

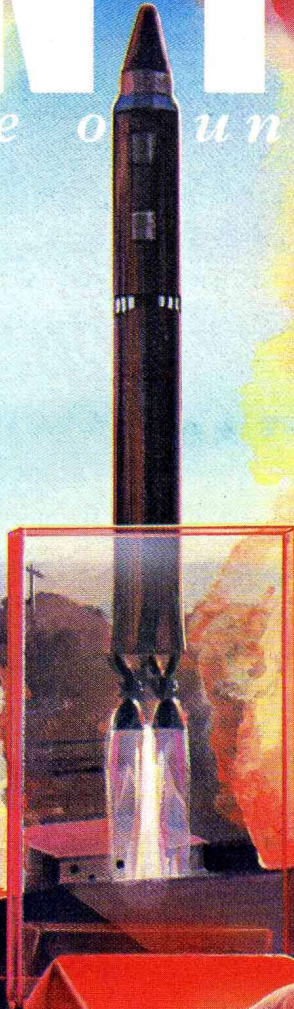
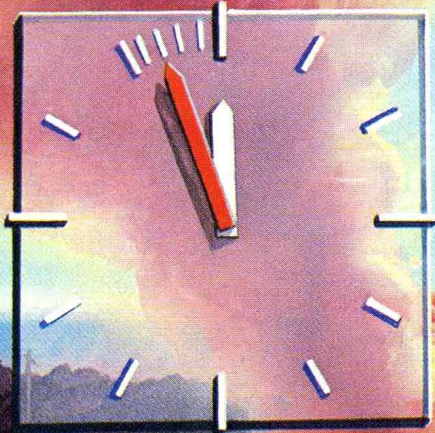
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**Who
Will Stop
the
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Why Labor-Management Strife?

What we behold in the world today, both in the fields of management and labor as now set up, is simply organized competition and greed. This has produced only strife. It has impeded real progress. It has robbed both employer and employee.

Why? What's wrong?

Men have been governed by human passions and not by God. They're on the getting way instead of God's law—the giving way, the serving way. In the world today men do not know how to find happiness and freedom from fears and worries or from the cares of this life.

Happiness is something that one can never reach out and take. It is something that you can have only by giving, and the more you give the more you have. It comes only by finding God's basic inexorable, spiritual law—the way of love, the way of giving, of serving, of doing good. The true basis of happiness is spiritual, not material.

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God," said Jesus Christ. The government of God, the government of the very Eternal Creator who created every force and every energy, who rules the entire universe—seek first his kingdom in your life and every physical, material blessing will be added, but the spiritual blessings will come first.

If you do this, you will have actually to live by

every word of God, and that is your Bible. You'll have to study the Bible to find out how to live, and actually live by it. But you won't be living the way the rest of the world lives if you do.

If you do this you'll be filled with a dynamic power from without. Most of us only have what we find within and what we find around us—in other words, our fellow humans or neighbors; but we're not conscious of an above. We're only conscious of the within and the around. And within, the well is dry. And around we find only competition, strife, consternation and contradiction.

But there is an above, and we need to tap the above. We need to receive and be filled with this dynamic power from above—from God Almighty—the very Spirit of God, the spirit of love and of understanding and wisdom, the spirit of faith, the spirit of patience, of power for self-mastery. If you do, your life will be energized, it will become successful, it will become full and complete, it will become happy. And you'll be prosperous in the long run.

You will study, and you will use your God-given mind, studying first to find the true way of life, to show yourself approved before God. You will devote yourself, secondarily, to your job, your work, your profession. What you set your hand to do, as God commands, you'll do with your might, with all of your energy.

You'll be industrious. If you work for a man you'll serve to the very best of your ability. If men work for you, if you're an employer, you'll be just as interested in their welfare as your own. You'll free your mind from all anxious concern and worry and fears, for you'll have the spirit of faith, relying upon the guidance and help of God Almighty. You'll do your best. You'll trust God with the result, and you'll find real peace and happiness and joy first of all. The result will be material prosperity, as well as happiness, within God's reasonable due time.

That's the recipe for success, for usefulness, for prosperity, for real and lasting happiness, for the full, abundant life. Very few people follow Jesus' formula and so very few people are happy, very few people are prosperous.

Nearly everyone today seeks first the material prosperity, and people become so engrossed in the cares of this life and the deceitfulness of riches—if they

succeed in acquiring them at all—that they seem never able to find very much time for seeking the kingdom of God or to be governed by the laws of God.

Most people today are in ignorance of the true formula for success, for accomplishment, prosperity; for the happy, joyous life. Most people don't even know what success is. Many people seem to believe that happiness is something that comes from material possessions. Their chief concern in life is to earn a better living, seek more money to find happiness by acquiring material possessions.

In this chase for that elusive money a large majority find the pursuit so difficult that they become overcharged with the cares of earning a living; trying to make ends meet. And this overwhelming majority

you: “. . . fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way. . . . Cease from anger, and forsake . . . evil.” Yes, what shall it profit a man though he gain the whole world—seeking riches in this world—and then lose his own soul? That kind of riches is false and soon left behind.

Some of these worldly rich have been unjust. They and their big industrial and agricultural corporations have taken advantage of their positions and paid their laborers too little. Ought the laboring man, then, to organize and to fight back? That's what we've seen in this world.

But is this the true Christian way? It is not. That is not God's way. Even though the tactics of labor unionism have gained higher wages, employers have often raised prices so that today's highest wages of all time actually purchase less than is commonly assumed. What increased prosperity is being enjoyed has been due rather to the fact that machines have increased human efficiency. It's true that machines throw men out of work at first, but some, after retraining, find work in new industries because machines have created many new industries that we did not have three generations ago. Others, however, are thrown out of work and have great difficulty finding work.


What should the man who is oppressed by an employer do? You'll find the answer in James 5:1-4, 7, Revised Authorized Version: “Come now, you rich, weep and howl for your miseries that are coming upon you! Your

riches are corrupted. . . . You have heaped up treasure in the last days. Indeed the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields [the farm worker is here singled out—it might also be the factory worker], which you kept back by fraud, cry out; and the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of [hosts]. . . . Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. . . .”

In other words, when God sends Jesus Christ to this earth, he is going to straighten out all of those things, and he's coming in our time and our generation.

God's instruction is to be patient until the coming of Christ, to wait until God restores justice. But, a lot of men say, “Oh, if we did that we wouldn't get anywhere.” Probably they don't know God and don't trust God. But if you will trust God, your faith will not be in vain, and you will really find the true riches in the end.

By seeking first only material acquisitions, the majority have failed to acquire them. They've worn away their lives in a vain pursuit. While the few, even at the cost of hard work—study, application and perseverance—have succeeded. But neither group has found happiness. Neither those who did gain their great wealth in this manner, nor those who've been cheated out of it. It just does not bring happiness either way because material wealth is not the source of happiness. Spiritual wealth is the real source of happiness. □



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never realize their goal. They remain either poor or worried, and the happiness they seek becomes as elusive as the money. They slave away their lives; yes, empty, worried, unhappy lives.

But a few of those who seek first the material riches of this world—and only a very few do have the talents, the qualities for material success and the accumulation of money—that few prosper and pay the price. They generally have ability, and they are the ones who have studied and prepared themselves, who have exercised vision, industry, perseverance, determination—yes, they have all of those qualities.

So those who are prospered by God, because they sought first the kingdom of God—that is, to diligently live under the laws of God's government—they're not the only ones that prosper materially. No, the few successful ones who seek first and usually only the material riches, many of them also prosper in the world.

Now, there are two kinds of material prosperity. One, that prosperity which is acquired by those who seek first and only the material assets. And that prosperity found by those who seek God's way of life first, and who claim God's promise that the material blessings will be added—and they are added in due time if you trust God and if you're diligent.

In this world a common pastime of some is to envy the rich, to grumble, to gripe, and to complain, to hate the rich. What does God say about that?

Turn to Psalm 37:7-8. Here's what God says to

WORLD PEACE

Just Around the Corner!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

The escalating nuclear arms race threatens the very survival of humanity. Yet paradoxically, peace, happiness and prosperity are coming *in this generation!*

WORLD NEWS is replete with stories of awesome progress and material development, accompanied by appalling and still escalating evils inflicting indescribable suffering, frustration and death. Why?

I have enjoyed private conversations with many kings, presidents, prime ministers, the great and near great of industry and education. I have discussed with them national and world problems, personal, social, economic troubles. They are faced with crises, fears and worries completely beyond their human abilities to solve. There seem to be no solutions to the human dilemma.

Scientists are concerned.

You live in a world almost 6,000 years along on its course of history. You see the world as it is today at this advanced stage of civilization, with its systems of society.

It's like coming in on a motion picture already far along on its sequence of events. Not understanding what led up to the present sequence of the story, you find yourself perplexed to understand what you are viewing. If we are to UNDERSTAND what is happening in

this world—and WHY—we must backtrack 6,000 and more years. We must bring into view the origins, the causes, the events that went before and led up to the perplexities of our day. In no other way can we understand the present and look into the future.

Overview in Retrospect

We look back far into prehistory, at the beginning of life and all things.

There can be no understanding of the present without a right knowledge of origins. There is no greater cause to present-day perplexity than the false premise now holding universal acceptance in modern education—the theory of evolution.

Errors all too frequently arise from a false premise, carelessly assumed. The eyeglasses through which all modern thought is viewed is this theory of evolution. If you prefer to believe this illusion because it is presently the educational "IN" thing, you can have no rational understanding or explanation of the conditions of the world in which you live.

I have learned that basic original truth is revealed truth. Without it you are left devoid of the knowledge of reality. Evolution cannot explain the problems and frightening state of humanity. Without revealed truth you cannot under-

stand any purpose for human life. Your very existence is without meaning.

So I give you here the only rational approach and comprehension of conditions as they exist.

In the Beginning

In the very beginning, before all else, there existed two living Beings composed of Spirit, possessing supreme mind, intelligence and power, and of perfect righteous character. They are revealed in the biblical book of John, chapter one. One was named the Word (the spokesman—the revelatory thought). The other was named God. The Word ultimately—almost 2,000 years ago—was born as Jesus. The Word also was God—the second personage of the God family. As a human, Jesus was "God with us"—or God in human flesh, born of a virgin woman, but sired by God.

"All things" were made by him. In Ephesians 3:9 it is revealed that God created all things *BY* Jesus Christ.

The Word and God LIVED. What did they do? They created. How did they live—what was their "lifestyle"? They lived the way of their perfect character—the way of out-flowing LOVE. When Christ was baptized, God the Father said, "You are my beLOVED Son." God LOVED the Word. And the Word

LOVED God—obeyed him completely.

Two can't walk together except they be agreed. They were in total agreement and cooperation. Also two can't walk together in continuous peace except one be the head, or leader, in control. God was leader.

Their way of life produced perfect peace, cooperation, happiness, accomplishment. This WAY of life became a LAW. Law is a code of conduct, or relationship, between two or more. One might call the rules of a sports contest the "law" of the game. The presence of law requires a penalty for infraction. There can be no law without a penalty for its violation.

The very fact of law presupposes GOVERNMENT. Government is the administration and enforcement of law by one in authority over the law. This necessitates authoritative leadership—one in command.

When the only conscious life-Beings existed, God was leader—in authoritative command. Thus, even when the only conscious life-Beings were God and the Word, there was GOVERNMENT, with God in supreme command. Since they created other conscious thinking life-beings, this very fact of necessity put the GOVERNMENT of God over all creation, with God supreme ruler. Bear in mind the government of God is based on the LAW of God, which is the way of life of outflowing LOVE, cooperation, concern for the good of the governed. And this law of God produces peace, happiness, cooperation through obedience.

Very First Creation: Angels

First, before all else, the God family created angels. Angels are spirit beings, immortal, with power of mind superior to human.

God creates in dual stages. Angel life was not completed until CHARACTER had been formed within them. Character may be defined as the ability of a conscious thinking entity to choose the way of life of outflowing LOVE—God's law—and to will to live that way of life, even under outside contrary pressure or contrary self-desire. Once CHARACTER had been formed and lived, angels, composed of spirit, could never change.

Scriptures indicate a third of the

angels were placed on the earth prior to final formation of their character.

Following the initial creation of angels, God created the physical UNIVERSE. Job 38 says plainly the earth was created after angels had been previously created. God placed a throne of GOVERNMENT on the earth. Both Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28 reveal the cherub Lucifer being placed on the throne of the earth. II Peter 2:4 reveals that angels SINNED. Lucifer was a super archangel. Lucifer had been trained in the administration of God's government on the very throne of God in heaven. He was supremely beautiful, dazzling in brightness. Vanity seized him. Vanity is self-glory, self-centeredness, concern for self even to

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the point of hostility toward others. He became jealous, envious, resentful and hostile against God his Creator. He turned hostile to the law of God. He turned to a way of life of vanity, covetousness, envy, rivalry, competition, violence and destruction. And this hostile way of life is itself a LAW. It is the law of vanity, self-concern, "do your own thing," rebel against the authority of God. That, then, became the basic LAW of the GOVERNMENT of Lucifer, whose name was changed to Satan the devil. The name *Satan* means "adversary."

So the government of God on the earth had been replaced by the government of Satan. Angelic sin brought physical chaos, decay, ruin and darkness to the physical earth.

Man Is Created

In Psalm 104:30 it is revealed that God sent forth his Spirit, and RENEWED the face of the earth for MAN.

Under Satan, darkness replaced

light. Later the Word spoke, "Let there be light," and physical light appeared on earth, dividing day from the darkness of night. In six 24-hour days God renewed the face of the earth for men, creating plant, fowl, fish and mammalian life. On the sixth day, God said, "Let us [God is speaking to the Word] make man in our image, after our likeness" (Gen. 1:26). The Eternal God (who became Jesus Christ some 4,000 years later) formed man of the dust of the ground (Gen. 2:7), and upon breath of life entering, man became a living (not immortal) soul.

This MAN was given temporary physical existence, like animals. But man differed from animals, being in the form and shape of God. Also, as many scriptures reveal, man differed also in possessing MIND, although animals have brain precisely like human brain.

MAN was created to have a personal relationship with God—to be begotten as children of God, finally born into the GOD FAMILY.

Grand Purpose for Humanity

Precisely at this point we come to the very root of the world in which you live today. This is where it all started. This is the point in time where today's world was started on a course still continuing in our time. All that had gone before—the existence of the God family from eternity—the creation of angels—the creation of matter and the material universe, the presence of angels on the earth, the THRONE and GOVERNMENT placed on earth—the SIN of Lucifer and earth's angels, the replacing of the GOVERNMENT OF GOD by that of Satan over the earth—all this was the backdrop to the creation of MAN on the earth.

What, then, was the divine PURPOSE for the creation of MAN on the earth?

The very first chapter in all the Bible reveals it. God—that is, God and the Word—created MAN in God's own image, form and shape. The word *image* is used in Hebrews chapter one to designate spiritual CHARACTER.

God created the *physical* man in dual stages. First, he created one
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Growing Healthy Babies

It's no accident. Healthy babies don't just happen. Many birth defects can be prevented with simple planning. And the result will make child rearing easier.

ONE of the most important factors in successful child rearing is producing an alert, healthy child to begin with.

Many factors are involved in whether the outcome of a pregnancy is favorable or not—genetic, biological, social and psychological.

No one has control over all the elements necessary to ensure a successful pregnancy and an alert, healthy baby. But in one vitally important area the majority of pregnant women *do have control*. That area is *nutrition*.

Think Before You Act

There is overwhelming evidence that women who smoke or who consume alcohol regularly and poorly nourished women with poor diets during pregnancy have more complications than do well-nourished women with good, well-balanced diets.

Low birth weight is the major cause of infant mortality in the world. Even the well-fed United States is ranked 13th in infant mortality rates, according to 1981 statistics from the U.S. Census Bureau.

Tragically, it has also been demonstrated that mental deficiency in newborns is related to low birth weight and prematurity rates.

“Cell division is most rapid and, therefore, most vulnerable from one month before birth until five months after. Never again will the baby's brain experience such an incredible proliferation of new cells. All of the eleven billion neurons, the cells which process and analyze information, are formed before birth. Inadequate nutrition during gestation results in permanent, irreversible deficits in the number of cells which make up the baby's brain” (*What Every Pregnant Woman Should Know/The Truth About Diets and Drugs in Pregnancy* by Gail Sforza Brewer, page 95).

If you are a pregnant woman, you are responsible for the good nutrition that will enable your child to reach his or her maximum genetic potential. You can give your baby a head start that no one else can. Your baby is what you eat.

Your baby is also what you drink, smoke and otherwise ingest into your system.

“The [U.S.] Surgeon General reports that smoking during pregnancy also results in a significantly greater number of spontaneous

abortions, stillbirths, and neonatal deaths.”

As well as the matter of smoking, the decision by a pregnant mother to drink alcoholic beverages should be arrived at by taking into consideration metabolic and other factors such as weight, diet and drugs used, illicit or otherwise.

Alcohol flows easily from a mother's bloodstream through the placen-



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ta into her unborn child. The odds of damaging the fetus are even higher when drugs are combined with alcohol by the pregnant mother.

What if your doctor recommends a low-salt, low-calorie diet sometime during your pregnancy?

Weight or salt restriction in pregnancy is no longer routinely advised at the forefront of the obstetrics community, neither is routine use of diuretics (water pills).

Some physicians are now referring their patients to registered dietitians whose training has prepared them to advise patients as to their nutritional needs.

More and more we need to come to understand that pregnancy and childbirth are normal, natural processes and begin to treat them so, instead of like illnesses. God is the Master Designer of our bodies and bodily functions, including the reproductive processes.

Remember, it's your responsibility to protect the health of your unborn child.

Human Milk for Human Babies

God also designed the human breast to produce and provide milk for the human infant. The perfect food for the newborn child, it follows, is its own mother's milk. No other food or liquid is necessary for the breast-fed infant until generally about six months of age.

Few mothers are physically unable to breast-feed their babies, and, indeed, breast-feeding is becoming more popular, especially in the more advanced countries.

Even premature babies thrive better on the milk expressed by pump from their own mother's breasts. Recent studies show that pre-term mother's milk contains substantially higher concentrations of protein, sodium and chloride in amounts necessary for the well-being of the premature infant.

But for those who choose not to breast-feed, realize that human milk has yet to be successfully duplicated by formula, and whole cow's milk is even further removed.

If at all possible, breast-feed your child for the first week or two so that it will benefit from the immunization properties of colostrum, a clear yellow liquid the nursing infant receives before the milk actually comes in. Colostrum not only gives the newborn a natural immunity against many diseases, it also is an important factor in preparing the young child's gastrointestinal tract to most efficient-

ly assimilate the nutrients from the milk that will follow. This valuable gift to a baby—the future ability to thrive—can only be given by its mother.

Solid foods can be introduced to an infant at about six months of age. Earlier introduction of solid foods increases your baby's chance of developing food allergies. There is also a tendency to overfeed the young infant, paving the way for tomorrow's overweight child and adult.

Six months is not the time to change breast-fed or B formula bottle-fed babies to whole cow's milk. Most infants at this age are still not mature enough to tolerate cow's milk well.

More and more mothers are preferring to prepare their own baby foods at home. This is fine if fresh food is used and proper precautions against contamination are taken. Pureed processed foods to which salt and sugar have been added are worse than using the commercial baby foods now on the market. In the last few years, under pressure from consumer agencies, commercial baby food companies in the United States have removed the added salt and sugar from the baby foods now being sold.

After one year of age there is no need to continue feeding babies baby food. About this time most should be able to eat from the table.

This is a good time for parents to consider their own dietary practices. If father or mother consumes too much sugar or salt, the child is sure to repeat the example.

Great care should be taken not to encourage the infant to consume more baby food than it desires. There is a tendency among many parents to try to get the baby to eat all the food presented. This is also a problem many times with bottle-fed babies. Allow the babies to take only what they desire and need of formula or baby food. Again, you are establishing eating habits that can be valuable or detrimental for the lifetime of your child.

The bottle-fed baby should also be held while one of the parents holds the bottle for feeding. Babies should not be left in their cribs with propped-up bottles dribbling

formula into their mouths. Not only is there danger of middle-ear infections, the erupting teeth of the older infant will be more prone to cavities.

Bottle-fed babies should receive the same amount of cuddling and affection as the breast-fed baby. Even at night, the baby should be removed from the crib and held

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while feeding. Try to break the pattern that has been so prevalent in the Western world of denying infants the close contact they need with their fathers and mothers.

A Virtual Conspiracy Against Emotional Maturity

Even from birth the newborn infant is usually taken from its anesthetized mother, washed and weighed. Then, after a few brief minutes with mother, the infant is placed in a crib in the nursery, where it spends most of the first few days of life—alone.

Yet it is in these first critical minutes and hours of life that we form our initial emotional attach-

ment to another human being. The crucial importance of close contact between father and mother and their child right after birth, has been prevented or denied for more than a generation.

Doctors, nurses and psychologists are only now becoming aware of this tragedy.

When mothers are allowed direct

from their mothers just at the time when they most desperately need to be together. And studies today show a father's relationship with infant children is much more important than previously believed. Even the younger infant benefits from the physical stimulation of father's more rousing play.

Unfortunately, no matter the

they will have hang-ups about expressing love to their own offspring.

This is not to say that there is no love in such nontouching families—the love is there, usually, but it seems somehow stunted, repressed or hidden. And hidden love is not much better than no love at all.

Humans who are deprived in infancy and childhood suffer drastically from it. From surveys of prisoners and of 49 different primitive cultures it has been concluded that deprivation of physical affection "is the principal overriding factor . . . in the development of alienation, psychopathy, violence and aggression, and . . . drug abuse and alcoholism."

The study is frightening: By depriving infants and children of physical love, parents will produce adults who are gravely limited in their ability to relate to others—or who are even predisposed to violent or criminal behavior!

Lack of love and affection in the earliest years has long-range negative effects. Perhaps you yourself come from a family background that was cold, unemotional and lacking in displays of physical affection. Perhaps you were ignored or even abused as a young child. Therefore, you may find in yourself certain fears or inhibitions that you have found difficult to overcome.

If you or your mate have experienced these or other difficulties that have caused a lack of outward affection in you, talk it out, be understanding and patient with each other. Prepare yourselves mentally, physically and spiritually before you decide to have a baby. Then, when the infant does arrive, by cuddling, embracing and loving your baby, you are giving him or her the foundation that you may have lacked—the knowledge that he or she is loved, accepted, secure. You can give your children inner resources that will make them more confident, more properly assertive, more affectionate and outgoing as adults.

Our next installment, "The Five Basics," reveals how and when to begin teaching your child. □



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skin-to-skin contact with their newborn children, they respond to this early, intimate contact with their babies differently from mothers denied such needed contact.

A remarkable study reported that babies of early-contact mothers gained more weight, cried less and smiled and laughed more than the other infants. It was also found that premature babies, who are separated from their mothers for long periods after birth, are more likely to be abused than full-term babies.

In our "enlightened" modern society where only 20 percent of mothers experience natural childbirth, babies generally are taken

benefits, this early separation of parents and child is many times only the beginning of a pattern that carries on into later life.

In many families, parents allow their children to mature without those all-important physical expressions of life—the warm hugs and caresses that show them they are appreciated and cared for.

Children of such families grow up feeling insecure, inhibited, afraid of being hurt, and therefore afraid of seeking intimacy with others. They may have a hard time in their dating and marriage relationships. They may feel cold and emotionally flat, without knowing why. Later, as parents,

WHY Churches Observe Sunday

by Herbert W. Armstrong

When did the New Testament Lord's Day start? By what authority?

THE ANSWER is shocking. I was shocked 58 years ago—at age 34. I was challenged! I felt my marriage was in jeopardy. My wife announced she was going to start keeping the Sabbath—Saturday! To me, that was religious fanaticism!

“My wife turning to religious fanaticism!” I exclaimed. I could never stand for that! What would my business friends think?

“The Bible says Sunday is the day to keep,” I argued. “All the churches observe Sunday, and they get their religion from the Bible,” I contended.

“Do they?” she asked. “Show it to me in the Bible, and I’ll go back to Sunday.”

I responded I didn’t know much about the Bible, but to prove she was wrong I would go into an in-depth study of the Bible and of history on the subject.

Evidence from History

Checking history first, I went to the *Catholic Encyclopedia* and various writings. Here is what I found, to my amazement, from the book *Faith of Our Fathers* by Cardinal Gibbons, 11th edition, page 89:

“You may read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, and you will not find a single line authorizing the sanctification of Sunday. The scriptures enforce the religious observance of Saturday, a day which we never sanctified.”

From the *Catholic Doctrinal Catechism*, taught members and children of members: “*Question*: Have you any other way of proving that the church has power to institute festivals or precept? *Answer*: Had she not such power, she should not have done that in which all modern religionists agree with her—she could not have substituted the observance of Sunday, the first day of the week, for the observance of Saturday, the seventh day, a change for which there is no scriptural authority.

“*Question*: When Protestants do profane work upon Saturday, the seventh day of the week, do they follow the scripture as the only rule of their faith? Do they find this permission clearly laid down in the sacred volume? *Answer*: On the contrary, they have only the authority of tradition for this practice. In profaning Saturday, they violate one of God’s commandments, which He has never abrogated, ‘Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.’”

From the Council of Laodicea, A.D. 363, came this decree, quoted

from the *Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers*, volume XIV: “Christians must not Judaize by resting on the Sabbath, but must work on that day, rather honouring the Lord’s day.”

When the Church found anyone keeping the Sabbath, that person was declared “anathema from Christ.” This caused the civil government to arrest and/or put to death the one so branded. Many Sabbath-keeping Christians were thus martyred.

For the acknowledgment of the Sabbath and what the Bible says about the first day of the week, here is what is found in the *Theological Dictionary* by Charles Buck, a Methodist minister: “Sabbath in the Hebrew language signifies rest, and is the seventh day of the week . . . and it must be confessed that there is no law in the New Testament concerning the first day.”

And what have the Presbyterians acknowledged? You find from “The Christian at Work,” April 19, 1883, and January 1884: “Some have tried to build the observance of Sunday upon Apostolic command, whereas the apostles gave no command on the matter at all . . . the truth is, as soon as we appeal to the literal writing of the Bible, the Sabbatarians have the best of the argument.”

The Church of England’s *Plain Sermons on the Catechism* by

Isaac Williams, D.D., volume I, says the following: "And where are we told in scripture that we are to keep the first day at all? We are commanded to keep the seventh; but we are no where commanded to keep the first day... the reason why we keep the first day of the week instead of the seventh is for the same reason that we observe many other things, not because the Bible, but because the church has enjoined it."

All these documented historic admissions began to open my eyes with astonishment.

Evidence from the Bible

Then I found in the Bible, as I studied these verses, Matthew 12:38-40: "Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee. But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas: for as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."

Traditional Christianity teaches that the resurrection of Jesus was on a Sunday morning, and that the crucifixion occurred on a Friday. Therefore the Friday preceding Easter is celebrated as "Good Friday." But a Friday evening burial and Sunday morning resurrection allows for only two nights and one day in the grave, or "the heart of the earth." Some argue that rising in three days could be construed to mean parts of three days—i.e. all day Saturday, plus Friday night until midnight, and Sunday morning between midnight and dawn. But that is certainly not three days and three nights.

In other passages, Jesus said he would rise "in three days." That has to mean within three days but not beyond. In another passage Jesus said he would rise "after three days." That means after the expiration of three whole days. Actually the resurrection occurred precisely at the expiration of three 24-hour days—after three whole days had expired, within but not later than three 24-hour days.

The book of Jonah says Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, and "out of the belly of hell [*sheol* in Hebrew, meaning the grave]" Jonah cried to God.

All these several passages coincide precisely and prove Jesus' body was in the sealed tomb three days and three nights.

Actually, the Sabbath day that was drawing on when Jesus was crucified was the annual Sabbath at Passover time (John 19:31). That Sabbath did occur on Thursday in A.D. 31, the year of the crucifixion. The crucifixion took place on a Wednesday afternoon, the burial just before sundown Wednesday. Jesus' body was in the tomb Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights—three nights; and Thursday, Friday and Saturday—three

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daylight periods or a total of three days and three nights. And he rose from the dead "in the end of the sabbath" (Saturday) as you read in Matthew 28:1, the Authorized Version.

This knowledge was shocking to me. It destroys the Easter Sunday tradition. Also the only argument for Sunday sacredness depends on a supposed Sunday morning resurrection. This truth destroys all false tradition of Sunday sacredness!

Yes, I was amazed at this truth 58 years ago. But I found much more.

The Lord's Day

In plainest language I found the Sabbath, not Sunday, is "the Lord's Day." In Mark 2:28, I read that "the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath." So the Sabbath, not Sunday, was and is "the Lord's Day."

Jesus kept the Sabbath, setting

us an example (Luke 4:16). He entered into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and preached.

The apostle Paul preached to gentiles on the Sabbath for one and a half years (Acts 18:4, 6-11).

In I Corinthians 11:1, Paul commanded the gentiles to keep the Sabbath, by following his example. Paul kept the Sabbath, "as his manner was" (Acts 17:2). In this he followed Jesus who observed it "as his custom was" (Luke 4:16).

But why did Jesus keep the Sabbath as a custom? Go back to the creation of man. "And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made [creation week]; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made" (Gen. 2:2-3). The Sabbath was created by God—not by work, but by resting in that day. It was GOD who commanded the Sabbath be kept (Ex. 20:8-11). It is one of the Ten Commandments. The Sabbath was made *for* man (Mark 2:27), and it was made *when* man was made.

I John 2:4 says that if any man claims to know the Lord and keeps not his commandments that man is a LIAR! Surely there are many liars among professing Christians today!

What *IS* sin? The Bible definition is: "Sin is the transgression of the law" (I John 3:4). God's law is spiritual (Rom. 7:14), meaning the Ten Commandments.

How does one receive salvation—eternal life? Peter said repent, believe and be baptized (Acts 2:38). Jesus said, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3, 5). Repent means turn *from* sin—turn FROM transgressing the law—the commandments, one of which is to keep the Sabbath holy.

The Sabbath is HOLY to God. To profane it is like slapping God in the face—treating him with contempt. If we love God, who loves us, we won't do that. I learned that lesson 58 years ago. Have YOU learned it today?

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WORLD PEACE

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man—a male human. It was in God's supreme PURPOSE that the man reproduce his kind. But the man was unable to do that—UNTIL God completed the human creation physically by the addition of a woman, made from the man. So God anesthetized the man and extracted a rib out of which he made the woman, named Eve. Then MAN'S physical creation was complete. Man could now reproduce his kind.

But MAN was not yet spiritually and mentally complete.

Human Mind vs. Animal Brain

Man could not be made into the spiritual and character image of God without the power of MIND—thinking, reasoning, decision-making intelligence.

The modern science of brain research has demonstrated that the small differences in human brain and animal brain cannot explain the vastly superior functions and output of the human brain. The human brain can acquire knowledge of chemistry, geology, astronomy, physics—one might say all the vast intricacies of knowledge contained in a many-volumed encyclopedia. Man can think—he can put many parts of such knowledge together in a thinking and reasoning process. Man has decision-making ability.

Man has the faculty to use judgment and wisdom. Man has an appreciation of music, art and literature. Man formulates attitudes of love, cooperation, sympathy, concern for the good and welfare of others, or, on the other hand, attitudes of envy, jealousy, disgust, hatred, competition, strife, revenge and conspiracy for perpetrating evil. Animal brain is capable of none of these.

It is only by revealed knowledge that this tremendous difference can be known. And the written Word of God reveals it as the presence of human spirit within man that sparks, constrains and empowers the physical brain in humans with intellect.

But scientists, bound and held captive by the false concept of evo-

lution, cannot admit the existence of any such spirit. Their minds are blinded.

But understand. The human spirit cannot see, hear, taste, smell or feel—yet all human knowledge enters the brain through one of those five channels. The human spirit cannot think. It is the brain that thinks, as the human spirit empowers it. It is the brain that makes decisions, formulates attitudes, develops character, either good or evil.

Now WHY did the Creator God put human spirit within MAN, while no such spirit is present in animals? The very PURPOSE being worked out here below is God's supreme PURPOSE of REPRODUCING HIMSELF

A whole new world is about to break forth—a new civilization based on God's law and his government. It will bring world peace, joy and prosperity.

THROUGH MAN. Man was created from the ground of the earth, yet to have a relationship with his Maker. God is composed of Spirit. It is the divine PURPOSE that man, once godly character is developed within him, shall be changed from mortal and physical human to immortal and divine GOD.

God and the Word now form the GOD FAMILY. Man may be begotten, and then later born as divine GOD. It is the incredible human potential that each human may become a child of God, one of the very GOD FAMILY!

GOD is supreme perfect spiritual CHARACTER. Before Adam could even qualify to be begotten into the GOD family, he had to CHOOSE between the WAY of God and the WAY of Satan who still sat on the throne of the earth.

The Two Symbolic Trees

God placed Adam and Eve after creation in the beautiful garden of Eden. In its midst were two special symbolic trees of tremendous sig-

nificance. Adam did not have immortal God-life, but God freely offered it to him through the tree of LIFE. Adam had to choose between the government of Satan with its self-centered way of life, and the government of GOD with its GOD-centered way of life. Each way of life was the basic LAW of a GOVERNMENT. God could have RESTORED the government of God on earth through Adam, had he chosen that WAY of ETERNAL LIFE. But Adam willingly disobeyed God. Adam took TO HIMSELF the knowledge—that is, the production of knowledge—of what is good and what is evil (Gen. 3).

Thus the first created human disbelieved God, disobeyed God, chose to go HIS OWN WAY, do his own thing. Adam did it willingly, but not apparently willfully. He had succumbed to the GOVERNMENT of Satan, choosing the LAW of that government, leading automatically into attitudes of self-glory, coveting, competition, desire to GET rather than God's way of GIVE.

All humanity came out of Adam and Eve. The present world was FOUNDED in them. The WORLD has ever since been HELD CAPTIVE BY SATAN!

But God the Father was to pay the ransom price and even yet bring his potential spiritual children back to him. Upon Adam's sin, God closed off the tree of life, until the second Adam, Jesus Christ, should pay the ransom price.

Meanwhile, God set apart a 7,000-year period to complete his original SUPREME PURPOSE of reproducing himself through man. It was a MASTER PLAN for working out the PURPOSE here below.

For almost 6,000 years a civilization has developed, which we call the world. But it has been a world held captive. To this day Satan is still on that throne. But his time is almost up. A whole new world is about to break forth—a new civilization based on God's law and his government. It will bring world peace, joy and prosperity. It will be established by the returning Jesus Christ, in this generation, at the close of 6,000 years of human experience. Satan will be removed from power, and humans will finally learn God's way is best. □