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Students find it inspires them to achieve their very best.

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of any change in your address. IMPORTANT!

Heart to Heart Talk with the Editor

Frequently zealous co-workers will ask us to send the names and addresses from our mailing list of those in their vicinity.

The letter will read something like this:

"I'm so hungry for regular fellowship with others who listen to the program and who know and love the truth. I think it would be a wonderful idea if I had your mailing list so I could go around and get all these people to meeting regularly together."

At first glance such an idea may seem splendid. But Scripture teaching and the lesson of experience compel us to refuse. This is difficult for some to understand, so we feel it well to explain.

Jesus compared His followers to sheep. The Bible speaks of ministers as shepherds. It is a most apt comparison. What would happen to a little flock of six sheep on a mountain-side here, and a dozen sheep in a valley there, without any shepherd? And especially if there were a lot of wolves in sheep's clothing seeking flocks to devour.

While Jesus' first and Great Commission to His apostles was to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom to the world, He also commanded, "Feed my sheep."

But to whom was this command given? Not to untrained lay members, but to Peter and the apostles whom He had

specially called and educated and trained for this purpose. Jesus' intent was for the sheep to be fed by those He had called to this special ministry—those true and faithful servants properly trained. He did not intend for the sheep to gather *themselves* together, without a shepherd, and try to feed themselves, and guide themselves along the proper path.

Paul solemnly commissioned the God-chosen ministers and elders of the Church of God at Ephesus:

"Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over whom the Holy Spirit hath made you overseers (bishops or pastors), to feed the Church of God . . . For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. (Acts 20:28-30).

He warned them that even among their own local members some would rise up to lead the flock astray.

We had to learn this lesson by experience—and the price was costly!

As prophecy foretold, God's true Church is small in number, scattered, opposed, and often persecuted. As a result, many begotten members in God's family cannot meet each week with others who know and obey the truth of God. In such cases a person must depend upon personal Bible study and prayer, as well as the WORLD TOMORROW broadcast and the literature God makes available, for the spiritual food needed for growth in Godliness.

Even if most of you are deprived of attending church services, you hear your pastor more often—and right in your home via radio—than most church goers

DAILY TV

Plans have been made to put The WORLD TOMORROW on Television DAILY—or at least five times a week.

In order to create the special fund required to make this possible, we have cancelled the weekly TV series temporarily. Announcement will be made as soon as we are back on DAILY. Radio Station WABC in New York is now added, besides weekly TV on the only station in Manila, Philippines.

hear their pastors. Every time the WORLD TOMORROW is on the air, *you are attending* a great church service, in one of the largest fellowships on earth—attended by millions of others!

Let's not grumble! Rather be thankful you are so much better off than before!

RADIO LOG

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Herbert W. Armstrong analyzes today's news, with the prophecies of The WORLD TOMORROW!

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KVI—Seattle-Tacoma—570, first on dial—10:30 P.M. every night.

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RADIO LOURENCO MARQUES
Saturday: 10:00-10:30 P.M.

How AMBASSADOR COLLEGE is different!

***This is not just another college. It is basically different.
Many have not understood what these differences are.***

by Herbert W. Armstrong

IT'S TIME our readers understood clearly *in what particulars* Ambassador College is totally different from all other liberal arts institutions.

For the high school graduate facing the decision of selecting the college to attend, the choice is not between several of which Ambassador is one. The choice is either Ambassador or all other colleges, of which one is then selected.

The student whose choice is Ambassador could never enroll in any other college. The student who understands this distinction, and prefers the type of colleges and universities that have dotted our countries for generations, could never choose Ambassador.

Differences are Fundamental

The underlying, basic distinction may be stated in few words.

When God created the earth, and then created human life upon it, He created also inexorable LAWS—both physical and spiritual—to govern all relationships, which produce automatically good and desired results when obeyed, and evil when disobeyed. To our first parents God revealed the fundamental KNOWLEDGE of life—of these invisible LAWS as a WAY OF LIFE—of God's PURPOSE in human life—and of His PLAN for working out that purpose.

This KNOWLEDGE is the very foundation of all knowledge. This knowledge is inaccessible to man—totally undiscoverable—except by direct revelation from God the Creator and Ruler over all. The value of all other knowledge, which man may discover by himself, depends altogether on the possession and

right use of this basic REVEALED knowledge.

Adam and Eve rejected God's revealed knowledge. Mankind has always rejected it, and has established on earth a civilization—a WAY of life—and a system of KNOWLEDGE, which rejects divine revelation and runs diametrically counter to the ways of God's living laws. Consequently, much of the knowledge disseminated and taught in this world's institutions of learning is false. It is a system of truth mixed with error, but with all the foundational knowledge—the MOST important things to know—missing utterly.

The schools of this world do not know, and cannot teach, what is the PURPOSE of life, what man really IS, the WAY of life that produces happiness, joy, health, peace, prosperity.

The education of this world has produced only competition, strife, war, death. It has flooded the world with inequality, injustice. It has bequeathed upon humanity only sorrow, suffering, anguish, fear and worry, discontent, wretchedness, poverty, sickness and disease.

I am writing these words in Marseilles, in southern France. We have recently travelled over Egypt, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Israel, Greece. We have driven over quite a little of England, France, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, and now, again, France. And I want to interpose right here and say that you people in America DO NOT REALIZE the material blessings you enjoy. No other nation on earth possesses the universal prosperity, or lives in the com-

forts and luxury about which you probably grumble and complain. Next blessed today are Britain, Canada (which I might include with the United States), Switzerland, Luxembourg. Germany is rebounding into prosperity rapidly, as a result of hard work, sacrifice, determination and perseverance. Then, in a still lower degree of prosperity, yet above the middle-east, are France, Italy and Spain. In the middle-east we saw very primitive conditions. The educated and prosperous FEW live well. But the main vast populace lives in filth and poverty. Americans cannot understand unless they see it. MOST of this world lives in poverty, disease, filth and despair.

This world, and its educational system, has not retained GOD in its KNOWLEDGE.

At Ambassador College, the revealed knowledge of God forms the basis of all disseminated knowledge, not only in the Bible and Theological courses, but in all courses—especially in history, geology, biology, and kindred branches.

The colleges of this world teach students how to earn a living, but Ambassador teaches them HOW TO LIVE.

A Specific Example

To give you two or three specific cases in point. This fall Ambassador College enters upon its tenth year of existence. Among its very first students, now graduated some years ago and serving on the faculty, are Herman L. Hoeh, Roderick C. Meredith, and Kenneth C. Herrmann.

Mr. Hoeh is now acting Dean of the
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This is the Ambassador Chorale, under the competent direction of Leon Ettinger.

College, and professor of History and of Theology. Mr. Hoeh came to us in the very first year of the college direct from Santa Rosa High School, in California, where he stood at the head of all his classes having nothing but straight A grades in all four years' high school. At Ambassador College he received two or three B grades, at times when pressure of outside duties assisting me appropriated too much of his time from studies—but all other grades in four years of college and one solid year of graduate work were straight A's. He is the only student so far to have been able to earn our Master's Degree in one year.

Personally, I regard Mr. Hoeh as a wizard in research. We entered him, and Mr. Meredith, in Mr. Hoeh's senior year in a national competition with the picked top students in research ability from the nation's colleges and universities. I think some 30,000 students, the top pick of their professors, were entered. Both Mr. Hoeh and Mr. Meredith came through with the highest possi-

ble grade-point, equalled by only 98 out of 30,000 of the nation's best selected students.

I mention this merely to show you that Ambassador students, and Ambassador academic standards are not substandard or inferior, as some might assume because of the very fact that we do retain GOD, and His revealed KNOWLEDGE in our curriculum. On the contrary, Ambassador standards are the very highest.

In his graduate work, Mr. Hoeh specialized in history. He has been able to do extensive travelling in connection with his studies, in both America and over much of Europe. He has delved into nooks and crannies of history that the average historian has ignored or never discovered. He has searched old records in the libraries of the world. And he has made important, exciting discoveries, showing that much that is taught as history is perverted or entirely false.

A New Point of View

In many instances, other historians

have groped in the dark, not knowing what to look for, because they have rejected the revealed knowledge, *and even* discredited the history of the BIBLE. Studying, delving into intricate research from the vantage-point of THIS BASIC KNOWLEDGE, Mr. Hoeh has made vitally important discoveries.

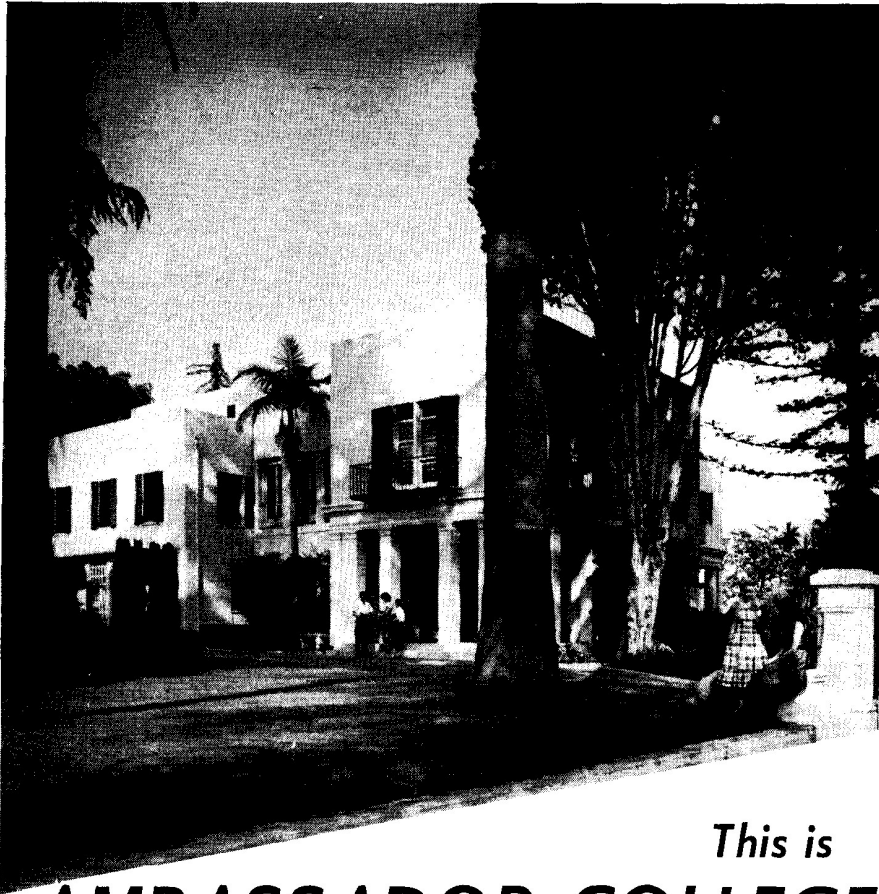
It is my personal opinion that he is today the most accurately informed historian in the world.

In the same way, Mr. Kenneth Herrmann, acting registrar and professor of Science, I regard as having the most true knowledge of geology, and its origins and causes, of any man on earth.

He has travelled, and examined geological formations first-hand, and entered into extensive research. You have read his articles in *The PLAIN TRUTH*.

Do not misunderstand me. These are not supermen by any means. They both make mistakes, as do ALL MEN. But they are willing to confess error and correct mistakes, when revealed. They study

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This is
AMBASSADOR COLLEGE

Here you see in the picture to the right the magnificently landscaped grounds of the Ambassador campus. The main College building, above, is the focal point of campus activity. The students are inspired by the expansive, restful grounds to study their utmost.

**AMBASSADOR
is different!**

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with the open mind, unshackled by the worship of traditions in these fields, which unfortunately seems to close the minds of historians or so-called scientists to the admission of any new truth.

Mr. Roderick C. Meredith is Professor of Bible and Theology, and I personally regard him, and Mr. Hoeh, as the most sound and able teachers of this subject in the world today. These men are just "natural-born" teachers. It seems as if they were born for this profession.

They are mortal, fallible, human. They are far from having reached their true goal—perfection—a goal which I'm sure God will give them, by His power, some day. But I fully and sincerely feel that I KNOW that they are the very best in their respective fields in the world today.

Do not, however, conclude from these specific examples that Ambassador College is staffed only by these three of its own graduates. Its faculty is competently staffed with two doctors, seven masters, and five bachelors. I am simply happy that the three mentioned have come up through the ranks, as it were, from among our own students. And they are simply representative, in their respec-

tive fields, of all the others—each of whom is thoroughly competent in his field.

As an example of our competent staff, French is taught by a teacher who learned his French over here in Europe, and speaks it natively as they speak it in France. Spanish is taught by a teacher who learned the language in Mexico, and holds the Master's degree from the La Escuela Interamericana, Saltillo, Mexico. German is taught by men who are of German parentage, and have spoken the language since childhood, one of whom has spent considerable time in Germany.

I am actually seeing the great value of this on our present tour of Europe. Both our sons are with Mrs. Armstrong and me on this present tour. My elder



son, Richard D. Armstrong, took a major in French in Ambassador College, and here in France he speaks it fluently and without "foreign accent," just as they speak it here. Our other son, Garner Ted, majored in Spanish at Ambassador. He speaks it just as it is spoken in Mexico and South America, and in Spain, without "foreign accent," except for the very slight difference between the pronunciation of certain words in Spain and in South America. We expect to be in Spain tomorrow evening, and then we shall see Ted speak their native tongue fluently, just as the Spaniards do in Spain.

You may grasp a little of the DIFFERENCE between Ambassador and other colleges when I say that these foreign languages, as taught in most colleges and

universities in America, are a sort of American "textbook" Spanish, or German, or French, and quite different from the way these languages are spoken by the natives of these countries. It would be quite difficult for the average student of the average college to be understood in the country whose language he had learned at college.

Whether in music, foreign languages, history, mathematics, literature, home economics or any other subject taught at Ambassador, I feel that our courses are on the very highest level. There is nothing inferior or second rate at Ambassador.

I trust it is understood, too, that there are many subjects, such as mathematics, English, the exact sciences, which are not theoretical, or philosophical, and nat-

urally are taught at Ambassador in the same manner as at other colleges. Two plus two equals four, in any college anywhere. The world is not in error on such points. The world has a great deal of TRUTH—but, unfortunately, in so many fields, it is truth *mixed* with error.

One other specific example comes to mind. We have added, this past year, a course in Teacher training, where some students with special aptitudes for teaching are trained to be teachers in one of our own grade or high schools. This course is taught by two competent men, each possessing a Master's degree. This world's faulty education *begins* in the very first grade. We believe there is much that is criminally wrong in the educational system in the elementary and preparatory grades. To correct this,



these courses at Ambassador are taught from the same over-all Ambassador viewpoint and concept—which is that of the revelation of GOD. We believe it is the most efficient and RIGHT of any Teachers' course in America.

The Choice Is Yours

The GOD-point-of-view permeates every course, and every activity of Ambassador College. Jesus Christ said man shall LIVE by EVERY WORD OF GOD. The Bible—the Word of God—carries the AUTHORITY of God. The fact we look on this revelation from God as the supreme AUTHORITY in life and in practise, living by its every word so far as God enables us to understand, accepting the revealed KNOWLEDGE of God as the basis and foundation for ALL knowledge—this marks the DIFFERENCE between Ambassador and all other colleges on earth today.

If any student prefers the misled and mis-guided knowledge of MAN, with its mixture of truth and error, along with the philosophic doctrines of the ancient pagan philosophers, and the atheistic concepts of the modern evolutionary theory, through which all other knowledge is viewed, then that student would be unhappy and uncomfortable, indeed, at Ambassador.

But if a student prefers TRUE knowledge, with God's revelation as the starting point and basic concept, and the knowledge discoverable by man built truthfully on that solid foundation, with the doctrines, the truths of God and the revealed knowledge, historic and otherwise, of God, as the basic CONCEPT



Here is a view of MAYFAIR—splendid 28-room women's dormitory.

through which all facts are viewed and understood—if a student wants to know the PURPOSE of life, and HOW to live, and the WAY to happiness, peace, true enjoyment and prosperity, and to acquire TRUE knowledge that really WORKS and PAYS OFF in happy, abundant living, then there is only one college on earth where he can find these TRUE VALUES, and he should lose not even one more minute, nor let any possible hindrance stand in the way of applying immediately for admission. The kind of students we now have, and desire, have the ability, and the determination, to simply take the proverbial "bull by the horns," and come in spite of apparent obstacles.

If you were not an all-A student in high school, don't be discouraged—I

had no such record in high school myself. Neither did Mr. Meredith, Mr. Herrmann, nor other top-flight men who have gone through Ambassador College, such as my two sons Richard D. and Garner Ted Armstrong, nor Raymond Cole, Raymond McNair, or others. But their grades were all high in college, because they applied themselves with determination—as the grades of any competent student can be if he will put forth the effort.

YOU can be a competent student, too—the choice is yours! It is not too late to write an airmail letter or to telegraph us for your copy of the 1956-57 Ambassador College Catalog. Write today if you have thought about entering this *different* College—don't delay!

What Is "Worldliness"?

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wedding feast, and ran out. Jesus helped them out, for it was a time of rejoicing, and there were probably several hundred people there.

So He turned the water into *wine*—and it was real, *fermented wine*. They would NEVER have said to the bridegroom, "Thou hast kept the *good wine* until now"—if Jesus had provided only

grape juice which they would have regarded as an inferior beverage for this occasion.

Also, the original Greek word used here is "oinos," and it *always* means the *fermented* juice of the grape—nothing else.

Jesus was here only carrying out the principle He gave through Solomon: "A

feast is made for laughter, and *wine* maketh merry" (Eccl. 10:19). If properly used, wine is an aid to relaxation and affability at a special occasion.

But being "merry" is NOT being "tight" or "drunk"—which God's Word condemns (I Cor. 6:10).

Paul instructed Timothy about the medicinal and health value of wine when he wrote: "Drink no longer water, but use a *little wine* for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities" (I Tim. 5:23).

Again, the Greek word is "oinos"—