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## TOMORROW'S WORLD to Reach German, French, Spanish, Dutch in Their Languages

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**A** MOMENTOUS DECISION has just been made. For months we have faced the problem of getting TOMORROW'S WORLD to the many thousands of PLAIN TRUTH subscribers in Germany, France, Belgium, Holland, and Spanish-speaking countries.

The superintendents of our printing plants in Pasadena and Radlett, England, have been working on our mechanical problems of synchronizing the various foreign language editions in the composing rooms, and on our giant full-color magazine presses. But our main problem was one of cost — fitting this large additional production and distribution operation into the budget.

So I called our editors, printing plant managers, and others from England, Germany, and Texas (where the Spanish edition is edited) to Pasadena. Our editors and plant managers here at Headquarters, with our financial planners — some twenty executives — sat down with me in our board room.

It was a knotty problem. It meant another giant undertaking, and it involved large outlays of money. It appeared that our budget could not absorb so great an additional outlay.

Before this assembly of executives in God's Work, I began, after prayer, by stating the problem. A little over two years ago, we made a very important and far-reaching decision, changing the entire program of the Work.

This great worldwide Work was started through me, with the help of my wife, almost 38 years ago in Eugene, Oregon. The radio broadcast, which later came to be *The WORLD TOMORROW*, started the first Sunday in 1934.

February 1, 1934, the first issue of *The PLAIN TRUTH* came out, a mimeographed "magazine," about 250 or 350 copies.

Both the radio program and *The PLAIN TRUTH* were then completely Biblically oriented. This very fact virtually confined listening and reading audiences to what is often called "the religious audience." I estimated this as not more than 5% to 8% of the total listening and magazine-reading population.

Yet there were reasons why the Work could not have been *started* any other way.

As the years and decades passed by, the percentage of that portion of the whole population appeared to decrease. The world was drifting away from sound moral and religious interest. Education had become totally academic, concerned only with the mind.

Gradually, in both the broadcasts and magazine articles, in order to get God's Message to the world — to get the world to LISTEN, or to read — we found it necessary to discuss more and more world conditions, social and family conditions and problems. And more and more, as prejudice increased against anything that sounded "religious," we had to speak to the world in the world's language, not in King James Bible language.

A little over two years ago, we were faced with the problem that as a straight Biblical religious message, we had reached the saturation point — the point of "diminishing returns." It was becoming more and more difficult to obtain time on the better and most-listened-to radio stations if the program contained any "religion." The same was true to a greater degree on T.V.

Faced with this situation, we made a drastic change in the editorial policy of *The PLAIN TRUTH*. It became entirely a secular-appearing magazine. I say *secular-appearing* because the word secular is sometimes used in the sense of meaning non-religious or even anti-religious.

Although *The PLAIN TRUTH* is actually based on Biblical revelation, instruction and teaching, it gives this teaching in non-Biblical and non-religious terminology. As the Apostle Paul was all things to all men, so we speak to the world in the world's language, not in religious-sounding language. Thus we do proclaim God's way of life, though we do not call it by that name — in *The PLAIN TRUTH*.

But this change in PLAIN TRUTH editorial policy

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# Is Jesus God?

**What is the REAL ANSWER? Is Jesus God? Is He the same as Jehovah? Is there more than one God? Here you will find GOD'S answer — from His own Word — as revealed in YOUR BIBLE.**

by Herbert W. Armstrong

**S**TARTLING as it may seem, there is great *confusion* today among religious leaders concerning the true nature and office of Jesus Christ — the Saviour of the world. *You* need not be in doubt! The Bible was divinely inspired to impart TRUTH to those who seek it with *honest* hearts and minds. But even this all-important subject has become jumbled in today's troubled and chaotic world.

## Is Jesus God?

Jesus Christ came to pay the penalty for sin in our stead. He gave of *Himself*, that we might be reconciled to God. *How was this made possible?*

First, if Jesus had been *only* human, His death could have paid the penalty for but *one* other human who had incurred that penalty by transgression of God's spiritual Law (Romans 6:23). Since God the Father created all things *by* Jesus Christ (Eph. 3:9), and since *all* things, including man, were made *by* Jesus Christ, He is our Maker and therefore God, and His life which

He gave was of *greater value* than the sum total of all human beings. For we read, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the *Word was God*. The same was in the beginning with God. *All things were made by him*; and without him was not anything made that was made" (John 1:1-3). "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father" (verse 14 — RSV). Also, "He was in the world, and the world *was made through him*, yet the world knew him not" (verse 10 — RSV). Compare these scriptures with I Cor. 8:6 and Col. 1:12-19.

Life alone can *beget* life. This is the absolute law of biogenesis. Since Eternal life is the GIFT of God (John 3:16), only a GOD *possessing* immortality could give it. If Jesus were only human, *we could not receive eternal life through Him* and He could not be our Saviour. Man *does not* have eternal life inherent in himself. But, as God "the Father hath

life in himself; so hath He given to the Son to have life in Himself." And, "God *hath given* to us eternal life, and this life is *in His Son*. He that hath the Son hath life; and *he that hath not the Son hath not life*" (John 5:26 and I John 5:11-12).

## He Was Also Human

On the other hand, Jesus was also human. Since it is *human* life which has transgressed God's Law, the Law claims *human* life as its penalty. Contrary to popular present-day teaching, the Word of God states that the wages — the penalty — of sin, is DEATH — not eternal life in a so-called "hell fire" (Romans 6:23). When we sin, we break God's perfect spiritual law, "for sin is the transgression of the law" (I John 3:4). The penalty for this sin is *death*. The penalty *must be paid*. God the Father will not compromise. It must be paid *by man*. Therefore, Jesus, who is and was God, who has always existed (John 1:1, 2), was actually *made flesh* (verse 14). He, who was God, actually *became*

human flesh because I John 4:2, 3 — RSV — states, “By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit which confesses that Jesus Christ *has come in the flesh* is of God, and every spirit which does not confess Jesus is not of God.” He was conceived in and born of the human virgin, Mary. “Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit” (Matt. 1:18, RSV). He was made not only flesh, but *human* flesh and blood. Notice Heb. 2:14: “Since then the children are sharers in *blood and flesh*, himself also in like manner partook of the same” (Ivan Panin translation).

Jesus called Himself the Son of MAN repeatedly, and also the Son of God. Matthew wrote, “Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do men say that the Son of man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter replied, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven’” (Matt. 16:13-17, RSV).

Jesus, in nature, is equal with God — “Jesus: who, existing in God’s form, counted not the *being on an equality with God* ought to be grasped at, but emptied himself . . . being made in likeness of men” (Phil. 2:6, Panin translation).

He is *called* God in Titus 2:10, 13. Therefore He *is* God. The Bible contains so much on these points that the above is a mere fragment of the evidence.

Yes, Jesus is also “Jehovah,” although this word is a *mistranslation* used in the American Standard Version. The original name, in the Hebrew, contained the consonants “YHVH.” In writing in Hebrew, vowels were omitted, supplied only in speaking. Thus the precise pronunciation of the name is not definitely known, but today it is commonly assumed to be *Yahveh*, or *Yahweh*. The *meaning*, in English, is

“THE ETERNAL,” or “THE EVER-LIVING,” or the “SELF-EXISTENT.” It is commonly supposed that *Yahveh*, or, as commonly called, “Jehovah,” or, as in the Authorized Version, “The LORD,” of the Old Testament was God the FATHER of Jesus Christ. *This is a flagrant error!*

*Yahveh* was the God of Israel, the only One of the Godhead known to ancient Israel. When He came in human flesh they did not recognize Him. “He was in the world, and the world was made by him and the world knew him not” (John 1:10-11, Authorized Version). Neither did they know God the Father (Matt. 11:27 and Luke 10:22, Panin). “No one knoweth . . . who the Father is, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son willeth to REVEAL him.”

In Genesis 1, the Hebrew name translated “God” is *Elohim*. This is a uniplural name, such as “church,” or “family.” A church or a family consists of more than one person, yet is *one* church, or *one* family. In this same sense *Elohim* — the God kingdom — includes both God the Father and *Yahveh*, who was the *Logos* or the WORD of God, and also their Spirit emanating from them, the Holy Spirit, the LIFE, CHARACTER, and POWER of God. Jesus, in praying for the welfare of the Church, prayed that its many members might “be ONE, as we are one” (John 17:11, 21, Moffatt). The Church is ONE body, yet composed of many members (I Cor. 12:12). A husband and wife are ONE FLESH, yet two persons.

The word “God” has two meanings — the God kingdom or the family of God, AND the *persons* composing that kingdom or family. Christ and the Father are ONE God, *not two* Gods — one *Elohim*. That is why *Elohim* said, “Let us make man in OUR image” (Gen. 1:26).

*Yahveh* was the “WORD” or Spokesman of the Godhead — its second member. As soon as God began to SPEAK to man, it was always *Yahveh* who spoke (translated “LORD” in the Authorized, and “Jehovah” in the American Standard Version. See Gen. 2:16, 18 and Exodus 20:2). Almost always it is *Yahveh* in the original Hebrew — the “WORD” who was made

flesh. The proof of this is a long study involving hundreds of passages.

As a fragment of the evidence, compare Isaiah 8:13-14 with I Peter 2:7-8. Isaiah said, “The LORD of hosts” — YHVH shall be “a stone of stumbling and a rock of offence.” Peter said, in *quoting* this text in reference to *Christ*, He is “a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence.” Jesus is the LORD — the Eternal of the Old Testament.

Now compare Isaiah 40:3 with Matt. 3:3 and Mark 1:3. John prepared the way before *Yahveh* (Isaiah 40:3) who was CHRIST (Mark 1:14-15).

In Rev. 1:17 we read, “When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand upon me, saying, ‘Fear not, I am the first and the last.’” And in verse 8, “‘I am the Alpha and the Omega,’ says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.” Again Rev. 22:13, “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” Study also Rev. 22:16 for proof it was *Jesus* speaking. Jesus Christ calls Himself the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last. Now compare these texts with Isaiah 44:6: “Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: ‘I am the first and I am the last; besides Me there is no God.’”

Now turn to Isaiah 48:11-12. “For my own sake, I do it, for how should my name be profaned? My glory I will not give to another. ‘Hearken to me O Jacob, and Israel, whom I called! I am He, I am the first, and I am the last.’” Verses 17-18 show it was *Yahveh* speaking. And also in Isaiah 41:4, “Who has performed and done this, calling the generations from the beginning? I, the LORD, the first, and with the last; I am He.” All of these scriptures show that *Yahveh* is the First and Last. Christ is the *Yahveh* of the Old Testament.

### Christ Is the ROCK — The God of the Old Testament

In I Cor. 10:4, the “Rock” of the Old Testament is called Christ. “For they drank from the supernatural Rock which followed them, and the Rock

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also thy seed [your children]" (Gen. 48:11).

### God's Sure Promises

Does God have this same joyous reunion of families in mind for his sons and daughters *who overcome* and are born into His Kingdom? The answer is an unequivocal "YES!" It is as sure as the rising of tomorrow's sun.

Remember the words of David: ". . . I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me." What did David mean by "I shall go to him"? David was talking about a reunion with his son in a resurrection. Let Christ clarify. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: *and they that hear shall live*" (John 5:25). Continue: "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which *all [not part]* that are in the graves shall hear his [Jesus'] voice, and shall come forth . . ." (verses 28 and 29). Jesus said, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, *yet shall he live*" (John 11:25).

This is a SURE prophecy. The dead shall live. The gap will be closed. The void filled. The wounds healed. Families permanently reunited in the resurrection. Listen! "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and *there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying*, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away" (Rev. 21:4).

Questions naturally arise: Will every single family be reunited? What about the second death — what role will that play? When will this resurrection be? Is there more than one resurrection? What if one dies being unconverted? Is he lost forever? And a host of others. All these questions cannot be answered in this short article. However, we do have answers.

Write immediately for our FREE reprint article entitled "What Is Death?" It answers many of the above questions and more. You cannot afford to be in ignorance of this subject. You need to understand the vital dimension of death and the part it plays in your life. Death need not be a dilemma. It can be understood. □

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was *Christ*" (verse 4). II Sam. 22:2-3: "He said, 'The LORD [Yahveh] is my *rock*, and my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my *rock*, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge, my saviour; thou savest me from violence.'" See also verse 32.

In Psalm 18:1-2, *this* same "ROCK" is *Yahveh*. When Moses was talking to *Yahveh*, and asked Him His name (Ex. 3:4-5, 13), He answered that His name was "I AM" (verses 6, 14) and *Yahveh* — the Eternal One (verse 15). See also Ex. 6:2-3. In John 18:5-8, as soon as Jesus identified Himself to the mob led by Judas as "I AM" (the "he" in italics is added without inspiration, and was not in the original), they went backward and fell to the ground. Again in John 8:56-58, Jesus called Himself: "I AM." For we read, "Jesus said to them 'Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, *I am*'" (verse 58).

The person of the Godhead who is our REDEEMER is Jesus Christ. John 4:42 contains this: "They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that *this is indeed the SAVIOUR* of the world.'" "But our commonwealth is in heaven, and from it we await a *Saviour*, the Lord Jesus Christ" (Phil. 3:20). Read also Titus 2:10-14, Luke 1:68-69.

That Jesus, the Savior, is *Yahveh*, see Isaiah 49:7 and Isaiah 60:16, where He — *Yahveh* — is *also* "the mighty One of Jacob" — to be OF Jacob means a son, or descendant of Jacob — the Mighty One of all Jacob's children. Also in Isaiah 48:17, *Yahveh* is called the *Redeemer*, and the Holy One of *Israel* — the One of Israel who is Holy! The same is expressed in Isaiah 43:14, "Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel . . ." Also note the next verse (15), *Yahveh* is Israel's Holy One, Creator of Israel, Israel's King. Now notice in Acts 3:14-15 that the Christ who was denied was the same "HOLY ONE" — *Yahveh*! "But ye denied the Holy and Righteous One . . . the Prince of life" (Panin). See also Acts 2:27 and Mark 1:24.

### Christ Was David's Shepherd

Who was David's *shepherd*? (Psalm 23:1.)

In John 10:11, Jesus said *He* was the Shepherd. Open your Bibles also to Heb. 13:20: "Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great *shepherd* of the sheep . . ." Compare this text with I Peter 2:24-25, which says, "For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the *Shepherd* and Guardian of your souls." We also read, "Tend the flock of God that is your charge, not by constraint but willingly, not for shameful gain but eagerly, not as domineering over those in your charge but being examples to the flock. And when the chief *Shepherd* is manifested you will obtain the unfading crown of glory" (I Peter 5:2-4, RSV).

It is JESUS CHRIST who is coming again in person as KING of kings to rule, and to RESTORE. In Rev. 19:13 John writes, "He is clad in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God." "From his mouth issues a sharp sword with which to smite the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron; he will tread the wine press of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty" (verse 15, RSV). And again in Rev. 17:14 John writes, "They will make war on the *Lamb*, and the *Lamb* [Christ] will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful." The Great Shepherd who is coming to RULE as King over all kings is *Yahveh*. "And ye my flock, the flock of my pasture, are men, and I am your God, saith the Eternal" — *Yahveh* or Christ! See Ezek. 34:11, 30-31.

Now notice Isaiah 2:1-4 and Micah 4:1-4. "It shall come to pass . . . that the mountain [Kingdom] of *Yahveh's* house shall be established in the top of the mountains [kingdoms]" — ruling the world. "And he [Yahveh — Christ] shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people," and then they shall have PEACE.

In almost every Old Testament passage, the LORD *Yahveh* — the Eternal — is Jesus Christ. Clearly, Jesus is the God of the Old Testament. □

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made necessary the production of a NEW magazine of Biblical understanding. Thus TOMORROW'S WORLD was born. It became what *The PLAIN TRUTH* used to be — a magazine of Biblical truth and understanding — making the truth of the Bible PLAIN!

But we were unable, at the time, to have both *The PLAIN TRUTH* and TOMORROW'S WORLD published in the other four languages. Meanwhile, the German edition went wholly secular-appearing, like the English edition. We were no longer making the Bible, as such, PLAIN and clear to our German readers — even though we were still giving them Biblical principles and teaching in non-Biblical language. The French edition became a sort of mixture between the two.

I called this conference to go over all the facets of this problem so I could make the right decision.

It became evident that it was incumbent on us to issue both magazines in all five languages — otherwise we were simply not carrying out our divinely called mission. That had to be the decision. And once I realized that, I said that we could rely on God to supply the need.

To help, it was decided that for the first six months the foreign language editions of TOMORROW'S WORLD would contain only one signature of 16 pages plus cover — and with only the cover in color — the 16 pages in black and white only. And, further to help, we would at the same time reduce the English edition from three 16-page signatures to two — making it 32 pages plus cover — total 36 pages.

Therefore, starting with this issue — the January 1972 number — the Eng-

lish edition of TOMORROW'S WORLD is reduced to the 36 pages. We are sorry we have to ask you, our readers, to sacrifice this one signature. *BUT* — we know that you'll be glad to help make possible TOMORROW'S WORLD in four other languages.

Soon, I hope, we shall have both magazines issued in Italian and in Japanese, and later other languages.

But it is another big milestone reached in the Work — another big leap ahead — that beginning 1972 we shall issue both *The PLAIN TRUTH* and TOMORROW'S WORLD in all five languages — reaching millions of additional readers in Germany, France, Belgium, Austria, Holland, Spain, Mexico and many other Spanish-speaking countries.

And by the way, for the first time a Spanish radio station in Madrid has opened the door to broadcast *The WORLD TOMORROW* in the Spanish language. □

## ANSWERS to your Questions

● “On the radio broadcast, Garner Ted Armstrong declared the Bible says no man has ascended into heaven. But II Kings 2:11 states that Elijah was taken to heaven. How do you square that?”

Good question! The answer is that *both* statements are true.

Elijah was taken “up by a *whirlwind* into heaven,” but as Jesus clearly said, “No man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man”! (John 3:13.) Clearly, the “heaven” where Elijah was taken was *not* the same place to which Jesus referred.

There are, in fact, *three* “heavens” mentioned in the Bible — not just one.

The *third* heaven is God's throne, where Jesus is today. Jesus, as God's High Priest, is the only one who has the right to be in that heaven with the Father. The *second* heaven is the vast space in which we see the stars, the sun and the moon, the comets and planets (Ps. 8:3). And the *first* heaven, the one into which Elijah was taken by a

wind, is the very one in which birds and airplanes fly, the *atmosphere* around our planet (Gen. 1:20). It would be physically impossible for a *whirlwind* to travel beyond the heaven that is this earth's atmosphere.

For a fuller explanation, write for our FREE booklet on *Enoch and Elijah*. It explains these matters in fascinating detail. You'll thoroughly enjoy it.

● “The Bible says that Enoch ‘was not, for God took him’ (Genesis 5:24), and that he was ‘translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him’ (Hebrews 11:5).”

“What actually happened to Enoch? Where did he go? Where is he now?”

At this moment Enoch is dead and in his grave. We know this because it is clearly stated in Hebrews that Enoch *died* in faith, not having received the promises (Heb. 11:5, 13). And Genesis 5:23 plainly says that ALL THE DAYS of Enoch were 365 years. On the other hand, God *did* deal with Enoch in a highly unique manner.

Enoch was one of those rare persons who realized the tremendous importance and profit in living God's *way*. From

age 65 until his death, three hundred years later, Enoch “walked with God” (Genesis 5:22). And God is always particularly concerned for those who put His work *first* in their lives. He *promises* to protect them in times of severe trial (Ps. 37:39-40).

We are not informed of the conditions that made it necessary for God to “translate” (transfer, transport) Enoch from where he had been, but it is clear that God did this to save his life (Heb. 11:5). Enoch was *not* taken to the heaven of God's Throne — he was removed by God to a safer location on the earth. Conditions were so bad that Enoch would have perished at the hands of men — had not God intervened.

A similar time of severe trial and test is soon coming on this entire world — but worse than any the world has heretofore known (Matt. 24:21). You, like Enoch, *need* to know how to *escape* these coming times of unimaginable evil (Rev. 3:10-12). Enoch knew the way to Divine protection. Ask for our reprint entitled “There Is a Way of Escape.” And you need the booklet on *Enoch and Elijah*. It explains fully what happened to Enoch. Ask for it, too. They're both FREE.