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Heart to Heart Talk With the Editor

THIS is written in Copenhagen, Denmark. On the ferry, enroute here from Hamburg, Germany, my attention was arrested by two bewhiskered intellectuals about thirty-five years of age.

I do not know what nationality they were. Perhaps French. One of them was reading a newspaper which appeared to be French. But no matter. These young men, just approaching the very prime of life, appeared to be possessed of high-grade natural intelligence and above-average ability.

Yet their faces registered discontent, boredom. They looked tired, cynical. Their expressions seemed to say: "Everything is all wrong. The world's gone to the dogs. There is no chance—no hope. So why try? What's the use?"

They appeared to be college educated, and of good family, yet their heavily bewhiskered state, and the lines in their unhappy faces, seemed to register disgust and protest against society.

They certainly were not happy. They were not enjoying life. They were not living the abundant life. Yet, apparently, they possessed every advantage of birth, cultural rearing, education, and hereditary upper-bracket intelligence and ability.

What was wrong?

I could not help thinking. I felt sorry for them. A sense of compassion gripped me. *I knew* what was wrong! It was a combination of ignorance of the real PURPOSE of life—of the human potential in The Eternal Creator's Plan—the lack of any PURPOSE in life that should arouse ambition, create interest in life, stimulate incentive to enthusiastic endeavor, replacing their bored, frustrated lethargy; a combination of this ignorance and too much *false* education in this world's philosophies and vain concepts.

Yes, I felt sorry for them. I could not help experiencing pangs of sadness of heart.

Well, then! Why didn't I go to them, introduce myself, and enlighten them? I do know God's tremendous PURPOSE! I do have the knowledge of the true values they lack. Couldn't I save them from their negative cynicism, and bring joy to their hearts by disclosing to them the wonderful TRUTH? They appeared to possess ample natural intelligence to grasp things quickly. Wouldn't they welcome the glorious TRUTH that would open up vistas of a happy, joyous, enthusiastic ETERNITY before them?

Ah, no! Only too well have I learned the impossibility of such impetuous, well-meaning, but misguided and unwise zeal.

If I should have attempted to enlighten them, they would surely have looked at me with a sneering, indulgent sense of pity and scorn. They would have thought me a crack-pot. They would have felt sorry for *me*, even as I had been feeling sorry for them! Their minds have been poisoned with this world's false education. They have become wise in their own conceits. The false knowledge they have imbibed sets up an automatic prejudice against TRUTH. And this prejudice is a positive barrier to the entrance of any truth into their minds.

WHY, if God has opened my eyes to His positive, hope-inspiring, potential FUTURE for humanity, do I not make every effort to enlighten these "ignorant intellectuals"? The answer is, *I do*—in the only way God has directed—the only way that can save even an infinitesimal minority—and the way that God has decreed to be a witness against a stubborn and vain humanity. God is surely making His glorious Truth accessible to those who want and welcome it—through The WORLD TOMORROW program—world-wide, on the world's most powerful radio stations—and on every inhabited continent on earth. And also, through the power of the printing press—*The Plain Truth*, numerous free book-

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lets, the Bible Correspondence Course—all freely offered, without money and without price to those who will receive them!

Yet, to most of the world, this Truth, being THUNDERED around the world to—

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Could You Be "BRAINWASHED"?

Could you be hypnotized? Should you keep your mind open, or closed? No question is more important. Be sure you understand.

by Herbert W. Armstrong

YOU NEED to think about this. There are things you need to know *about your mind*.

Various reports came out of Russia about what happened to the captured American U-2 pilot, Francis G. Powers, in 1960. One feature story in a London newspaper reported that Mr. Powers had been brainwashed.

The report described the process. He had been kept in solitary confinement for weeks, allowed to see no human being except one "examiner." The lights in his small cell were kept extraordinarily bright day and night. At first he was denied food. He was sharply questioned. When his answers were not what the examiner wanted, he was beaten severely. Then he was left absolutely alone for days. Then, gradually, as he began to be willing to give the answers the examiner wanted, he was given a little food.

Finally he was brought around to actually *believe* he had committed a terrible wrong against Russia—that Russia was in the right. By the time of his show-case "trial," which was a farce for purposes of world-wide propaganda, Powers had become docile, completely co-operative. He said before the world precisely what the Russians *wanted* said.

Everything Else Worthless— Without It!

Could the Russians brainwash *you*? Don't be too sure! You need to know the TRUTH about your mind!

We are told that we should keep an open mind. Yet it was the very fact that Mr. Powers *opened* his mind, that allowed the Russians to inject psychological poison into it. Not only that. They probably warped and ruined his mind for life!

Should we, then, keep our minds

closed? This is a question you need to understand. Very few do!

What would *anything* be worth to you, without your mind? *Your mind is your most precious possession!* Suppose that on the outside of your head you had beautiful hair, ears, nose, mouth, eyes—but no mind on the inside! Suppose you had a neck, shoulders, arms, torso, legs and feet—but no head—no brains—no *mind!* Suppose you owned vast possessions, and had a hundred million in the bank—but no mind! WOULD ANYTHING BE WORTH ANYTHING TO YOU?

Our Minds Are FED

Yet most people have little or no conception of the IMPORTANCE of the mind. And most people—psychologists and psychiatrists included—*do not understand the mind!* They are in ignorance of the reason God created it. They do not understand the true PURPOSE of the mind, or how properly to possess and use it!

Being in total ignorance of God's purposes, right uses, and the potential destiny of humans, a new "profession" has sprung up in the world—based on human reasoning in ignorance—called psychiatry. These people pose as mind doctors. They pretend to cure neuroses, and bring patients "peace of mind." This misguided profession was started, in its modern form, by Sigmund Freud and the school of contemporary psychoanalysts led by Horney, Alexander, Rado and their ilk. The world accepts them and dignifies them with the title "doctor." Yet none needs his mind examined so much as these supposed mind doctors!

Colleges and universities teach courses in Psychology. Yet the authors of their textbooks, and the professors who teach

it, are in ignorance of the real TRUTH about the human mind—its PURPOSE, and proper use.

Few realize that our minds, like our stomachs, *need to be fed!* And, in school, they *get fed!* But they get fed a diet of error mixed with truth. They still are eating away at that same tree of KNOWLEDGE of "good and evil" our first human mother partook of and fed to our first human father, Adam. They are fed a diet of mental poison mixed with material, factual truth, but devoid of spiritual knowledge.

If you put in your stomach a mixture of health-giving wheat and vegetables, mixed with an equal portion of potassium cyanide, it will kill you in a few moments. If you eat a mixture of good food and excessive starch, sugar, fat, and unclean meats—as nearly everyone does—you are committing suicide on the installment plan. This diet will slowly poison your system, produce numerous diseases, and kill you in ten to sixty years.

And if you allow your mind to be fed on the usual diet of truth mixed with error, your mind is being slowly drugged, and it will perish, along *with* your body—in a final lake of fire!

Our bodies require food composed of a proper balance between the alkaline and the carbohydrate elements. But we leave out, take out, or cook out, most of the alkaline elements and consume an overdose of the carbohydrates, which produce most of our diseases, including colds and fevers, rheumatism, hay fever, diabetes, cancer and heart troubles.

And in our mental diet we imbibe an overdose of materialistic knowledge almost to the exclusion of the spiritual; and even in materialistic teaching our schools mix exact and factual knowledge with erroneous hypotheses, specu-

lations and errors based on human conjecture, reasonings, and ignorance.

"Not All There!"

We ridicule supposed morons or the mentally deficient, saying they are "not all there." The fact is, nearly all of those who teach us what we take into our minds in school and college, are most assuredly "not all there."

The fact is, we were all born only "half there!"

I have said so many times that we were all born *incomplete!* We were born *of the flesh*—and we *are* flesh. God formed man, not out of spirit, but "of the dust of the ground"—of the earth—earthy (I Cor. 15:48-49).

We were made to need FOOD to live. But, as Jesus Christ said, man was made to live, not by bread alone, but by every Word of God—that is, not merely by material food, but by the spiritual food we receive from the Holy Bible!

But man has cut himself off from God! There is an absolute, impenetrable BARRIER between natural, carnal minded man and God. Man can receive *spiritual* food only from GOD!

And remember—you do not receive spiritual food into the stomach, but *into the mind!*

And so it is not the body, but the MIND that "is not all there"—that is born incomplete! And when I say that God did not create Adam *complete*—that the creation of Genesis chapter one describes only the *material* creation, I am referring to the deficiency of MIND, primarily. True, our bodies, being material, now last only an average of some 70 years for adults. True, if we are converted, and to be given ETERNAL LIFE, even our vile, corruptible *bodies* are to be *changed* from matter to spirit instantaneously, at the time of the resurrection.

But it is the MIND, not the body, which can receive the *spiritual* food during this life—and *must* be fed God's true spiritual diet IF the body is to be changed.

What Adam and Eve rejected, in the Garden in Eden, was the fruit of the tree symbolizing God's HOLY SPIRIT!

It is man's MIND that is incomplete—not "all there"—for this life. His MIND was made to *need* God's HOLY

SPIRIT. God's Spirit being received into our minds is the impregnation of the very GOD-LIFE, begetting us as God's children. It adds the SPIRITUAL or DIVINE content to the material content of our minds. It introduces into our minds a totally new attitude, means of mental approach, viewpoint, concept, capacity of comprehension.

The natural carnal MIND has no capacity whatsoever for comprehension of SPIRITUAL TRUTHS. The unconverted, naturally born carnal mind therefore, *cannot understand the BIBLE!* A natural mind may grasp a few of the materialistic portions of the Bible—and it contains material as well as spiritual knowledge, in properly balanced proportion—but no carnal mind can comprehend and truly UNDERSTAND the spiritual revelations of God's Word!

Yes, Actually CRAZY!

Without this BASIC revelation of spiritual TRUTH, no system of knowledge can be complete. The SPIRITUAL revelation is the foundational knowledge. It is what we need *first*, not last! The knowledge of *what* we are, *why* we are—that is, the PURPOSE of life—our potential DESTINY, the spiritual LAWS OF LIFE—the WAY to peace, happiness, prosperity and everything good—this is the FOUNDATIONAL knowledge. None of this world's leaders possess it. The knowledge man is equipped to discover and acquire by his own processes—the knowledge receivable through the eyes, ears, sense of feel, smell and taste—may be *added* to this foundation. Then, human REASONING, coming from a Spirit-led mind, BASED ON THIS TRUE FOUNDATIONAL KNOWLEDGE, leads to correct and truthful conclusions.

But man, CUT OFF from this foundation on which to build—in ignorance of the very factual BASIS for his reasoning and speculating, has arrived at erroneous conclusions. And these false conclusions formulate a very large portion of the organized knowledge—the store of knowledge in this world's libraries, and in the text books used in this world's education.

The true FACT is, this world's psychiatrists are themselves actually and literally CRAZY—if you understand the true meaning of the word!

Two of these quack psychiatrists, to my personal knowledge, testified in court that a woman was insane, and needed to be committed, *for no reason other than* that she studied the Holy Bible *to learn how to live and how to rear her children!* Had this woman not been represented at the trial by an alert attorney, she would have been committed to an institution, deprived of her freedom—her children torn from their loving Christian mother and made wards of a cold, loveless court!

But actually, and literally, it was these self-professed mind doctors who were insane. Their minds simply were not "all there." They were in ignorance of foundational, basic TRUTH. Their reasoning was based on false hypotheses, assumed and carelessly taken for granted. They based *reasoning* on *error*. Yet they merely had swallowed, unquestioned, what certain text books fed them, authored by other misguided and ignorant men!

Actually, the carnal, unconverted mind—containing its physical content only, devoid of the spiritual—knowing only what PHYSICAL knowledge can be received thru the five senses—is a mind bound to go off into false and erroneous ramifications of ideas, suppositions, hypotheses, speculations, and believe a ridiculous and weird system of myths!

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HOW YOUR PLAIN TRUTH SUBSCRIPTION HAS BEEN PAID

So many ask: "HOW does it happen that I find my subscription price for The PLAIN TRUTH has already been paid? HOW can you publish such a high class magazine without advertising revenue?"

The answer is as simple as it is astonishing! It is a paradox. Christ's Gospel cannot be sold like merchandise. You cannot buy salvation. Yet it does cost money to publish Christ's TRUTH and mail it to all continents on earth. It does have to be *paid for!* This is Christ's work. We solve this problem Christ's WAY!

Jesus said, "This Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached (and published—Mark 13:10) in all the world for a witness unto all nations" (Mat. 24:14) *at this time*, just before the end of this age. A PRICE *must* be paid for the magazine, the broadcast, the Correspondence Course, or other literature. But HOW? Christ forbids us to *sell* it to those who receive it: "Freely ye have received," said Jesus to His disciples who He was sending to proclaim His Gospel, "freely GIVE!" "It is *more blessed*," He said, "to GIVE than to receive."

God's WAY is the way of LOVE—and that is the way of *giving*. God expects every child of His to *give* free-will offerings and to tithe, as His means of paying the costs of carrying His Gospel to others. We, therefore, simply trust our Lord Jesus Christ to lay it on the minds and hearts of His followers to give generously, thus paying the cost of putting the precious Gospel TRUTH in the hands of others. Yet it must go *only* to those who *ask for it for themselves!* Each must, for himself, *subscribe*—and his subscription has thus already been paid.

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of all New Testament manuscripts known. "Scholarship" now turns with greedy, bloodshot eyes to the scrap piles, garbage dumps, and slag heaps of Egypt and Italy! This remaining 5% of Greek manuscripts found in the Egyptian and Latin world are *corrupt!* It is freely admitted these scraps and "rejects" contradict one another, and reflect various forms of perversion. But the great critics tell us not to despair.

Their reason: since each manuscript contains some errors, we lump them all together (all 5%) and come up with a pure text! The errors will supposedly cancel out one another. Amazing!

Two broad, false assumptions are hidden under this crooked reasoning. First, error plus error supposedly equals truth! Second, we must assume we have found enough of these buried manuscripts in order to reconstruct the truth.

If the manuscripts have really become lost and scattered as they say, we would have *no idea* as to how long or short the New Testament should be. Tomorrow, somebody could find a lost verse, an extra chapter—even a whole new book—that had been totally *unknown*. *We could NEVER BE SURE when we had all of God's words!* That is why Jesus promised in John 14:26, "The Holy Spirit . . . shall teach you all things and *recall* to your minds *everything* I said to you." This assures us nothing was lost *while* the New Testament was being written. Furthermore, Jesus promises, these words once written "*shall not pass away!*" (Mark 13:31). God has preserved His Word for us all down through history!

Worse yet, this means you and I **CANNOT TRUST ANYTHING** in the Bible today! If the original manuscripts disagreed, how could we ever know what is *true* from what is false? We would then be forced to rely on the judgment of these vain scholars. But even if we *completely trust them*, and even if their theory were true, **WE STILL CAN'T KNOW THE TRUTH!** By their own admission, they haven't "arrived" yet!

GOD repeats: "My words *shall not pass away.*"

Scholars in Trouble!

As these learned men themselves admit, this poses a very *serious ques-*

tion. Is God still ALL-Powerful? Christ said His words would not disappear, would never be lost. The Holy Spirit was supposed to *preserve* them.

If we follow the ramblings of self-appointed critics, we must believe those words were lost! We must then conclude that the Holy Spirit is *not powerful enough* to do its work. What is more, this makes Jesus Christ a *liar!*

How can this problem be reconciled? The recent meeting of the Society of Bible Literature and Exegesis admitted this is a "puzzler." They *don't know how to solve it!*

Young, impressionable students are now taught this doctrine of doubt in

seminary training. Their preparation for the ministry is to *undermine* and *strip away* whatever faith they may have had in the purity and reliability of the Bible! Plagued with serious questions and doubts about the Bible, "seminarians" step into the most responsibility-laden office God has granted to man—the ministry.

This is a sad picture. Modern religious education is *destroying the faith of its own ministers!*

ANGRY GOD

Now can you see why God is full of Almighty WRATH against false ministers!
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Could You Be BRAINWASHED?

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God's Holy Spirit is the Spirit of a SOUND MIND—and no mind, without the Holy Spirit, can be SOUND in its thinking and reasoning. Perhaps the old Quaker, after all, was right. He said to his wife: "Martha, does thee know, the longer I live the more it seems to me that just about everybody, except me and thee, is a little queer; and does thee know, Martha, sometimes it even seems to me that even THEE is just a little bit queer!"

Guard the Door of Your Mind

You need, above all things, to *guard the door of your mind!*

HAVE A CARE what enters there!

You, and you *alone*, have the stern responsibility for guarding that precious door!

Should you, then, have an OPEN mind? Or, to prevent being brainwashed or hypnotized, should you keep your mind CLOSED?

The answer is this:

GUARD THE DOOR OF YOUR MIND!

Keep, without prejudice, a *questioning* mind. I do not mean a negative mind, hostile and against everything. God's Word commands us to "PROVE ALL THINGS." You can question, before accepting and believing, without negative prejudice.

OPEN your mind to what is proved TRUTH; RID your mind of bias. Do as the

Bereans were commended for doing. When the Apostle Paul came to Berea, they did not know whether he was an apostle of God or a false prophet.

So they opened the door of their minds, without hostile prejudice which would be only a barrier to the entrance of TRUTH into the mind—but yet with QUESTIONING minds—they opened the door *just far enough* to listen, to examine, and to prove, before accepting. They searched the SCRIPTURES daily, *whether* these things were so. Finding them proved, they ACCEPTED the TRUTH!

The answer is, that your mind should never be prejudiced. Neither should it be gullible. NEVER TAKE FOR GRANTED what you read, or what you hear. Never accept anything just because others do.

Could you be HYPNOTIZED? Many people can. I have seen it done. Yet no one can hypnotize me! WHY? Because *I won't let him!* Unless I YIELD my mind to him, SUBMIT it into his power, ALLOW him to gain control over it, he has no power over my mind whatsoever!

God made your mind so that NO ONE can "cram his religion down your throat"—or rather, into your mind. God *won't, by force*, put TRUTH into your mind. Unless you are willing, and voluntarily accept it, you can never receive God's TRUTH. Conversely, even Satan the Devil has no power to force error into your mind.

YOU ARE A FREE MORAL AGENT! God granted you this freedom! And, with it, the stern responsibility for what you accept, believe, and DO!

As you sow, so shall you reap!

The "STRANGE GOSPEL"

We Preach—and WHY

Yes, many are astonished—just as people were who heard the same gospel from the lips of CHRIST! Here is the astounding reason.

by Herbert W. Armstrong

"YOU SPOKE differently from everything I was taught," writes a radio listener, "but thank God, I opened my Bible and was *astonished* to see with my own eyes that you were right."

A "Strange Gospel"?

A critic labeled Christ's own Gospel, proclaimed in *The Plain Truth* and on The WORLD TOMORROW, "a strange Gospel." Indeed it *was* strange to *him*—and this man professed to be a religious person!

Do you know WHY it sounds strange to some?

The answer is an almost incredible, shocking surprise! It is recorded that when Christ Himself proclaimed this same Gospel, the people "were astonished at His doctrine." When the Apostle Paul came to Athens with this same Gospel, the founders of much that is called "Christianity" today called him a "setter forth of strange gods"—"for" they said, "thou bringest certain *strange things* to our ears" (Acts 17:18, 20).

Well, *here is an astonishing surprise!* It may be hard to believe, but it's true! I was shocked to learn it, thirty-four years ago.

You probably have had the same experience I had—up to a point. From infancy my parents, upright, sincere Christian-professing people, took me to church and Sunday school. Our family belonged to a respected Protestant denomination. Actually, however, I did not know specifically what definite doctrines our denomination believed. There are, of course, differences in the various denominational doctrines. Yet most churchgoers do not know much about what these differences are.

Yet I did always hear—as you prob-

ably have—certain basic religious foundations: going to heaven; the immortality of the soul; our dead loved ones being now "in heaven with the Lord"; the wicked dead living forever in a burning hell; church members being already "born again" and "saved"; the Christian obligation to celebrate Christmas, New Year's, Easter, Valentine's day, Hallowe'en, and attendance at church on Sunday.

Regardless of other doctrinal differences, it seems virtually all fundamentalist evangelical and professing Bible-believing denominations teach these things.

Of course I had always heard these things preached from earliest memory—even as you probably have. It never occurred to me that every one of these teachings were always *assumed*, but *never read, expounded, or proved out of the BIBLE!* Naturally I assumed that these teachings were foundational, *basic* teachings and commands of the Bible. You probably have supposed the same thing.

Of course, I had never really *studied* the Bible—just as you very possibly never have. And it never occurred to me that the pastors of our church never preached their sermons out of the Bible—that they merely read one verse, or even part of one verse, containing a word which was the subject of the sermon, and then closed the Bible and preached on the subject of that one word. It never occurred to me that Christ Himself set the example for ministers of literally *preaching God's Word*, preaching directly out of the Bible, and expounding it with other Scriptures on the same subject—and all in their proper context.

Up to this point, you may have had a similar experience.

The CHALLENGE!

Then came the disturbing *challenge!* My wife had visited a neighbor lady, who had asked her to read certain passages in her own Bible. My wife, exuberant, overjoyed at finding what she called new truth, ran to tell me. She claimed she had seen, in her own Bible, that one of these universal teachings, mentioned above, was contrary to the Bible. She had found in her Bible a diametric *opposite* teaching, which she had accepted.

I was not overjoyed. I was dismayed, shocked, angry! All these teachings I have listed were so *universally* accepted, that anything different appeared to be fanaticism.

I thought my wife had suddenly gone crazy!

"What would my friends think?" was the thought that filled my mind. I was sure they would think my wife a *religious fanatic!* My pride simply could not take that sitting down!

But I could not talk her out of it. She insisted that she had actually *seen*, in her own Bible, what she now called TRUTH—and which I called outlandish FANATICISM!

"Look," I said, "you can't tell me all these churches are wrong. They get their beliefs and practices out of the BIBLE. This neighbor lady simply gave you a wrong interpretation. What do *you* know about interpreting the Bible?"

"No," she insisted positively, "I did not 'interpret' the Bible. The Bible ought not to *BE* interpreted at all. Like any book, it says what it means, and it means what it says. But why don't *YOU* look into the Bible and see if you can find in it, anywhere, what nearly all professing Christians *think* the Bible says on this question. *IF* they get it out of

the Bible, WHY DON'T YOU TRY TO FIND IT IN THE BIBLE? You say that all the churches get their beliefs and practices out of the Bible. Go ahead! I challenge you to try to find their teaching on this question anywhere in the Bible! If you can find it IN THE BIBLE—then I will go back to it, and give up what I say I have now seen commanded in the Bible."

I was angered into my first study of the Bible.

For six months I searched night and day. Often I was up searching and studying until after 1 a.m. I procured literature, pamphlets, books from many religious denominations on the subject attempting to support the generally accepted doctrine and practice on this point. Yet *not one of them* showed any Biblical authority for its teaching and practice on this point! They devoted their arguments to trying to tear down and refute and discredit the BIBLE TEACHING, which I now, myself, saw was clearly and plainly taught IN THE BIBLE from Genesis to Revelation. It was taught and practiced by Christ, the Apostles, the Gentile churches! It was not an interpretation—it was there in plain language.

The Astounding Surprise!

Then I began to search IN THE BIBLE for many of these other popular teachings.

I COULDN'T FIND THEM!

Instead, I found diametric *opposite* teaching! I was shaken, bewildered. My head was swimming. Everything in my mind was shaken up! It was like a woman giving her house a general annual spring housecleaning. Suddenly dirt and clutter appear from behind things, in drawers and closets. For a while all is misplaced, untidy, in confusion. But after the dirt and rubbish are cleaned away, all is more orderly and clean than before.

The shocking realization began to dawn on me that in what is called the Christian religion today, its exponents and leaders—in fundamental orthodoxy—TAKE FOR GRANTED—CARELESSLY ASSUME—MANY, IF NOT MOST, OF THE BASIC BELIEFS AND PRACTICES—TALK ABOUT THEM CONTINUALLY AS IF THEY WERE TRUE—NEVER READ-

ING THESE THINGS OUT OF THE BIBLE, NEVER PROVING THEM BY THE BIBLE—always simply reading a verse or a sentence or part of one here and there *about other things* out of the Bible!

Yes, it was hard to believe—but IT WAS TRUE!

You Haven't Realized

Now take your own case. YOU HAVEN'T REALIZED THIS, probably. Yet all your life you have heard religious leaders, preachers, professing Christians, TALK about "going to HEAVEN"—assuming it to be the place where the "SAVED" go. But stop and think! Have you, actually, EVER heard this READ OUT OF THE BIBLE?

Have you ever heard, in a church service—or read in a book or magazine or religious tract or piece of literature—a statement quoted OUT OF THE BIBLE stating directly, plainly, clearly, that any "saved" person actually did go to heaven—that is, the heaven of God's throne—or that IF one is "saved" a plain, clear PROMISE that he *shall* go to heaven?

YOU HAVE NOT!

You may *think* you have. You have heard people TALK about "going to heaven" ever since you can remember. You have heard it ASSUMED, *as if* the Bible taught it! So, naturally, since the Christian religion is SUPPOSED to come out of the Bible, you have TAKEN FOR GRANTED without question that the teaching of going to heaven came out of the Bible.

BUT YOU NEVER READ IT IN THE BIBLE!

You never heard a sermon PROVING, by plain literal Bible statements and promises, that any dead human (*except Christ*) or saint *ever did* go to heaven. Jesus Christ said PLAINLY that NO MAN had ever ascended up to heaven (John 3:13). Read it in YOUR Bible! The inspired Peter said David *had not* gone to heaven, but was *buried* in his grave (Acts 2:29, 34) and yet the Bible clearly says David shall be in God's Kingdom.

The Bible says plainly the "saved" shall INHERIT THE EARTH in clear language, Psalm 37—that they shall not be removed from it (Proverbs 10:30). If we are Christ's we are HEIRS to the PROMISES God made to Abraham. What

God PROMISED Abraham and his children through Christ is THIS EARTH for an EVERLASTING POSSESSION—Genesis 12 through 22. Also see Romans 4:13. This promise is in PLAIN LANGUAGE. It is stated again and again and again. It is not nullified, refuted, contradicted, by INTERPRETATIONS of John's visions.

For years I offered, first \$5, then \$1,000, to anyone who could show me any Scripture in the Bible promising that we may "go to heaven," or that anyone except Christ ever DID go to the heaven of God's throne, or giving any plain, clear, real HOPE that he might. THERE WERE NO TAKERS!

No, surprising though it may be, YOU have never read any such teaching IN THE BIBLE. YOU have never heard it expounded and PROVED BY THE BIBLE in any sermon, or read it in any book, booklet, article or tract!

YOU HAVE HEARD IT ASSUMED, TALKED ABOUT! You have taken it for granted. You have supposed they MUST have gotten it out of the Bible!

Advertising Psychology

There is a bit of advertising psychology that has worked on us all.

It is a trick, but it works!

When I was just starting out, still unconverted, at age 18, in the advertising profession, I read in a book on advertising psychology that if we ASSUME a thing to be so, and we state it over and over, often enough, people come to take it for granted and actually believe it.

I was assigned to sell a few columns of space in the want-ad section of the daily newspaper, in display ads, to second-hand furniture dealers. These dealers did not believe in advertising. They never did advertise. Actually I don't think my department manager expected me to be able to sell a single ad. He was just breaking me in as a new, green boy. He assigned me to what he thought an impossible job, partly as a joke.

I picked the store supposed to be the hardest to sell, first. I got acquainted with the owner, but at first made no attempt to tell him what I was there for, or get him suspicious I was trying to sell him an ad. That would only have gotten his resistance up—closed his mind. I began to tell him, however,

that I was a young advertising student, starting to learn how to WRITE advertising copy. Then I mentioned that, IF I were to get a job as advertising manager in a store like his, I would describe this dining set in such and such a way—that parlor set in such and such a way. Then I began to PRACTICE, which he let me do.

As I was writing, I began to just TAKE FOR GRANTED that the ad I was writing was going to be a modest small ad—say, only in the want-ad section, where it didn't cost much, but where thousands would read it. More and more I began to *take for granted* that we were really going to run this ad in the paper. NOT ONCE did I ask him if he wanted to—I simply ASSUMED he was going to. I kept this up about an hour, then began to ask whether he would rather have it at the TOP of the page, or at the bottom. When he said at the TOP, he had committed himself. I thanked him, and ran out quickly. I did not ask him WHETHER he wanted to buy the ad—that I took for granted—and by this time he had taken it for granted, too, so that when I asked him WHERE he wanted it placed on the page, he automatically answered. That broke the ice, and I sold my assigned number of columns, to the surprise of my "boss." I HASTEN TO ADD AGAIN THAT I WAS THEN ONLY 18, AND NOT YET CONVERTED!

But the psychological trick WORKS!

When a cigarette manufacturer keeps telling the public in ads in magazines and newspapers, on TV and radio, and on billboards, over and over, that his brand makes the smoke "TASTE BETTER," nearly everybody gets to *accepting* the idea that people TASTE smoke. Actually, smoke is *tasteless*. People SMELL the tobacco smoke! But people BELIEVE what advertising men keep telling them over and over and over. You probably have believed this yourself.

And so, also, have just about all of us believed that THE BIBLE teaches that the "saved" are to GO TO HEAVEN. We have *supposed* it came out of the BIBLE.

HOW We Have Been Deceived

Jesus Christ said there would be MANY false prophets, not a few. The

Bible says ALL NATIONS have been deceived. Jude says people have gotten away from the TRUTH originally delivered through Christ and the true apostles.

Most people have no idea whatever of HOW, generation after generation, when people reared as pagans began to profess Christ, they held on to some of their PAGAN teachings and customs. One generation brought a few of them into accepted Christianity. Another generation added a few more. Gradually, down through the centuries, "Christianity" became more and more paganized. PEOPLE ACCEPT AND BELIEVE WHAT THEY FIND EVERYBODY ELSE AROUND THEM BELIEVING!

And so people have come to accept, and to practice, teachings and customs diametrically CONTRARY to those taught IN THE BIBLE—all the while *supposing* they came out of the Bible!

WHY Truth Sounds STRANGE!

So it is, that when someone comes along with something *different* than that which is popular and almost universally accepted BY PEOPLE, even though it be TRUTH, even though it come out of THE BIBLE—it sounds strange—it appears fanatical!

It is in our human nature to be CONFORMISTS. We seem to want to GO ALONG. We want to BELONG—that is, to HUMAN groups.

It does not seem to occur to us to ask ourselves: "What will GOD think?" but always, "What will PEOPLE think?" if we accept a different belief, or a different custom. VANITY makes us want to be *well thought of* by the PEOPLE—that is, the PARTICULAR GROUP, SOCIETY, CHURCH, CLUB, or those we look up to and want to get in with.

So, immediately, if Christ's own TRUTH runs counter to *their* ideas, practices, or beliefs, we find automatically a great wall of prejudice looming up as a barrier against the truth. We resist it. We resent it. We become angry at it or those who bring it to us.

In a debate the general idea is to REFUTE everything the "worthy opponents" say. Scarcely ever does a debater or a debating team honestly consider and weigh *whether* his "honorable

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opponent" is right. The opponent must be proved WRONG, by hook or crook, no matter whether he is right! The idea is to defeat him and win the debate! It is not a search for TRUTH. I have, in past years, been challenged to debate Bible truths—but I have refused, first, because the Bible itself forbids debate and commands me not to get into such disputes that engender strife; and second, because the challenger, I know, would never have an open mind but would be bent only on resisting, denying, disproving every truth I might advance, and discrediting me as a person, imputing evil motives, in addition.

When Jesus came teaching GOD'S TRUTH—with the Great Message from God to mankind—He came to a people steeped in beliefs and customs diametrically CONTRARY to His truth. They had been brought up in their teachings and customs from babyhood. HIS MESSAGE WAS STRANGE TO THEM. Actually, it was *their* beliefs and ways that were STRANGE, but of course they didn't *seem* strange to the people.

Whatever is DIFFERENT from that to which we are accustomed seems STRANGE! We tend to resent and resist it! Yes, it is recorded that the people were ASTONISHED at Christ's doctrine.

Today, in the PLAIN TRUTH and on the WORLD TOMORROW program, we teach and preach HIS SAME DOCTRINE—we literally preach the Word of GOD—and today people are ASTONISHED—shocked!

Yes, I know—I WAS MYSELF! But I

did not run away from it. I did not refuse to let myself think about it. If we REJECT knowledge, GOD says He will reject us! I found the truth REALLY GOOD! And it is not strange, after all!

THEOLOGY without God

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ters such as these? "Is not my word like as a fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces? Therefore, behold, I AM AGAINST the PROPHETS [preachers] that STEAL MY WORDS every one from his neighbor" (Jer. 23:29, 30).

Yes, the Almighty GOD IS ANGRY with such PERVERSE teachers that STEAL His message by *tearing* words and verses out of the Bible! God is ANGRY with this FIENDISH plot, which ROBS US OF HIS OWN WORD!

Speaking of religious teachers, Jeremiah says: ". . . Ye have PERVERTED the words of the living God, of the Lord of hosts our God. Behold, a whirlwind of the Lord is gone forth IN FURY, even a grievous whirlwind: it shall fall grievously upon the head of the wicked. The anger of the Lord shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: in the LATTER DAYS ye shall consider it perfectly" (Jer. 23:36, 19-20). This is for *our time*, our day, the 20th Century!

Punishment from God is coming on theologians who have forgotten their Maker! You have seen theology without God exposed. But this is only the *background*, the preparation *already* laid.

Who is *really* CONTROLLING theology? Are theologians the unwitting tools of a great mastermind? What of the new trend just now coming to light—a trend so *vicious*, so deceitful that it STAGGERS the IMAGINATION! How will all this *affect* YOU?

This plot is calculated to reach and corrupt the entire population of the nation—it has already ensnared dozens of the largest Protestant sects!

Read the next installment for the answers which may *change your life!*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sees Communism Firsthand

"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"Your sermons are greatly appreciated. We are just 60 miles from Cuba. Our boats ply back and forth carrying fruit to the Nassau market. I know you will understand what the fate of Cuba means to us. Now that the farmers have to sell everything to the government; then to the agent; then to us, there is very little profit in it. I never realized I would have to live so close to a communist country—to see and know about the sufferings of the people involved. They are so unhappy."

Reader from Ragged Island,
British West Indies.

Poorly Informed???

"You apparently cannot see beyond your nose. Referring to Berlin, you are either poorly informed, or choose to purposely omit the truth. For your information, the United States has pumped \$26 billion (?) into Germany just to build up West Berlin and create a 'false front.' Let's keep religion out of world politics. Your place is in the spiritual."

Man from Vancouver, Canada.

(Editor's Comment: West Berlin is only *part* of the West Germany that has been built up. The West German Treasury is now the richest in the world! We have published many pictures from different parts of West Germany showing her absolute resurgence—her victories in the TRADE WAR! These pictures were taken by leading reporters and correspondents. WHY HASN'T THIS MAN SEEN THESE PICTURES AND REPORTS IN OTHER NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES?)

Germany Growing

"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"While I was stationed in the States I had many times read The PLAIN TRUTH or heard you speak over the radio concerning the rising of Germany as a major power in economics. Since I didn't know the news too well at the time, I have since been reading all the news magazines I can get my hands on.

I wasn't taking your word for it. The Air Force transferred me to Germany and there I saw that your preaching was true. Germany is a major power and growing each day. The unemployment in the States is extremely high, while the Germans have to import foreign help to fill the empty gaps. The military newspaper 'Stars and Stripes' stated recently that there were approximately 100,000 vacancies begging for filling."

Man, USAF, Germany.

Feeling of Friendship

"Congratulations on your new, enlarged PLAIN TRUTH. The addition of 'Heart-to-Heart Talk' plus photos of your family and staff give a feeling of closeness and friendship in reading the various topics."

Subscriber from California.

Missed an Issue

"When The PLAIN TRUTH came a few days ago, for a minute I didn't know which I was going to do, laugh or cry. I was so happy to receive it. The May issue never came and I missed it so much, but June made up for it, and it is so much larger, and the pictures of all are so nice. They are something to remember and cherish. Many thanks."

Man from Danville, Illinois.

(Editor's Comment: From time to time a PLAIN TRUTH reader misses his copy. If this happens, *be sure to write* us so we can send another copy.)

PLAIN TRUTH Grows

"It was a real thrill when I took my larger PLAIN TRUTH from the mail box. I received my first copy in June 1954—a thin little magazine, then 16 pages. One morning my PLAIN TRUTH came with a beautiful front cover, and eight more pages, then The Bible Story, and now, more pages of good reading—not cluttered up with commercial advertising. Your picture is a good one. It doesn't look much like some of the ones shown in the early part of your autobiography—a little older, perhaps—but you have that alive, alert, full-of-

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The Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong

Broadcast makes first expansion; Jewish evangelist sent to Palestine; work grows despite persecutions and hardships.

INSTALLMENT 37

ONCE again, we come to the year 1937. In the preceding installment I backtracked for two previous incidents, which filled the space for that issue.

Our two sons, Richard D. and Garner Ted, then called "Dicky" and "Teddy," were in the second grade at school. We had started them together, in September, 1935. The 36th installment, in the June number, explained why it was a mistake to start them in the same grade.

Because I had lacked the faith to trust God *alone*, and walk through the door He opened to go on the air in Portland, in late 1934, that door was slammed shut for two solid years—*until I learned the lesson*. I had wanted pledges from *people* to rely upon—instead of trusting God fully. But the people failed God's cause. The wanted pledges did not come.

Then, about mid-November, 1936—*two whole years later*—when I tried to get on Portland's most powerful station, Christ opened, instead, the same door I had neglected entering in 1934! This time, again, I was unable to obtain the needed pledges. But this time, as at the very beginning of the broadcast in 1934, I did trust God for the means. We started then on KXL, smallest-powered 100-watt station, in Portland. With it, using Postal Telegraph wires for a hook-up, we included station KSLM, in Salem. This was our first Network!

Truth About Networks

I think it will be interesting, here, to give our readers a few facts they probably do not know about radio networks. The telephone companies have established a very efficient system of network broadcast lines feeding the various major network stations—CBS, NBC, and ABC—coast to coast.

These are very *special* lines, specially engineered, and of far greater efficiency

than ordinary telephone lines. They are specially boosted at intervals of about every fifty miles. This is necessarily a very costly service—but the quality is as near perfection as human technology can make it. Sound is carried instantaneously from originating stations in Hollywood, New York or Chicago, to all parts of the United States with no detectable loss in tonal quality. The voice is transmitted as naturally as if the speaker were in your living room or your car. Music, at both highest and lowest frequencies, is transmitted just as naturally.

The installation and maintenance of these special lines is a costly operation. In 1936 and 1937 we were not able to afford such perfection in network lines.

But at that time the Postal Telegraph company offered far less costly lines. These were just the ordinary telegraph wires—far, far from the quality of telephone special network lines. There were no boosters along the way, and even the lines themselves were inferior, for our purpose. Often they would fade down or out. Frequently they didn't work at all. The reception at the other end was far from perfect. But we were *on our first network*, nevertheless! We called it the "Oregon Network."

Everything God starts through humans must, it seems, start the very smallest—and sometimes the crudest. BUT IT WAS A START! And, once started, the WORK OF GOD *never stops!* Not only that, it never stops *growing!*

We were to use Postal wires in immediate future years to Seattle and Spokane. Later, the Postal company was absorbed by Western Union. But they helped us get a start while they lasted!

Even at that time I had my sights on extending the broadcast into Seattle and Spokane, though I was forced to learn

patience, and wait until God opened those doors. I knew we could not call it the "Oregon Network" when it extended into Washington, so, in my mind, I had it named already the "Liberty Network," ready for the future!

Gospel to Palestine

Meanwhile, I was continuing to hold regular Sunday night evangelistic services in our little church building at the end of West Eighth Street, in Eugene. Interest and attendance gradually were increasing.

It was either the last Sunday in December, 1936, or the first Sunday night in January, 1937, that a former leader of that Church of God we find described in Revelation 3:1 as the "Sardis" church—with which I was trying, in those days, to co-operate—appeared with a professed converted Jewish evangelist.

This particular church leader, whom I will not name since I can say nothing good about him as an individual, had a scheme to get the Gospel to the Jews in Palestine. They had arrived a day or two before, and explained their plan to me. It sounded real good. In fact, the *idea*, itself, was good.

The reason evangelists generally were failing to convert the Jewish people to Christ, he explained, was their wrong approach. This may not be the whole reason—but the approach of most evangelists assuredly *had been wrong!* They customarily started by trying immediately to preach the name of Christ to the Jews. But, explained this Jewish evangelist, all Jews have been taught from babyhood to virtually hate, despise, and reject the name of Christ. To mention this name was to set up immediate prejudice. It raised an immediate impenetrable barrier.

This evangelist, being Jewish, said Jewish people would not be prejudiced against him, but would listen. Instead

of preaching Christ, direct, he proposed to approach them with the Jewish Scriptures—Old Testament *only*. After arousing their interest with prophecies being actually fulfilled today, he would then turn to a few passages such as Isaiah 53, Micah 5:2, Isa. 7:14, describing how the Messiah was to be born as a baby, of a virgin, in Bethlehem, to grow up as a child, to be despised and rejected and crucified.

He said that when he approached Christ *from* the Old Testament Scriptures—from the Jewish point of view—they would listen.

Whether or not many would listen very far, this was the *only possible approach*, I knew, that had a chance.

The plan was to raise enough money to send this man to Jerusalem, from where he would work throughout Palestine in getting the Message of the Saviour to the Jewish people there.

I agreed to help.

The Deception

On that Sunday morning I interviewed both this church leader and the Jewish evangelist on my radio program, and announced public meetings where the converted Jew would speak at our little church on Sunday night, and at a church in Harrisburg on Monday night.

That night our church building was filled. I sponsored the idea of the tour of Palestine, and asked for liberal donations. Never, except for something very special like this, did we take up offerings in any service. The response was liberal.

The next night we had a packed house at Harrisburg. Again, the donations were liberal, and the evangelist was on his way.

But a year later, after other unpleasant experiences with this church leader during 1937, the Jewish evangelist again visited our home in Eugene.

He had a sad report to make. His effort had not been altogether honest and sincere. It had weighed on his conscience. He knew he ought to return the money I had helped raise, but he didn't have it to repay.

He had gone to Jerusalem, all right. But he had found that the church and church members supposed to exist there were nonexistent, he said. The man whose name was used as a representative

of the church also proved, he reported, to be a representative for other churches, drawing financial compensation from all of them.

The "converts" being made in Palestine, he reported, were not Jews at all, but Arabs—who were no more converted than a guinea pig.

The procedure used in Palestine, he reported, was this: These supposed missionaries, evangelists, or "representatives" who drew money from several Protestant denominations, and reported "large harvests" of "converts," each had a small tent, in which they served tea and cookies. Like a barker at a circus sideshow, they shouted, beat tin pans, made noises to attract a crowd, announcing free cookies and tea. When the crowd gathered, the "missionary" went through a short two- or three-minute "spiel," after which he offered the free cookies and tea to all who would raise their hands and say they accepted Christ.

The natives all raised their hands, partook of the tea and cookies, and then proceeded to the next tent where they got "converted" all over again!

Well, as the saying goes, "*Live and learn!*"

I have learned many lessons, in my thirty years in Christ's ministry—and I have been completely disillusioned in regard to the sincerity of a lot of professed religion in this world!

Radio Audience Grows

In a letter to Co-Workers who were regularly supporting God's Work with tithes and offerings, dated February 12, 1937, it was estimated that the listening audience had grown to some forty or fifty thousand, every Sunday. It was steadily growing "toward our goal of 100,000" the letter reported!

WHAT A GOAL! That looked mighty BIG, then! Yet today our listening audience is estimated at some seventy-five MILLION people per week. However, since the program is now on the air seven times a week, and a large share of our audience listens every day, our present estimate of the *daily* audience, per program, is some 15,000,000. Of course, this is 24 years later!

But the point is, as I mentioned once before, I did not, in those days, have any remote idea that this work ever

would reach even a fraction of its power of today!

I think I have stated, before, that I did have vision. I did, at that time, look forward to going on small stations in Seattle and Spokane. My horizon had expanded to include the entire Pacific Northwest—and at times I even envisioned the entire Coast. But the vision of a God-empowered work on the vast world-wide scale of today was that of our living Head and chief Director, Jesus Christ—not mine! This is His work. I, and our Co-Workers with me, have been merely instruments in His hands! But the present size and scope and power of this great work is testimony to the POWER of GOD to build, and increase HIS WORK, and keep it growing until, like the grain of mustard seed, it FILLS THE WHOLE EARTH!

Whatever plant my heavenly Father has *not* planted shall be *rooted up!* But God says He will *never* stop the work HE has begun! Whatever is of MAN is destined to come to naught! But whatever is of God *cannot be stopped!* Through the years we have met hardship, persecution, disillusionment—every obstacle! But none could stop us, or prevent this work growing and MULTIPLYING in scope and power!

Compare the mail response of the broadcast today with 1937. A general letter sent Co-Workers on March 19, 1937, reported the following "BIG" mail response: In the past 2½ weeks, 26 letters from KXL, Portland; 20 from listeners of KSLM, Salem; and 12 from KORE, Eugene. Total 58. The letter then asked: "Brethren, is *this* worth while?" That seemed BIG then. Today, we receive close to 75,000 letters *per week* during 7 autumn, winter, and spring months, and some 55,000 to 60,000 per week during the warmer season. And that is from the UNITED STATES, *only*. Besides this there is a receipt of mail at our London, Sydney, and Vancouver offices, *much larger* per day at each office than we then had in 2½ weeks.

This letter of March 19, 1937 started out: "I am more than gratified at the evidence of rapidly increasing audience, growing power, and mounting influence." This mail count inspired us to increased activity then. And, by com-

parison with what God grants us today, that same report gives all of us, whose hearts are in God's Work, great inspiration to further increased activity, today!

I wonder if the reader can realize, as I read over these letters and reports from dusty files of 24 years ago, how much deep down satisfaction and inspiring GRATITUDE to our God it gives Mrs. Armstrong and me, today! It was a real struggle, then. It always has been! But the results with which we have been blessed—the assurance of continued MULTIPLYING growth from here on—is mighty gratifying, and worth all it has cost many thousands of times over! Incidentally, this same letter had written over the top—"Three more baptized this month—Praise God!"

The general letter sent out April 8, 1937 says this: "The radio program is TAKING HOLD! Our mail indicates its vast invisible audience is growing at the rate of ten thousand additional listeners every month. More than SIXTY THOUSAND people are in our audience every week." Today that many people and more send in *letters* every week!

There is a REASON for this rapid and consistent growth to the present 1961. That reason is partly stated in a paragraph in this letter of April 8, 1937: "This is *not* just another religious broadcast. It is utterly DIFFERENT! as I'm sure you realize by this time. It DARES TO PROCLAIM THE BIBLE TRUTH straight from the shoulder! It dares to WARN people of the fast-approaching dread DAY OF THE LORD, and to preach the only *true* Gospel—the Good News of the KINGDOM OF GOD! It dares to *correct* modern fables!"

The same remains true today, 24 years later!

More Persecution

On Sunday, May 2, 1937, the program on the three network stations was dedicated to high school students. By arrangements with the Principal of Eugene High School, the combined boys' and girls' glee clubs of that school furnished the musical portion of the program. The Message was directed to high school students, in their own language, captioned: "Getting a Real Kick Out of Life." A special notice was sent

Eugene, Oregon
April 26, 1937

To the Principals of the High Schools
of Oregon and Southwestern Washington:

Will you please announce before your student body, in assembly, that on next Sunday, May 2nd, the service of THE RADIO CHURCH OF GOD will be dedicated to the high school students of this district?

The entire musical portion of the program will be furnished by the combined boys' and girls' Glee Clubs of Eugene High School, under direction of Miss Caroline Woods.

There will be a special message, teeming with life and interest, dealing with the problems, interests and ambitions of the high school student---by one who understands their viewpoint and their aspirations---which I feel sure every student will want to hear, and every principal will want to encourage his student-body to hear. The subject will be "Getting a Real Kick out of Life."

The program is from TEN to ten-thirty, every Sunday morning,---broadcast over the Oregon Net-Work, including stations KXL Portland, KSLM Salem, and KORE Eugene. I trust you will co-operate, as Eugene High is doing, by urging your students to tune in for this special High School program on next Sunday.

Sincerely yours,


Herbert W. Armstrong, Pastor
The RADIO CHURCH OF GOD.

A copy of the special announcement sent to high school principals. The glee clubs combined to give the musical portion of the radio program.

on the Monday preceding to Principals of the High Schools of Oregon and southwestern Washington, asking them to announce the program to students in assembly.

About the first week in July, another six weeks' tent campaign was started in Eugene. The tent belonging to the Oregon Conference, seating about 350, was pitched on West 10th or 11th Street. The attendance was good—averaging 150 to 200 per night. As usual, there were a number of converts.

August 20th to 29th, inclusive, a camp meeting was held in "Cabin City," on the highway just north of Eugene. The evangelistic campaign ended in time to transfer the tent to the camp grounds.

This particular camp meeting was the last of our co-operation with the Salem, W. Va. branch of the "Sardis" church. The son of one of the so-called "12 apostles" of that church informed me of a plot, hatched at a meeting he attended with his father, in which the so-called "leading ministers" of that group intended to use this camp meeting, of which we at Eugene were hosts, to attempt to discredit and ruin the radio broadcast.

I had announced the camp meeting

over the air, weeks ahead, and invited all listeners to attend. Immediately, on learning of the plot, I appointed a Committee to be in charge of the camp meeting, and had them go to the "leading ministers" who already were in Oregon, demanding that all antagonisms and derogatory insinuations against me personally and the radio program be withdrawn from their plans. They refused, saying other ministers from the east coast were coming, whom they could not muzzle, and they were determined to ruin the broadcast if possible.

Thereupon, I announced there would be no camp meeting. In two days the "apostle" customarily in charge of these annual camp meetings arrived in Eugene from southern California. He came straight to our home.

What was this, he asked, about my threatening to call off the camp meeting?

"That's right," I said, explaining to him the conspiracy to defame the broadcast and ruin it.

"But you *can't* stop the meeting from being held," he exclaimed.

"But I *can*, and *will*," I replied. "You see, I have rented this camp grounds in my own name, and I alone

control it. I will not allow the grounds to be used. I have the entire member mailing list. I shall send out notices informing all of the FACTS, telling them it is cancelled, and not to come. About 85% of all expected to attend are members of the two churches at Eugene and up at Jefferson, of which I am Pastor—and they will do exactly as I say. There is no other possible place where such a meeting could be held. On next Sunday, I shall announce to the radio audience that the camp meeting, to start that night, has been cancelled. **NOBODY WILL COME!** Now tell me, please—how are *you* going to stop *me* from stopping the camp meeting, and saving the broadcast?"

His wife intervened, and advised him to realize that I "had him over a barrel."

He then begged me not to stop it, *promising* there would be no attacks against me or the broadcast from the pulpit or otherwise during the meetings. But I remained adamant.

"Do you question my word?" he asked, a little indignant.

"It isn't your veracity but your *ability* to stop this vicious and evil attack that I question," I replied.

He reminded me that he was a cousin of the leader in the church, who held all these ministers under his thumb. He said he would **GUARANTEE** that nothing hostile would occur. Finally, on this, I relented and agreed to let the meeting go on.

But there was an undercurrent of bitterness and hate. Whenever I preached, the next minister to preach devoted his sermon to an attempt to refute, disagree with, and tear down everything I had said. I tried hard to preach on subjects that could not be disputed or disagreed with—yet they found a way to twist what I had said and attempt to cast reflection against me.

Then, at a ministers' meeting, this very "apostle" who had always appeared so friendly to me, proved himself willing to give a "Judas kiss." Having the floor, he said, in pretended sympathy, that *dear* Brother Armstrong had worked *so hard*, and was *so overworked*, that they had decided to "help" me by relieving me of some of my "burdens." Therefore, they had decided to appoint another of their ministers (one totally

hostile to me), as pastor of the church up at Jefferson. He almost wept crocodile tears of pretended sympathy.

One elder and one deacon of the Jefferson church, shocked and thoroughly aroused at this **SO EVIDENT** subterfuge and bit of deceitful hypocrisy, as a plot to "take over" that church, and thus rob the broadcast of its tithes and offerings, resigned immediately.

All of us at Eugene church, and half the members at Jefferson severed all connection and effort at co-operation with those who had proved themselves willing to serve Satan and their own personal greed, and to injure the very work of **GOD!** I am going to **END** all comment about that group here, with the epitaph that — like a dead tree — they have since split and resplit and resplit into so many little tiny groups, all hating one another, that no one seems to know where all of them are.

These harrassing events were unpleasant. It really did hurt Mrs. Armstrong and me, and all loyal to God's true Work, very deeply to see some we loved very much willing to be misled by greedy and self-willed little powerless preachers. But such is life, and such is this world!

Jesus Christ said the gate is narrow, and the road hard, difficult, that leads to **LIFE**, and only the **FEW** find it. We certainly have found His words true! It has not been an easy road. I know **WHY** Jesus was a man of sorrows. It was not because of persecution against *Him*, or personal suffering, but the anguish of seeing those He loved reject the truth and be willing to turn the wrong way to their own perdition! It hurts, deeply, to see people drop by the wayside!

Moving to Larger Station

But in the Work of God, the great blessings outweigh the sorrows 100 to 1. In my general letter of August 26, announcement was made of moving to a more powerful radio station in Portland—KWJJ, then 500 watts. We started on KWJJ Sunday, September 5.

Also at this time opportunity came to purchase a tabernacle in Portland, for an extended evangelistic campaign and a home for establishing a permanent church.

What happened to that, and how the work continued to expand and grow,

will have to be continued in next month's issue.

Heart-to-Heart Talk with the Editor

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day, is like precious pearls being trampled in the muck and mire by swine feeding on filthy slop.

Early the other morning in Cologne, Germany, I saw a contrasting view of human life. Looking out our hotel window, I saw, once again, German men, and a few women, walking briskly or riding their bicycles or automobiles down the street, carrying their inevitable leather briefcases—on the way to work.

I cannot say that I saw happiness written on any faces. But I did see purpose. I did see incentive, drive, determination. These Germans seemed to believe they were really *going somewhere!*

If you ask me what is wrong with America and Britain today, I will reply "**LACK OF PURPOSE!**" We don't seem to be going anywhere, as a nation. We have no sense of national **PURPOSE** and **MISSION**, except merely to hang on to the material prosperity we have.

But the Germans today have *purpose* written all over their faces, and evident in their springy gait and bounce. They are going to **TRY IT AGAIN!** Down underneath, most Germans *still* feel the slogan, "*Deutschland über Alles!*" Down deep, most Germans *still* have the conviction that it is their fate to conquer and rule the world as the "Master Race." And the Germans are *working hard*, and *producing much!* By use of the Six-Nation Common Market, they are fast rising to dominating **WORLD POWER** once again. Today, I see a prosperous Germany, rapidly growing more prosperous!

Here are the people whom the Kaiser led into a war of aggression to try to conquer the world. Here are the people who "fell for" Hitler's wild screaming, and with fanaticism followed him into provoking World War II. Here are people who have proved war-like. Truly, they have the characteristics of a lion and a leopard combined. They are willing to spring at the throats of the victims they intend to devour.

These people have *purpose!* These

people have incentive, ambition, which arouses them to ACTION, while we Americans and British, lacking national purpose, bask lazily in the sunshine of an already acquired prosperity, on which the Germans, and the Russians—and even others—have designs. We are like a fat, well-fed or over-stuffed domestic animal, too well satisfied with the meal we have eaten to show much energy, while these other lean, hungry wild animals are springing about preparing for the leap at our throats to take the spoil.

But WHY are the Germans a war-like people? WHY, when the right LEADER comes along, are they always ready to slave energetically and fanatically for him in destructive military aggression?

Are not they, as well as we, all descended from the same original human parents, Adam and Eve? And these ambitionless, cynical intellectuals on the ferry—are they not human children of the same human forefather? And do we not all have the same *human nature* that we have inherited from Adam?

Yes, and here is where we put our finger on the answer to the whole riddle. Adam rejected God's TRUTH. The symbolic tree of LIFE was simply God's Holy Spirit made accessible, by which our first parents *might have received sound minds*, comprehension of God's TRUTH, the knowledge of God's awe-inspiring supreme PURPOSE for our potential destiny, the knowledge of God's WAY to peace, happiness, interested, enjoyable, abundant living—the right KNOWLEDGE that would fire every one of us with tremendous zeal and ambition to achieve the GOOD and the GLORY that is offered us!

Instead, Adam and Eve cut themselves off from God, and from His Spirit, and from comprehension of His TRUTH. They disobeyed Him, rejected His rule and His guidance and divine help. They reached out and *took*—by stealing—the false KNOWLEDGE "of good and evil." Their minds became blinded to truth. They fed their minds on a mixture of materialistic fact and conjectured ERROR. And we, their children, have fed our minds on the same perverted educational diet ever since. A system of schools was established, under sway of Satan, to perpetuate ignorance of God's TRUTH, and injection of false knowledge and a

false sense of values into human minds, from babyhood.

The Germans, cut off from God's Truth and HIS WAYS, have been schooled in "German rationalism." They have been inoculated with the German materialistic ideals of being the Master Race, destined to conquer and rule the world. They believe as they do, and behave as they do, because of TEACHING that has come to them and been instilled into them for generations.

The cynical intellectuals think and behave as they do because of their heredity and their teaching, and worldly influences brought to bear, beginning from babyhood. In their minds they see, like Philip Wylie, the world's evils—but the solution and the true HOPE is hidden from them.

And back of it all is the fact that we were all born HUMAN. We are born with carnal minds; minds which can know only what enters through the physical five senses. Without God's Holy Spirit, human minds are incapable of comprehending SPIRITUAL TRUTH. These TRUE values cannot be seen, heard, felt, smelt or tasted—by the physical senses. This TRUE knowledge can enter the mind only by REVELATION—by the channel of GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT.

None can have God's Spirit until he is first convicted by God's Spirit. NONE can come to Jesus Christ, except the Spirit of the Father *draw him*—so said Christ! And this is not the time God Almighty has chosen to *save the world*—but only those few whom He is specially calling now, to be trained for a responsibility in the KINGDOM OF GOD,

when Christ rules the whole earth. We are called, now, to proclaim the advance GOOD NEWS of that wonderful, happy WORLD TOMORROW!

This world, blinded to the true way, is described in Deuteronomy 29:19: "... and it come to pass, when he heareth the words of this curse"—(we must reap what we sow)—"that he bless himself in his heart saying, 'I shall have peace, though I walk in the stubborn (mg.) imagination of mine heart, to add drunkenness to thirst:' the Eternal will not spare him."

This world rejects God's TRUTH—God's WAY of life. It follows the way that leads to curses. Yet, the people say in their hearts—"we are *determined* to reject God, and *still*, SOMEHOW, we shall *yet find a way* to have PEACE for ourselves, even if we have to get it by *taking it away from others*." They are truly thirsty for peace, for happiness, for prosperity and for joy. But they are stubborn. They want to TAKE these things—the human selfish and greedy way of VANITY. Instead of the true spiritual waters of life that would satisfy, they try to quench their thirst on excessive strong drink that brings spiritual drunkenness.

And, truly, they are SPIRITUALLY DRUNK! Their spiritual eyes are so blurred and out of focus by the false spiritual wine of pagan myths, superstitious religions, atheistic concepts, and vain philosophies, that TRUTH is completely blurred to their sight—they are UNABLE to grasp it!

But, if God has opened *our* eyes—set them in sharp, clear focus—permitted us to comprehend, through His precious Spirit, what the world is not able, yet, to see, we need to remember this is DANGEROUS KNOWLEDGE—for God will hold us accountable for what we do with it!

I cannot walk up to a misguided individual and *force* enlightenment into his mind any more than I can make a stubborn mule drink water. Nor can you. But, together, we can co-labor *with Christ*, who is our High Priest and living HEAD, in carrying out HIS MISSION for this time—proclaiming, as a witness, the advance GOOD NEWS of the joyful WORLD TOMORROW—when Christ in Person will set His hand to SAVE THIS WORLD!

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