

A Voice Cries Out: Could You Live on \$85 a Year?

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WE in America little realize how we are blest! COMPARE! We enjoy an average income of \$10,739 per capita per year—as of a couple years ago—more now!

But 85 million people in Bangladesh average only \$85 per person per year! The president of that country cried out to me in his office, "What can we do, Mr. Armstrong, to help our impoverished people?" Not only near starvation by economic standards, but 75 percent illiteracy—compared to our less than 1 percent!

Half or more of all people on earth are illiterate, poverty stricken, living in filth and squalor—many actually starving to death! That is the world you and I live in. And it does affect us—and our future—far more than we realize!

Look at a few other countries. Few stop to think about this tragic world condition!

Afghanistan, with 17 million people overrun by the Soviet military, lives—EXISTS—on a per capita income of only \$125 per year. And only 8 percent are literate!

Burma, with 32 million people, has an unbelievable, starvation, \$90-per-capita yearly income. Ethiopia's 30 million people, only 7 percent literate, have to try to exist on a \$91-per-capita annual income! On and on it goes!

But look at some great-population, developing countries. A fourth of the people on earth live in China. A billion people there



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live on the meager per capita annual income of \$232. India, second most populous nation, two thirds of a billion people, per capita income \$132 per year. Many don't make it at all, and starve to death.

Russia and the U.S. rank third and fourth in population. But fifth largest Indonesia, larger than Japan or any nation in Europe, has a per capita annual income of only \$289.

This is the world you live in. How does that economic condition affect you? Nations are interdependent. We are not a nation unto ourselves—or sufficient unto ourselves. We are affected not only by the economic condition of the world's nations, we are affected also by the social, moral and spiritual conditions throughout the world.

I have been saying on this page week after week there is a CAUSE for our American problems, troubles and evils, as well as those of the world. That cause is the "GET" incentive as a philosophy or way of life.

That "GET" motive is in direct

conflict with a moral and spiritual Law as relentless as the law of gravity—the Law of outflowing LOVE, which I simplify by the term "GIVE." It is the attitude of love toward God and toward neighbor even as toward self.

The whole world has utterly violated that LAW. The world has lived by the motive of self-love—vanity, covetousness, envy and jealousy, hostile competition, violence and war and rebellion against our Maker.

That self-centered motivation in human life has brought all humanity to the point of WORLD CRISIS. We are now fast hurtling toward the fatal CLIMAX of that WORLD CRISIS! For the first time in human history, mankind has produced the weapons of mass destruction that can blast all humanity out of existence. Our No. 1 problem now is the question of human SURVIVAL!

If humanity would repent of its "GET" way of life, that impending crisis of extinction would be averted. But it will not repent.

And so that invisible "Strong Hand from Someplace" is soon going to intervene supernaturally in world affairs and save humanity from itself. Agreeing or disagreeing with this won't matter. It will be done to this world in the generation now living. A people will learn to live the way of "GIVE" instead of "GET."

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