through prophecies, on into the eternity beyond.

Very few, even among the more scholarly theologians, recognize all that this world's "best seller" reveals in this amazing revelation about man — how he came, WHY he is, and where he is going.

The condition in this world, at the moment, is so seriously sobering it would be the folly of fools to close one's mind to this revelation, which does purport to show us the SOLUTION — the way to PEACE — and not only the way to survival, for survival alone is NOT ENOUGH. We need survival in peace, in happiness, in universal prosperity and health, in abundant well-being.

This is a challenge to COMPARE these positive claims, stated as from authority, with the speculations, admissions of ignorance, and baseless theories that have won such wide acceptance in a world just about to DESTROY ITSELF!

"In the Beginning . . ."

I begin, then, at the beginning — the first verse, first chapter, first book in the Bible — Genesis 1:1.

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

It does not say "must have," "could have," or "perhaps." It is simply the plain statement, as a fact, as by an author who *knows* the facts and is not guessing. It is a statement authoritatively expressed. It does not say when. Neither here, nor elsewhere in the Bible. So far as revelation goes, since the date is not revealed, it could have been anywhere from some 6,000 years to several billion years ago.

But Moses wrote these words in Hebrew. And the Hebrew verb in Genesis 1:1 does imply a perfect creation, not one in chaos and confusion. The Bible represents God as the *perfect* God who does what *He* does perfectly.

The book of Job shows God talking with Job about the creation. God is saying to Job, "Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth?" There is the implication here that Job had directed the building of some very great edifice — such as the great pyramid of Giza in Egypt. Job was righteous and somewhat proud of his accomplishments. God was whittling him down to humility by a comparison of accomplishments.

God continues, "Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened [margin, "sunk"]? or who laid the corner stone thereof when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?" (Job 38:4-7.)

It is significant that the great pyramid is a building where the corner stone is not laid in the foundation, but the final stone to be laid — at the pinnacle. The "morning stars" are light- (truth-) bringing angels and archangels, according to Biblical interpretation of symbols. As creations of God, they also are referred to as "all the sons of God." So this, too, implies a perfect and glorious creation of the earth.

Sinning Angels

Humans are not mentioned in this connection or as of that time. Angels are. Other passages of the Bible indicate that, originally, the earth was populated by angels, not by humans. This may come as a real surprise to many readers. But it is the plain representation of the Bible.

Notice Jude 6-7: "And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the

great day. Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire."

These angels, as attested by other passages, became demons upon sinning. The estate they left was this earth. It will be explained later why they left it. So these angels sinned.

Notice II Peter 2:4-7: "For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to *tartarus* [Greek], and delivered them into chains of darkness [error, perversion], to be reserved unto judgment; and spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes, condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; and delivered just Lot. . . ."

Notice, first, *angels*, second, the humans of the old world, third, the people of Sodom and Gomorrha, all three sinned. Physical destruction to the earth resulted from the sins of the old world and of Sodom. Universal physical destruction occurs to the earth where universal sin occurs. Did not the sin of the angels, then, bring earth-wide physical destruction to the earth? We shall see.

Angels Sin?

One might ask, "How could angels sin? Are they not supposed to be holy — perfect — beyond sinning?" Of course it is not intellectually fashionable, in many circles today, to believe angels exist. You probably will find no mention of them in most histories.

But the Bible says a great deal about angels, and about demons. In many religions demons have been regarded as gods. But, as I suggested earlier, let's examine the Biblical record. Admittedly it is not in accord with the

modern view based on the unproved and unprovable evolutionary concept.

We are here viewing the *other side* of a two-sided question, to compare, to weigh the one side against the other. And let the reader, upon viewing the claims, make his own decision as to which is the more logical, rational and apparently TRUE case. Judge, after viewing the evidences, which alternative more accurately accounts for, and EXPLAINS, the wretched conditions in this sick world today!

The Biblical statements make it clear that angels, though created and composed of SPIRIT (not material substance), are intelligent beings, of minds equal or superior to human minds. And that they also were endowed with free moral agency — the power of making free choice.

Now what was the sin of the angels who became demons? And WHY did they leave their habitation, Earth? The prophets Isaiah and Ezekiel explain, and add much.

World Peace Coming

In the 14th chapter of Isaiah, beginning verse 4, is a taunt-song against a *future* “king of Babylon.” This prophecy is not referring to the ancient king of Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar, who lived 600 years before Christ. The time setting is shortly future from NOW.

Notice this amazing prophecy. It has been grossly misunderstood. To understand the TIME of the prophecy, we need to view it in context, beginning with chapter 13.

The 13th and 14th chapters go together. Chapter 13 of Isaiah begins, “The oracle concerning Babylon” This oracle — or prophecy — concerning Babylon occupies chapters 13 and 14. God is indignant against this (yet future) “Babylon,” of which the Babylon of around 600 B.C. was the type and forerunner. God is mustering hosts to battle to destroy the land of this coming “Babylon.”

Beginning verse 6, (chapter 13) it is the time when “the day of the Lord” is at hand. That is a time spoken

of in many prophecies in both Old and New Testaments, when the Bible says GOD will intervene supernaturally in world affairs — a time when God says, “I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity” (verse 11). This is the time starting shortly prior to the coming of the Messiah in supreme POWER and GLORY to set up WORLD GOVERNMENT, to rule ALL nations, and by the Government of God to bring in WORLD PEACE!

Then chapter 14 continues into the time after Messiah’s coming.

God is going to restore Israel to their ancient land, *from a condition of slavery*. The nations who shall have held them as slaves (yet future from now) will be caused to take them back to their ancient land. And the people of Israel “shall take them captives, whose captives they were; and they [Israel] shall rule over their oppressors. And . . . the Eternal shall give thee rest . . . from the hard bondage”

It is NOT speaking of the Israelis dwelling in that land today. They did not return there from slavery, were not taken there by former captors, are not holding such former captors as slaves — do NOT have peace and rest, but war and *fear* of war from surrounding Arabs. Other prophecies do refer to the Jews (House of Judah) being in that land today. But this prophecy speaks of a time shortly future from now — possibly three to five years *or more*.

It is at the time described in the above three verses that “Thou shalt take up this proverb (margin, “taunt-song”) against the king of Babylon, and say, ‘How hath the oppressor ceased! the golden [margin, “arrogant”] city ceased!’” (Verse 4.) This king of Babylon is their former captor who shall have held them as slaves. His city, the arrogant or golden city — a well-known world capital.

It continues, “The Eternal hath broken the staff of the wicked, and the sceptre of the rulers. He who smote the people in wrath . . . he that

ruled the nations in anger” Notice, this coming “king of Babylon” will (yet future) rule nations — more than one — and “. . . is persecuted, and none hindereth. The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet; they break forth into singing. Yea, the fir trees rejoice at thee, and the cedars of Lebanon” (verses 6-8).

It is very plain that the TIME is *after* the coming of the Messiah in supreme POWER and GLORY to rule all nations, and bring us WORLD PEACE — in the happy WORLD TOMORROW!

A Prophecy for Today

This “king of Babylon” is the future ruler over the prophesied “United States of Europe” — the coming resurrected “Holy Roman Empire,” described in prophecies of Revelation 17 and 18. It is a system described in Revelation 13 which was given its power and seat by Satan.

Then in verse 12, the type — this human king of Babylon — lifts to the arch-antitype, Satan. Satan is to be removed and bound after the Messiah’s coming. Ezekiel’s prophecy, to be described later, reveals that he is the former archangel cherub, Lucifer.

So continue, verse 12:

“How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High” (Isaiah 14:12-14). The 15th verse returns to the human king.

Notice, this former archangel had been placed as ruler over the angels that sinned. He had a throne. He said he would exalt his throne above the stars (angels) of God. It already was exalted above the angels on earth — the angels that sinned with him. Now he was going to exalt it over GOD’S ANGELS in heaven. He was going to invade God’s heaven, knock God off

the throne of the universe, and rule the whole universe!

We learn much more about this cherub who became Satan in Ezekiel 28. Here, beginning verse 1, the human prince of Tyre is referred to, wealthy (chapter 27), surrounded by perfect beauty, saying in his vain heart, "I am a God," — "I sit in the seat of God" (verse 2) — compare with II Thessalonians 2:3-4.

Compare also Ezek. 27:7 with Rev. 18:16. All these refer to the same system. However, Ezekiel 26 refers to the *ancient* Tyre, as a forerunner or type of the present and yet future system. Then, as in Isaiah 14, the human type lifts to the satanic anti-type in Ezek. 28:12:

"Son of man, take up a lamentation [dirge] upon the king of Tyrus [Tyre]" The whole prophecy of chapters 27 and 28 refers, *not* to the ruler of the ancient city of Tyre (as does chapter 26), but to an important personage, in Satan's hand, of *our time* — and immediate future — just before the coming of the Messiah to remove Satan and bring in world peace. Therefore the prophecy points to the **END** of this great personage ruling spiritually over nations — as well as to Satan's removal from swaying mankind on earth. Now, beginning with verse 12, and on to the middle of verse 17, it speaks of Satan himself.

So, continue: "...and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord Eternal; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering . . . the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes [music] was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created."

A Created Being

Notice, this is not speaking of a human, but a **CREATED** being. God would never say of a human that he seals up the sum total of wisdom, perfection and beauty. Then who was this great created being, originally?

"Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so," answers God. In Exodus 25:17-20, you will find the description of the very throne of God in heaven, from which He rules the entire vast limitless universe. On this throne are two cherubim — super archangels — whose wings spread out and *cover* the throne. This personage, then, is the former Lucifer, who was at the very throne of the universe, thoroughly experienced in the Government of God over the universe. Now he is pictured as being on earth. But he had been, formerly, at the very throne of God, as the next words plainly say:

". . . thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity [lawlessness] wast found in thee."

Then God attributes to him violence, sin, corruption of wisdom, perversion, saying he became proud — his heart lifted up because of his beauty. Then, in verse 17, the immortal spirit antitype descends again to the human type, who will be a chief instrument in Satan's hands in the tremendous world events just prior to, and leading to the coming of the Messiah to establish the **GOVERNMENT OF GOD** over all earth's nations.

This human personage, claiming to be God, sitting in his sanctuary (verse 18) showing that he is God (II Thes. 2:3-4), is to be destroyed by **FIRE**, brought to ashes (verse 18). Compare with Revelation 19:20. In the latter, two human personages, instruments of Satan, are pictured — one a civil ruler over ten kings and their nations, the other called a great "False Prophet" (Rev. 19:20). The prophecy of Isaiah 14 pictures the king of Babylon as the civil ruler.

So now, let's recapitulate thus far. We have covered prehistory — before **MAN!** The earth was created — according to the Bible. It was created by the Creator God. It was a perfect creation. The angels shouted for joy. From

creation, it was populated by angels.

There was a throne, on which sat Lucifer, a super archangel, a cherub. He had been thoroughly experienced in the administration of the Government of God, having been at the very throne of God in heaven. God had placed Lucifer on the throne on earth to administer **THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD** over earth's angels.

There was happiness, peace, joy on earth. Of Lucifer, the Moffatt translation reads: "From the day you were created, you lived a perfect life, till you were discovered doing wrong" (Ezek. 28:15). God did not create a devil, but a beautiful, perfect super-angel. But God did give to His angels free moral agency — minds that were free to think and reason — the right of free choice.

Lucifer had allowed his beauty and perfection to fill him with vanity — with **SELF-glory**, **SELF-desire**. He became envious of God's power, resented authority over him. He plotted with his angels to marshal them into an invading army, to invade the heaven of God, to knock God off the throne of the Universe. Lucifer was going to **BE** God. It is his deceptive sway over the "Prince of Tyre" that will yet cause this personage to claim that **HE**, a man, is God.

So Lucifer was no longer "**LIGHT-Bringer**" but now an **ADVERSARY** — an Aggressor, a Competitor, an Enemy. The name Satan *means* "Adversary." His angels now became **DEMONS**. They were a third of all the angels (Rev. 12:4). But both Satan and his demons were cast back down to earth — same verse.

As a result of this earth-wide **REBELLION** against the Government of God, the earth's surface came to be in a condition of chaos and confusion.

And, very **IMPORTANT**: Satan is now *disqualified* to administer God's government over the earth! **BUT** it is a principle of God's government that the state must never be without a head. Consequently, Satan must be left here *until* his successor has been qualified *and* inducted into office!

How the Bible Has Been Preserved

Now, to continue this short-short history from Creation to Eternity, we return to Genesis 1, and notice verse 2.

“And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep.”

The first five books of the Bible were written by Moses, in the Hebrew language. Thousands of copies of those original Hebrew writings have been preserved by the Jewish people (as well as of the whole Bible), and in Christian times by non-Jewish scholars. The professional Jewish scribes were so meticulously careful in copying, that on proofreading by several people, if a single mistake was discovered, the entire sheet (or roll) was discarded and done over until perfect.

These five books, and all the books of both Old and New Testament, are claimed by the Bible to be divinely inspired by God. And when thousands of copies in the original languages agree, we may be SURE we do have what the Bible claims is the pure and SURE “Word of God.”

The Bible, the “world’s best seller” year in and year out, has been translated into virtually all languages used on earth today. In our English language, we have *several* translations, done directly from copies of the original. Where there appear to be slight variations of meaning in the original text, we may always consult three or four, or more, reliable translations and compare.

Then there are the many “commentaries” by high ranking scholars of the original languages, which in scholarly manner compare such few variations of meaning. We may also consult copies in the original languages, and check the Greek or Hebrew words with lexicons — Greek-English, or Hebrew-English dictionaries. There also are a number of multiple-volume Bible dictionaries, and also Bible encyclopedias. The technical and scholarly works to help us get to the

precise, intended meaning of any and every part of the Bible are almost inexhaustible. There are also the concordances, by which one may turn to virtually every word in the Bible, and learn in what books and passages that word is used.

Not “Tohu” When Created

Now back to the second verse in the Bible — Genesis 1:2. The words translated “without form and void,” are translated from the Hebrew words which Moses wrote, “*tohu* and *bohu*.” They mean “waste and empty,” and also “chaotic and in confusion” (as well as “without form and void”), as we may learn from Hebrew-English dictionaries.

But we already have seen that God did not create the earth in a state of confusion. In Isaiah 45:18 the Hebrew word “tohu” is used. There it says, “He created it NOT ‘*tohu*’” — translated “in vain.” And in I Corinthians 14:33, it says “God is not the author of confusion.” But the Bible states that Satan *is!*

We have seen that the earth, after its *perfect* original creation, was populated by angels who sinned. It was universal sin worldwide. We have seen other examples of how universal sin results in total destruction of the area of the sin — in this case, the entire earth. There is, therefore, the Biblical evidence that the chaotic and confused condition of the earth described in Genesis 1:2 happened AFTER the original perfect creation. We are not told how long after. Since angels are immortal spirit beings who never die, there *could have been* millions of years of peace, joy, and happiness on earth, while GOD’S GOVERNMENT ruled with GOD’S WAYS, *before* Lucifer led his angels into rebellion and lawlessness. But of course the Bible makes no statement as to how long.

Renewing Earth’s Surface

So now in SIX DAYS God RENEWED the earth’s surface.

In Psalm 104:30 you will read: “Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they

are created: *and* thou RENEWEST the face of the earth.” In that six days, God CREATED animal, plant, and human life — and RENEWED the face or surface of the earth.

Return now to the second verse of Genesis 1. The remainder of this verse, unquoted above, is: “. . . darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.”

Notice, it was dark. It speaks only of a fluid surface — oceans — no dry land showing. In Psalm 104:30, we read, “Thou sendest forth thy Spirit” for the re-creation and renewing of the surface of the earth. And here in Genesis 1:2, God has sent forth His Spirit, moving upon the fluid face of the earth.

Verse 3: “And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.”

While we are here considering the Biblical claims for creation — comparing them with the claims for the evolutionary theory — it is well to notice, at this point, the Bible claims about *the manner* by which God is said to have brought about this creation.

In the New Testament, Ephesians 3:9, we find these words: “God, who created all things *by* Jesus Christ.”

Then notice, beginning in John 1:1, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” The English “Word” is translated from the Greek word *Logos*. John wrote his Gospel in the Greek language. The Greek *Logos* means “Spokesman,” or “the One who speaks.”

In the 14th verse it is made clear that this “Word” was Christ. Under the name *Logos* it is speaking of Christ prior to His human birth — as having existed ALWAYS, with God the Father. In verse 3: “All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.”

And, speaking of Christ in Colossians 1:16-18: “For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible,

whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: and he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church”

And again, in Hebrews 1:2, God “hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things [the universe], by whom also he made the worlds”

Christ is the Spokesman. God created everything by and through Him. In Psalm 33:9: “He spake, and it was done.” The POWER utilized by Christ in creating was the power of the Holy Spirit.

I witnessed a close parallel in an incident that occurred in January 1914. I was then on the editorial staff of a national magazine. I was sent to the Ford Motor plant in Detroit to get the detailed story of the *then* famous \$5 per day wage scale inaugurated at the Ford plant. There I saw Henry Ford, the MAKER of the Ford car. But Mr. Ford and I were standing just outside the giant door of the main plant — in a breezeway between the plant and the company office building. He was not clad in overalls, but in a business suit. Inside the factory, I saw hundreds of workmen in overalls. Ford MADE the Ford cars *by* these employees, and they used the power of machines and electricity. God, the Father of the divine Family, is Creator, but He created all things by Jesus Christ, who SPAKE (precisely as His Father had directed) and the POWER of the Holy Spirit brought it about.

Back, now, to Genesis 1:2. The Spirit of God was moving on the waters. In verse 3, He SPOKE — “And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.” The Father ordered it, Christ spoke, the Spirit brought it forth!

Satan is the very symbol of DARKNESS, evil, sin, and ugliness. This darkness was caused by his sin and that of his angels. But GOD is the very symbol of LIGHT — of TRUTH — of

BEAUTY. So on the very first day of this “creation week” God changed earth’s surface from darkness, ugliness, confusion to LIGHT and BEAUTY! And God saw that it was GOOD (verse 4).

On the second day (verses 6-8), God created the present earth’s atmosphere — AIR for plants, animals, and MAN to breathe. Had there existed such an atmosphere previously? We are not told. But angel life would not require it. This atmosphere created clouds — vaporous water, thus “dividing the waters from the waters” — above and below the “firmament” or atmosphere. These clouds provide a “filtered sunshine,” as we used to call it in Oregon. Otherwise there would be no RAIN — so necessary for plant, animal and human life.

God now was producing what was needed for this new kind of PHYSICAL LIFE He was about to create.

Now, verse 8: “And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening [dark part] and the morning [light part] were the second day.”

It is important to mention, here, that the Bible speaks of three heavens: this earth’s atmosphere in which birds and airplanes fly; then the heaven we call outer space, in which are our planets, the sun, and, much farther away, the stars; and, third, the heaven where God’s Throne is located, from which the entire vast universe is ruled. The Bible does not reveal the location of this third heaven. There is one possible hint, in Isaiah 14:13, indicating that it *may be* in the far, far NORTH from our earth. In II Corinthians 12:2 is the mention of “the third heaven.”

On the third day, God separated the seas from the dry land. Dry land appeared, along with the BEAUTY of trees, plants, shrubs, grass, and beautiful FLOWERS of all colors and hues. Darkness and ugliness was being replaced with light and glorious BEAUTY, with vegetation and fruit and grain for FOOD. Man and animals must eat food, and breathe air. Angels need not.

God Is Creator of Beauty

I cannot emphasize too strongly the fact that God is the author of BEAUTY — of QUALITY — of PERFECTION. Satan is the author of ugliness, inferiority, imperfection, cheapness, destruction.

The Bible shows, as we shall see, that this has become Satan’s world. Satan became perverted in all his ways. Under his sway, he has led a deceived mankind into polluting, contaminating, perverting, ruining, and destroying just about everything man has gotten his hands on. Today we have polluted the air God gave us to breathe — the seas, lakes and rivers which God originally made so gloriously BEAUTIFUL, the soil from which our food must grow, even the food after it is grown through food factories. We have built cities that are ugly, drab, ill-planned, depressing, overcrowded.

But in this six days of RENEWING the face of the earth, God made it BEAUTIFUL — gloriously BEAUTIFUL!

In the words of the oratorio, *The Creation*, by Joseph Haydn, I find some beautiful descriptive language giving us a glimpse of that original God-created BEAUTY. Following God’s renewal creation of that third day, we find these words in the oratorio:

With verdure clad the fields
appear,
The eye with new delight rejoicing;
And lovelier still they grow
Adorned with flowers fair and gay,
Here herbs breathe forth their
fragrance sweet,
Here shoots the healing balm,
With golden fruit the boughs laden
bend.
The vaulted groves give leafy
shelter cool;
The lofty hills are crowned with
forests grand.
And the heavenly hosts proclaimed
the third day, praising God and
saying:
Ye harps awake, awake ye lyres,
Let your joyful songs resound.
Rejoice in the Lord, the mighty
God;
Heaven and earth He hath
clothed in splendour, in
glorious array.

Yes, when God renewed the face of the earth, He made it excitingly BEAUTIFUL!

On the 4th day of that week of physical creation and renewing of the face of the earth, the sun and the moon were caused to shine on the earth. There is adequate reason to believe that this was not the original creation of the sun and the moon — but, apparently, since the rebellion of Lucifer and the angels, they had been prevented from shining on the earth.

The fifth day of that first week of MAN'S earth saw the creation of the present species of fish life in the seas, lakes and rivers; fowls on the earth and birds singing in the air — more BEAUTY produced. I quote a portion of this description from Haydn's oratorio, *The Creation*:

On mighty pinions
Upward soars the eagle proud.
He cleaves the air,
And wings in swiftest flight
His way to the sun.
A morning greeting
carols gay the lark;
And loving coo
And call the tender doves.
From every bush and grove trills
forth
With sweetest note the nightingale
her song.
And the angels struck their
immortal harps
And sang the wonders of the
fifth day.
How lovely now appear,
In freshest green arrayed,
The gentle sloping hills.
And welling from their sides,
Gush forth in crystal flow
The sparkling, cooling rills.
Now blithely circling play,
And flutter in the air,
The joyous feathered hosts.
Their glossy plumage gay
A myriad hues displays,
When golden the sunlight plays.
Swift flashing through the waters
clear
The fish dart ever to and fro,
In restless throngs,
From the bed of the ocean deep
Rises up Leviathan,
And sports on the billow's crest.

Now verse 24: "And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so. And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good."

And another portion of the description from Haydn's *The Creation*:

Straight opening her fertile womb,
The earth brought forth at God's
command
Creatures of every kind,
All fully grown in countless numbers.
Contented, roaring stands the
lion there.
Here, supple and lithe, the
tiger appears.
Raising his antlered head speeds
swift the stag.
All vigor and fire, with flying
mane,
Impatient neighs the noble steed.
On pastures green
The cattle seek their food,
divided into herds.
And o'er the meads, see, scattered
far and wide
The fleecy, gentle sheep.
Like sandclouds whirling, in
myriads swarming,
Rise hosts of insects.
In long procession creep the reptile
and the worm.
Now in full splendour shines the
heavens;
Now robed in beauty smiles the
earth.
The air is filled with fluttering
creatures;
And shoals of fish the waters
are teeming.
The earth abounds with living
things.
And still not all was yet achieved.
The whole was lacking still that
being,
That should the works of God
behold,
With thankful heart His goodness
praise.

And now was to come the crowning piece of God's handiwork — MAN!
"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. . . . So

God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him: male and female created he them. . . . And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day" (Gen. 1:26-27, 31).

And with this first chapter of the first book in the Bible — Genesis — so ends the renewing of the face of the earth, and the PHYSICAL CREATION for this present earth.

But many astounding surprises now await us.

For that was *not* the end of God's creative work. Now was to come the far more important SPIRITUAL creation — still going on today! The creative work recorded in Genesis 1 merely produced the physical material *with which* to BEGIN the spiritual creation — far more important than the original creation of the angels!

WHY did God create and put mankind on this earth? What is the real PURPOSE of human life? Almost nobody knows! Yet the Bible reveals it plainly and unmistakably!

Did God create man an ANIMAL? Is man an animal? Expect some surprises!

Is man an immortal soul?

How do you account for the VAST GULF between the capacities of human MIND and animal BRAIN, especially when the more intelligent animal brains are almost identical with human brain in size, in weight, and in quality?

How did man come to be AS HE IS — with such marvelous intellect, yet utterly incapable of solving his own problems? WHY all the mounting and accelerating EVILS in the world? How did it all start? Did God create it to be that way?

From here on, expect amazing surprises. You will THRILL to the discovery of the MISSING DIMENSION IN KNOWLEDGE!

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tentative arrangements for a meeting with the President of Korea. However, as frequently happens with heads of state, emergency matters prevented the meeting. Instead, with Mr. Rader (our chief legal counsel) and Mr. Osamu Gotoh (head of Ambassador College's Asian Studies area), who joined us in Seoul, had a meeting with the Minister of Education and his two chief assistants.

I found that they have the same educational problems in Korea that face most countries in the far eastern part of the world — problems of getting compulsory education to children in the elementary grades — especially in regions where there is much illiteracy among adults. Also they have the same problems of overpopulation of university campuses that I am finding in many parts of the world — including the U.S., Britain and Europe. Too many students are seeking the higher, professional, scientific, technological, and managerial positions. That is fast becoming a worldwide problem.

All over the world we are coming to the place where everyone wants to be educated for the chief high-salaried jobs. No one, it seems, wants to be a plumber or take a job where he works with his hands and wears overalls. Still if men want the higher pay, perhaps they ought to learn to be plumbers — they seem to be doing all right so far as earnings go.

But the trouble is, there just are not enough of the high-up professional or executive positions for all the college graduates. Dr. Clark Kerr, former President of the University of California, has estimated that somewhere near a third of all college graduates, by 1980, will be unable to find posi-

tions they feel their education entitles them to.

But the problem of illiteracy plagues many countries around the world — far-east countries, southeast Asian countries, Indonesia, India, Arab countries in the Middle East, many countries in Africa and South America. Several countries I have visited are now instituting compulsory education for at least the first few elementary grades — including India, Ceylon, Thailand, Nepal, and South Vietnam. But even so, they have serious problems — training teachers, inducing all children to go to school and stay in school.

Many of these countries plagued with a high percentage of illiteracy are also cursed with poverty, starvation, malnutrition, disease; and the people live in filth and squalor such as most of my readers simply cannot imagine.

Another problem is that of getting education to the mountain people in some of these far-east countries. Ambassador College is now participating actively in the programs of the kings of both Thailand and Nepal for educating their illiterate mountain people.

I was able to explain to these educational authorities in Korea something of the evils of this world's education generally. For, even in the more advanced countries with a very high percentage of literacy, there are criminal EVILS in the systems of education. The fact of the MISSING DIMENSION in education is a tragedy. These Korean educational authorities evinced a genuine interest in hearing something of this MISSING DIMENSION, and of the Ambassador College program of worldwide education by means of radio, television, and the mass-circulation of *The PLAIN TRUTH*.

That MISSING DIMENSION includes the knowledge of the very PURPOSE of human life — the little-known and seemingly incredible human potential — a knowledge of the true values

and of THE WAY that can be the only CAUSE that can produce PEACE.

When I explained to the three top men in the Educational Ministry of Korea the two over-all ways of life — the way of "GET" as I state it in simplest terms — the way to which this world's civilization seems dedicated — as opposed to the way of "GIVE" — and how our Work had started from nothing financially 38 years ago, as a ministry of GIVING, serving, sharing, contributing — with nothing to sell — utterly a NON-profit enterprise — giving right knowledge — GIVING to the world the MISSING DIMENSION in education — and how the Work had GROWN to such worldwide impact, they were amazed.

I suppose one would naturally think such a WAY could never work. But over 38 years' experience had demonstrated that it is far more practical than the selfish, competitive motives.

These men *invited* this explanation, which I was privileged to give. And, of course, that way is simply the way instructed by the living Creator!

I have had long discussions with a number of Ministers of Education in several countries around the world. The suggestion was given me from one Ministry of Education that I call a World Congress at Pasadena, of Ministers of Education from many nations over the world. I am assured that many would attend. It is under consideration.

Then on Friday, March 10, we flew back to Tokyo, where I had some *very* important meetings with about eight of probably the ten most powerful men in the Japanese government. Japan now has gone ahead of Germany, Britain, France, and all other nations in the free world, except the United States, economically and industrially.

On Saturday night our party, with Mr. Gotoh, hosted a dinner with the new Ambassador from Israel and his wife. Then Sunday afternoon we had tea with them at the Israeli Embassy.

Monday was a busy day. In the

afternoon we were guests for tea with Prince Mikasa at his new palace — one of four or five palaces of the Imperial family on the very large Imperial Palace grounds. The prince is the younger brother of the Emperor. On a previous visit to Tokyo I had had a 45-minute meeting with Crown Prince Akihito at *his* palace. I have come to know Prince Mikasa quite well. I first met him in late October, 1968, when I was invited to be his guest at luncheon. I have seen quite a lot of him since then.

The Prince is deeply interested in history, and in educational and cultural relations between Japan and the West, and Middle East. He is interested in our archaeological project with Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

While we were sipping tea, the Prince expressed the wish that there might be established in Tokyo an institute for the study of Biblical history — in order that people of the East would better understand the peoples of the West and the Middle East, and their cultures. He made that comment since Western culture developed largely from Christianity and Judaism, which he regards as the very foundations of Western civilization. His idea was that such an institute would provide a place where Japanese and Eastern peoples could study without going to a church or synagogue or place of religion. The institute, of course, would need to be provided with an adequate library of books on Western culture, including Bibles, Bible encyclopedias, Bible dictionaries, lexicons for both Hebrew and Greek-Japanese, Hebrew- and Greek-English, and other languages, concordances, commentaries, etc. All these Bibles and other books would need to be not only in both Japanese and English, but also such other languages as the need required.

The Prince felt there would be a considerable interest in such a project, if some one would take the initiative to start it.

I grasped the significance of his idea,

and replied, "Some one just did! I did! Ambassador College will be very happy to initiate such a program, especially providing the library." I asked if it would not be proper to have the Ambassador College name connected with the institute, and he replied in the affirmative. I feel that what may become a much-used institute for Bible study in Japan may have been initiated at that meeting. Later, in my meeting with Prime Minister Sato, I told the Prime Minister of the Prince's idea, and my decision to initiate it. The Prime Minister warmly approved the idea, and directed one of the leading members of the Diet, who accompanied me at that meeting, to check to find out whether some of the funds for this project could be supplied by the Government, from the Educational budget.

With the endorsement and financial assistance from the Government, and having originated as the idea of a member of the Imperial family, this project could not have gotten going with a more prestigious start.

We did not have time to return to our hotel on leaving the Prince's palace, but were driven at once to a dinner engagement, where we were guests of two high-ranking members of the Japanese Diet (their congress or parliament). These two had flown with Prime Minister Sato to San Clemente, California, the West Coast summer "White House," where the Prime Minister conferred with President Nixon. On that trip to the U. S. the Prime Minister had set an appointment for a meeting with me, while at San Clemente last January. It happened that I was quite ill at the time — with a temperature near 104 — and so I sent Messrs. Rader and Gotoh to represent me.

At their meeting, Prime Minister Sato requested that we fly these two Congressmen, the secretary of one of them, and eight leading members of the Japanese press to our Texas campus, which we did. They were on the Texas campus two nights and part of

three days. From all reports, they had the time of their lives. They bought wide-brimmed cowboy hats and Texas boots. They enjoyed a "sing-along" with the students one night, and inspected our experimental farm program. We have more than 4,000 acres at the Texas campus.

These Congressmen invited us to visit the Japanese Diet on Wednesday morning, and set up an appointment for me to meet Mr. Kakuei Tanaka, the Minister of International Trade and Industry — one of the two most important ministries.

This was the HIGH POINT day of our visit to Japan, for we had a meeting set with the Prime Minister for 2 p.m. At 11:30, as scheduled, we were escorted by these Congressmen to the Diet Building. It is the Japanese Capitol building. Externally it does not appear as large as the United States Capitol in Washington — but walking through the labyrinth of corridors inside, it seemed as large or larger.

We were first taken to a special meeting room. We were greeted first by the Secretary of the Cabinet, Mr. Takeshita, while waiting for Mr. Tanaka. Three large lounge chairs at the rear of the room faced several other chairs around the room. A table was placed in front of the three chairs. Mr. Tanaka at the moment was in the Diet chambers engaged in an important session. Nevertheless, he excused himself for about ten minutes from this session, and came to the room into which we had been ushered. He greeted me smilingly, and also Mr. Rader and Mr. Gotoh, whom he had met at San Clemente. Smiling, he motioned me into the center seat of the three at the end, explaining that it was the Prime Minister's seat, whenever the Prime Minister was attending a conference in this room. Numerous photographs were taken of Minister Tanaka and me by official Diet cameramen.

Mr. Tanaka told us that any and all official reports of his Ministry would be available to us. Since he

needed to return to the Diet session, he said I would be welcomed to visit with him for a longer period of time on my next visit to Japan.

At San Clemente, Minister Tanaka had participated with Prime Minister Sato in meetings with President Nixon. Also he had held important economic meetings with Secretary of the Treasury Connally.

Leaving the meeting with Minister Tanaka, I was introduced to the Secretary of the Liberal-Democratic Party, Ohera — a former foreign minister, and one of the most powerful members of the Japanese Government. We were then taken to lunch in the Diet dining room, where I met the Minister of Environmental Control, and several other Congressmen.

After lunch we were driven to the Congressmen's Office Building, where we met several other Diet members — including one whose son is now in his second year as a student at our Ambassador College campus in Pasadena.

My appointment with the Prime Minister was set for 2 p.m. We were accompanied by four high-ranking members of the Japanese law-making body to the Prime Minister's official residence. Three of those had accompanied the Prime Minister to the meeting with President Nixon at San Clemente. The fourth was the father of our Ambassador College student.

As on my previous meeting with the Prime Minister, in December 1970, we were shown, first, into the Prime Minister's reception room which adjoins his private office. There we were introduced to a young Japanese interpreter, a very personable and brilliant young man, from the Foreign Ministry's office. Although Mr. Sato speaks English, in a meeting he prefers to have his interpreter repeat in Japanese what he hears me say in English. When he talks to me, most of the time he speaks in Japanese, and the interpreter repeats it in English to me. We did not use the interpreter, however, until we were seated in his private office.

We only had to wait a couple of minutes in the reception room. Then Prime Minister Eisaku Sato entered, with an exceptionally warm and smiling greeting and handshake. He said he was happy to see me again, and was sorry I was unable to meet him at San Clemente. Of course I expressed regret at being unable to meet him then. As on my previous visit official photographers recorded our greetings and handshake.

Then, as before, we all walked into his private office. He sat facing the group of us — the four Congressmen, Mr. Rader and Mr. Gotoh, and the interpreter. I was seated next to the Prime Minister on one side, and the interpreter next to him on the other side.

Immediately Mr. Sato opened the conversation, saying that this was, indeed, a historic occasion. At my former meeting with him, 15 months before, newspaper headlines were blaring forth the news of the anti-American riots on Okinawa. At that meeting the Prime Minister had suggested that I go to Okinawa on my next visit in February (the situation in Okinawa was too hot and tense to be safe for me to have gone immediately), and investigate conditions there for myself — talking with the people, with both U. S. and Japanese officials — and report to the American people in *The PLAIN TRUTH* — which, of course, I did. So my former meeting with Mr. Sato was tied to the Okinawan situation at a time when the Prime Minister was exerting every effort to have Okinawa returned to Japan. It had been under the government of the United States ever since World War II.

Now, the Prime Minister reminded me, with a smile of victory, *this* meeting happened to be timed at the precise time of the official reversion of Okinawa back to Japan. It was now shortly after 2 p.m. March 15. At the end of our meeting — 3 p.m., the official meeting was to take place, in an adjoining conference room,

where the exchange of the ratification instruments of the Okinawa reversion was to be made.

This was undoubtedly the very HIGH POINT of Mr. Sato's eight years as Prime Minister of Japan. He said that U. S. Ambassador Meyer and staff, and also Japanese Foreign Minister Fukuda and staff, would be arriving momentarily. So our meeting was a sort of prelude to this historic ceremony.

The Prime Minister thanked me for my contribution toward the Okinawan reversion, now successfully achieved. Of course my contribution, if any, was insignificant so far as influencing the result — but it was nice to know the Prime Minister was pleased.

Mr. Sato expressed great satisfaction with the agreement between the United States and Japan. He told me emphatically that President Nixon had promised, at San Clemente, that there would be no nuclear weapons or poison gas on the United States bases which will remain on Okinawa.

I reminded the Prime Minister that Dr. Ohama had been with me in Okinawa, and that he and his wife had been our guests at both the Pasadena and Texas campuses during the past year. Mr. Sato then told me that Dr. Ohama is Chairman of the Preparatory Committee of the World Marine Fair which will be held at Okinawa during the coming year, and he invited any ideas or assistance I might have in making the fair a success.

I then invited the Prime Minister and his wife to visit us at Pasadena and Texas, after he has retired from office. He expressed interest in such a visit, and said his wife's cousin is living in San Antonio, Texas — and that he had visited San Antonio and El Paso in 1933.

As I have already mentioned, I told the Prime Minister about Prince Mikasa's idea of establishing in Tokyo an institute for the study of Biblical history, as a means of bringing better understanding between the peoples of the East and of the West. Mr.

Sato expressed definite favor of the idea, and directed one of the leading Congressmen who had accompanied me to look into the availability of government funds from the educational budget to contribute to it.

Mr. Sato asked if I had any plans for visiting Communist China. I told him we have no definite plans for such a visit, as of now.

It was now ten minutes to three, and we rose to leave. As we were leaving the Prime Minister's official residence, we saw the official automobiles of the U. S. Embassy and of the Japanese Foreign Ministry driving up.

The following morning, the exchange of the ratification instruments for the reversion of Okinawa back to Japan, after 27 years under U. S. rule was the big-headline, frontpage news in Japanese English-language newspapers.

HONG KONG, March 20 — I will continue writing from here.

From Tokyo we flew on to New Delhi, India. We were not due there for two days, so we broke the long flight by stopping overnight at Hong Kong.

In Hong Kong (China), a big headline at the top of the first page of the *South China Morning Post*, March 18, has: "Peking Blasts 'Nixon Doctrine.'" This dispatch is dated Peking, March 17. It says: "The 'Nixon Doctrine' has come in for heavy criticism here, three weeks after President Nixon's visit to China." A tirade against Mr. Nixon and the United States follows.

In the Monday morning, March 20 edition, same newspaper, I find this at the top of the front page: "China Trade 'Experts' Exploit U.S. Firms." This story shows how U.S. businessmen, "blinded by the possibility of a potential 800 million customers," are being taken advantage of by Chinese posing as "trade experts." American firms, on the whole, the story says, have little knowledge of how China does business, and many Chinese, pos-

ing as trade experts, are taking advantage of this in various ways.

Are we moving toward PEACE? Anti-Americanism is on the rise, and is gaining momentum in new and unexpected places around the world. Anti-American incidents are spreading in Turkey. In the Mediterranean Sea, the U.S. naval fleet has been reduced, while the Soviet Union is fast increasing its naval might there. The Russians have been establishing their military presence in the Middle East — especially in Egypt and Syria. Anti-Americanism is being spread in Greece.

Instead of gains for PEACE, danger signals are threatening all around the world.

WHY?

It ought to be clearly apparent to all, but almost no one seems to comprehend the simple truth.

As I have said before, and shall keep on saying as long as it is possible, there are just TWO WAYS of life. To simplify it I call one the way of "GET" and the other the way of "GIVE." And just about every one is dedicated to the way of "GET." Individuals are out to get by taking any and every possible advantage of others. Nations are dedicated to their own SELF-interest; and if that interest seems best served by injury to others — even war — there are nations that will not hesitate to take any possible advantage of other nations.

At the San Francisco Conference, almost 27 years ago, the leaders of nations met as "the world's last HOPE" for PEACE, and the prevention of the nuclear World War II that could erase all humans from the earth. Altruistic and laudatory speeches were made in plenary sessions for effect on the public, but in the private conferences leaders of nations fought viciously for selfish advantage over other countries.

Space in this issue of the PLAIN TRUTH does not allow me to include the material already written of meetings with leaders of India, Ceylon and Israel. That will have to wait till the June issue.

What Our Readers Say

(Continued from inside front cover)

other parts of this series on the loaded subject, the mind."

Jam Y.,
Haywood, Virginia

VD Epidemic

"I am a teen-ager and usually disagree with most of your articles, but 'The Silent Epidemic' was very shocking. I read facts that most people would not believe. This knowledge is very valuable in the world I am about to enter. I was amazed at the way you presented the 'plain truth' about this problem — not trying to shade anything. By this article you gave a warning that no other source of information could have given."

Chuck O.,
Swannanoa, North Carolina

Public Housing Problems

"I am a college student majoring in sociology mainly because I lived in a housing project for 10 years. To know this way of life is heart-breaking. I strongly believe that these houses are not fit for animals to live in. To sum up my 10 years experience, I would have to say that life was sheer hell for me. The slums forced me to rise above my economic background. I commend you on the fine article written about these slums. Everything in it brought me back to my childhood years."

L. M.,
East Boston, Massachusetts

Kneading Exercise?

"I would like to start receiving your monthly publications. They have helped me in many ways. My sister asked to write and tell you that from making so many loaves of the whole wheat bread — the recipe you gave in your August 1971 issue — her bust size has increased from 34A to 36D."

Cheryl M.,
Lynnwood, Wyoming

Iran Area Error

"Let me be the 1000th person to inform the staff that Iran is not more than twice the size of Alaska (see page 429, January 1972, PLAIN TRUTH). *Information Please Almanac* states that Alaska has an area of 566,432 square miles."

Arthur W.,
Sydney, Australia

**Of course you are correct. The copy should have read "larger than Alaska or more than twice the size of Texas." The error was caught here — but not soon enough before publication. By the way, we all make mistakes, don't we? The error was on page 42 — not page 429!*