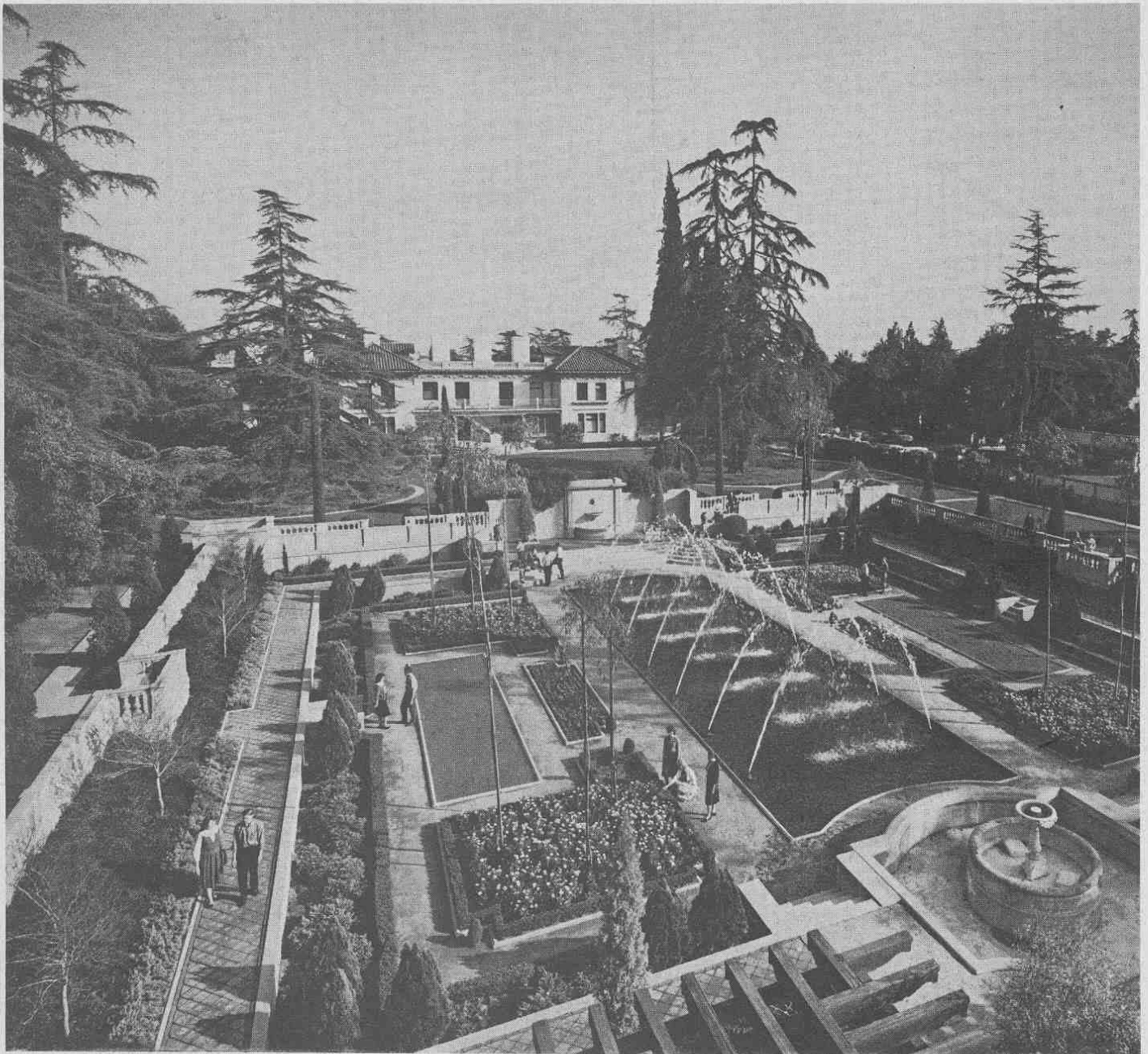


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BEAUTIFUL ITALIAN SUNKEN GARDEN at Ambassador College in Pasadena, California, with Ambassador Hall in the background.

What our READERS SAY

African Student Listens

"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"Two days ago I was listening to the radio and I was very interested in your evening Bible message. Will you please send me some of your Bible literature in case you issue them free? I am an African student from Kenya, East Africa, studying in this country."

Patchogue, New York.

Corrected!

"Your picture in last issue on page 4 was not showing the River Rhine, but the River Elbe by Hamburg, Germany."

Reader from Hamburg

• Reader is right. Hamburg skyline is in background.

Article Convinces Husband

"I have been following your articles on childbirth with great interest as we are expecting our fifth child.

It expresses my convictions exactly. I wanted to have my last baby at home but my husband would have none of it; however, since reading Mr. Ted Armstrong's article on having babies at home and it being written by a man, he has given me his consent to go ahead with this one, if the doctor will agree. We are 45 miles from the nearest hospital so there is a good chance that he will. So great big thanks for that article."

From Gibsons, British Columbia

Broadcast Witnesses

"It is astounding how many conversations I come across each day at work and in and around our neighborhood here, discussing your broadcast of the night before. It is getting positive results!"

Man from Ohio

Pastor Reads PLAIN TRUTH

"I have just finished reading the October issue of The PLAIN TRUTH. The article, 'Will You Get to Heaven?' is the best I have ever read or heard. I have in the past years tried to preach what the Bible has to say about heaven to my people, but many still will not let go of pagan ideas and let God tell them the truth. This article has been a

real help to me. I will be very grateful if you will begin sending me The PLAIN TRUTH each month."

Pastor from Mississippi

Listener Buys Bible

"Everything you say is quite different to what I have been taught. We were not even given a Bible. I have now bought one to follow the scriptures through as I listen to you. I know you are speaking God's truth."

From Cairns, Queensland

Predictions Come True

"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"For several years I subscribed to your magazine but finally cancelled my subscription because I didn't want to believe the things you had to say. However, so much of what you predicted seems to be coming true and past and current events involving our nation have made it impossible not to believe. Would you kindly renew my magazine subscription?"

Woman from Chehalis, Wash.

Bible Story Stirs to Action

"I must tell you what happened after we had read the first chapter of The Bible Story that we received. It was the one dealing with unclean foods. The children started looking around to see if we had any foods that were unclean, and we found that we were eating bacon and ham. Now those two items are off our menu."

Family from New Zealand

Convinced!

"Okay, we're convinced! We'd like to have a copy and look at your so highly recommended magazine. . . ."

Woman from Kent, Washington.

Soldier Quits Robbing God

"Please find enclosed a money order for . . . my tithes for August and September. I just decided in October that I shall quit robbing God of what is His and give what He has commanded to His true workers who publish His true gospel. Thank God for you and your wonderful staff."

Soldier from Germany

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OUR COVER

For this 28th Anniversary number, we show you, on our cover, an exciting contrast from the small, crude beginning of this Work of God, in the little inside room—without windows or ventilation—in Eugene, Oregon. To picture to our readers the majestic beauty of tone and character of the properties with which the Eternal God has blessed His Work after all these years, we have chosen this picture of the formal Italian Sunken Garden on the campus grounds of Ambassador College in Pasadena, at the World Headquarters of this great Work.

This magnificent garden was built by multi-millionaire Hulett C. Merritt, who was the largest stockholder of the United States Steel Corporation. He had copied it from a fabulous Sunken Garden he had seen in Boston, Massachusetts. Mr. Merritt's mansion and fabulous grounds adjoined the Ambassador College campus. After his death, some six years ago, a group of financiers arranged the purchase of his estate, intending to donate it to Ambassador College. When these men failed to complete the purchase and donation, a number of our own Co-Workers stepped into the breach and completed it for us. This estate includes Ambassador Hall, our present principal class-room building.

Everything connected with this Work—its phenomenal growth in power and scope around the world—as well as such fine properties coming to us, has been providential.

Personal from the Editor

WITH this 28th Anniversary number, *The PLAIN TRUTH* takes one more important leap ahead.

Only last June it was increased from 32 to 40 pages. Now, with this issue, 8 more pages are added. You have in your hands, now, a magazine enlarged to a full 48 pages!

This latest expansion brings to me personally a very rewarding sense of satisfaction, with deep and heart-felt gratitude to the Great God who has prospered and built this great world-wide Work. It is one of the rich rewards God has given after 28 years of hardship, struggle, opposition, hard work and perseverance.

Mrs. Armstrong shares this gratitude and rejoicing, just as she also has shared those years of hardship and diligent industry as my constant loyal helper.

When *The PLAIN TRUTH* was stepped up to 40 pages, with the June 1961 number, I took our readers behind the scenes, to show you how this magazine is written and produced. I introduced to you, with their pictures, 23 key members of our world-wide staff.

Many of you will remember I left out Mrs. Armstrong's picture. But what an onslaught of protesting letters reminded me of that omission, *demanding* that we publish *her* picture! Well, we did, in the August number, even though she doesn't like to have her picture published.

In that June number, in my personal talk with our readers, I introduced you to our editors and various chief staff members, and, on a tour in writing, took you into the various editorial, research, production, printing, and mailing rooms.

In this 28th Anniversary talk with our readers, I want to bring you up to date on how this magazine, now read by a million readers on all inhabited continents around the world, has developed and grown from the very

smallest, most insignificant possible beginning.

Also I want to show you, in this present number, pictures of our modern new *Ambassador College Press* building, located at one corner of the 30-acre campus in the very heart of Pasadena. I wish each one of you could visit the World Headquarters and Ambassador College, and I could have the privilege of escorting you in person over the campus on what we sometimes laughingly call "the \$64 tour"—or, if we could visit Ambassador College in England together, and I could take you on what we laughingly term the "25-guinea tour" of the 175-acre grounds over there.

However, I will add, that when any of our readers may visit either place, if I am not available personally to take you on a tour of the grounds and buildings, there will always be staff members on hand who will greatly enjoy the privilege. We do extend you a warm and hearty welcome. We think you will enjoy it. But be sure to allow not less than two or three hours for the tour, at either place, Pasadena or England, for you'll not be able to see all you'll want to, even in that amount of time.

The vision of one day publishing *The PLAIN TRUTH* first came in 1927. I was unable to start it then, but the idea was generating in my mind. More than that, I began working out "dummy" copies of this "dream magazine" I hoped someday to begin publishing. I even worked out captions and sub-headings for articles—some of which I had written already, some of which I contemplated writing.

But, please stop and think a moment. How would just anybody who thought he would like to edit and publish a magazine get such a magazine started? At that time advertising businesses I had started had twice been wiped out from under my feet. I was reduced to



Front page of the very first issue of "The PLAIN TRUTH" ever published—Vol. I, No. 1, February, 1934. Present issue is 28th Anniversary Number!

In August, 1933, the "salary" was only \$3 per week. This was the very bottom of the depression—the year President Franklin D. Roosevelt closed the banks. At that time I found I could not serve God faithfully on a salary paid by PEOPLE. It was a choice between serving the PEOPLE, or giving up their salary and trusting God alone for support, in order to KEEP HIS WORD faithfully, and be able to proclaim it honestly.

At the time I was holding nightly evangelistic meetings in a little one-room country schoolhouse eight miles west of Eugene, Oregon. That little campaign resulted in a new church of 19 members. Then, now that I was trusting GOD ALONE, for financial support, for His TRUTH—for EVERYTHING—God began to open doors for mass evangelism!

God knew how pitifully impotent and weak we were—especially financially, and in backing of numbers of people. So He opened the mighty door of RADIO. Of course, in the very smallest possible way at first. I have said so many times that God starts all things that He does through *human* instruments the very *smallest*. But if GOD plants the work, it will GROW, and ultimately it will become the BIGGEST of all.

There was a real reason. I still had to be tried and tested. Would I *hold fast to God's Word*—letting it correct where wrong, instruct and increase knowledge still new to me? Also I had to learn and gain by experience. The smallest wattage of radio power of any station on the air commercially was 100 watts. We started, the first Sunday in January, 1934, on such a station in Eugene, Oregon.

And now, *at last*, God made possible the starting of *The PLAIN TRUTH*! The radio broadcast provided the means of gaining subscribers, starting a circulation. By this time I had learned that GOD'S WAY is *not* to SELL His TRUTH. I could not charge those who received it a subscription price. I had to RELY ON GOD to supply, on sheer faith, the financial means.

And, at that time, financial means were about as near non-existent as possible. I had sent out a letter to the very
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one advertising client, with a \$50 per month income, and a family of six to support. I had no capital, but I did have some debts. In that predicament, how was I to start publishing a magazine?

Who would pay for having it printed? Where and how would I get subscribers or readers?

Well, don't laugh. The way was not open—*then!* But there is the saying, "where there's a will, there's a WAY!" I had the vision, and I had the will. The WAY had not yet opened.

But God Almighty was dealing with me. He dealt with me in rather tough manner—the going was surely rough. There was a reason. But already I had given my life over to Him to use as He saw fit. I still had years of intensive study, research, and personal *change*—both overcoming and development—to wade through. God knew He still had many rough edges to knock off spiritu-

ally. I was not yet prepared or ready.

But I never forgot or gave up the *purpose* and the determination that had been formed, that this magazine was going to become a reality. It was going to be called *The PLAIN TRUTH*. It was going to make the TRUTH, which is revealed in God's Word the BIBLE, *plain* so people could understand it. It was going to be a magazine of UNDERSTANDING! It was going to have *life, verve, spirit*. It was going to make the TRUTH so *interesting* people would want to read it!

Finally, in early summer, 1931, I was ordained and put into God's work as an evangelist full time, on salary of \$20 per week. Then I began issuing a mimeographed Bulletin for the few church brethren who employed me, in the Willamette Valley of Oregon. But there still was no opportunity to start *The PLAIN TRUTH*.

The BIGGEST News Fulfilling PROPHECY

What is the single most important fulfillment of PROPHECY that has occurred in this decade?

by Herbert W. Armstrong

YEARS ago, when I was advertising manager of a daily newspaper, the news staff and I were having a discussion.

"What would be the biggest, most sensational, 8-column banner headline that could possibly be written for any event that might occur?" asked the City News Editor.

There were many hypothetical events suggested.

"NEW WORLD WAR STRIKES" suggested one. This was several years before World War II.

"No," said a reporter, "even a bigger headline than a new world war breaking out would be this: 'NEW YORK CITY DESTROYED.'"

The City Editor grinned.

"Those are all tame," he jested. "I've got a bigger headline. Here it is: 'SECOND COMING OF CHRIST HAPPENED TODAY!'"

"Haw-Haw! Ho-Ho!" they all laughed. That is, all but me. "You win!" Yes, GOOD JOKE!

"You fellows may have to write that headline sooner than you think!" I said. "And you won't be laughing, then!"

"BEAST" Now Rising?

Recently Mrs. Armstrong and I were "honored guests" at one of our *Ambassador Clubs* at Ambassador College in Pasadena. These are after-dinner speech clubs. Nearly all men students, both at the Pasadena and the Bricket Wood (England) colleges are members of one of these clubs.

During the preliminary extemporaneous "Table Topics," abbreviated speeches of one minute or less, preceding the 6-minute prepared speeches, a question assigned was: "What is the most important prophecy fulfillment of 1961?"

Time was allowed only for three quick, brief answers—but there have

been many more than three *important* fulfillments of prophecy within the past decade—events plunging this world progressively and swiftly toward ARMAGEDDON—the Second Coming of Christ—and, finally, the PEACEFUL WORLD TOMORROW, when mankind, at last, will find happiness, universal plenty, and joyous, abundant living.

So let's take a quick look at a few—and I will then tell you *which*, of all the many prophesied events actually now happening, is the most important!

These students at the Ambassador Club dinner had to think fast—and give an answer within a matter of seconds after hearing the question.

The first student called on for a quick answer believed the rise of the Common Market in Europe, starting the movement toward the prophesied final resurrection of the "Holy Roman Empire" was the most significant world happening of the past year.

Certainly that is a major development in world news—of tremendous import viewed with a knowledge of THE PURPOSE being worked out here below! This is the prophesied symbolic "BEAST" of Revelation 17. On The WORLD TOMORROW program, and in the pages of *The Plain Truth*, we have been shouting to a heedless world for 28 years that this was going to occur—in OUR TIME.

Through these years, I have said that it would come as an ECONOMIC force, bringing unprecedented prosperity to Europe. But also, it is to become a political and military combine—a gigantic *third power bloc* in the world, that will include more population, greater man power, and possibly even greater military resources than either the United States or Russia.

When this giant combine—a United States of EUROPE—finally emerges as

such before a startled and dumbfounded world, it will last only a very short time. *It will fight against Jesus Christ, at His Second Coming!* And *that* will be its END! Since it will rise but a very *short time* prior to Christ's Coming, and the END of THIS WORLD—and since we see it actually beginning to be formed right now, IT IS OF TREMENDOUS SIGNIFICANCE!

It means that we are now only a *very few years* from THE END of this world, and the appearance of JESUS CHRIST as WORLD RULER.

Other BIG-News Events

We are living in unprecedented times. NEVER has the world seen times like these! We are in the LAST DAYS of this world! Prophecy fulfillment is literally *leaping ahead!* The fulfillments of prophecy are numerous! These events supply the BIG NEWS of the world today.

And no one—whether news commentator, government head, or ordinary citizen or subject—no one can UNDERSTAND the real *meaning* of this tremendous world news, *unless* he understands Biblical PROPHECY, and God's PURPOSE being worked out here below!

Just LOOK at some of the colossal events of world history, that have been occurring IN THIS VERY DECADE!

REVOLUTION IN THE WEATHER! God Almighty says HE controls the weather! He sends the rain on the just and the unjust—*when* He sends it! He causes it to rain, He says, on one city, and He brings drought on another city. In Joel 1, in Matthew 24, Mark 13, Luke 21 and John 13—in Revelation 6, and in other prophecies, a revolution in the weather — leading to unprecedented FAMINE by around 1970-72 is prophesied. In its wake is prophesied frightful disease epidemics! A THIRD OF THE

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RADIO LOG

"The WORLD TOMORROW"

MAJOR STATIONS— Heard over wide areas

East

- WINS—New York—1010 on dial, 9:30 p.m. Sun., 11 p.m. Mon. thru Sat. (E.S.T.)
 WWVA—Wheeling, W. Va.—1170 on dial, 10:30 a.m. and 11:15 p.m. Sun., 10 p.m. Mon. thru Sat. (E.S.T.)
 WNAC—Boston—680 on dial, 8:30 p.m. Sun.
 WIBG—Philadelphia—990 on dial, 12:30 p.m. Sun.
 WPTF—Raleigh, N.C.—680 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun., 8:05 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

Central States

- WLAC—Nashville—1510 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun., 7 p.m. daily and 5 a.m. Mon. thru Sat. (C.S.T.)
 WSM—Nashville—650 on dial, 9 p.m. Sun., 12 a.m. Mon., thru Fri., 1 a.m. Sun. (C.S.T.)
 WCKY—Cincinnati—1530 on dial, 7 and 9:30 p.m. Sun., 5:30 a.m. Mon. thru Sat. (E.S.T.)
 CKLW—Detroit-Windsor—800 on dial, 7 p.m. Sun.
 KCMO—Kansas City—810 on dial, 7:30 p.m. Sun., 8:15 p.m. and 5 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KXEL—Waterloo, Ia.—1540 on dial, 8 p.m. Sun., 9:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KXEN—St. Louis—1010 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun., 12 noon Mon. thru Sat.

South

- KRLD—Dallas—1080 on dial, 8:10 p.m. daily.
 KTRH—Houston—740 on dial, 8:00 p.m. Sun., 9:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KWKH—Shreveport—1130 on dial, 10:30 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. Sun., 9:15 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 11 a.m. and 11:30 p.m. Sat.
 WGBS—Miami—710 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun.
 KTHS—Little Rock—1090 on dial, 9:30 a.m. and 8:15 p.m. Sun., 9:15 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 8 p.m. Sat.
 WNOE—New Orleans—1060 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun.
 WGUN—Atlanta—1010 on dial, 4 p.m. Sun., 11 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KRMG—Tulsa—740 on dial, 7:30 p.m. Sun., 9:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 XERF—Del Rio, Tex.—1570 on dial, 6:30 p.m. daily (C.S.T.)
 XEG—1050 on dial, 8:30 p.m. daily. (C.S.T.)

*Asterisk indicates new station.

Mountain States

- CFRN—Edmonton, Alta.—1260 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.
 XELO—800 on dial, 8 p.m. (M.S.T.) 9 p.m. (C.S.T.) daily.

West Coast

- KGO—San Francisco—810 on dial, 10 p.m. Sun., 9:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KIRO—Seattle—710 on dial, 10:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KGBS—Los Angeles—1020 on dial, 10 p.m. Sun.
 KRAK—Sacramento—1140 on dial, 9 p.m. daily.
 KFRE—Fresno—940 on dial, 10:30 a.m. and 8 p.m. Sun., 8 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.
 XERB—Lower Calif.—1090 on dial, 7 p.m. daily.

LEADING LOCAL AREA STATIONS

East

- WNTA—New York area—970 on dial, 9 a.m. Sun., 7:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 WWIN—Baltimore—1400 on dial, 12 noon Sun., 12:15 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 WPIT—Pittsburgh—7:30 on dial, 3:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 WMIE—Miami, Fla.—1140 on dial, 8:30 a.m. Sun., 12 noon Mon. thru Sat.

Central

- WSPD—Toledo, Ohio—1370 on dial, 9:05 p.m. daily.
 WJBK—Detroit—1500 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun.
 WADC—Akron, Ohio—1350 on dial, 9:30 p.m. daily.
 WOW—Omaha, Nebr.—590 on dial, 9:30 p.m. Sun., 10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KRVN—Lexington, Nebr.—1010 on dial, 10:30 a.m. daily.
 WNAX—Yankton, S. Dak.—570 on dial, 8:30 p.m. daily.
 WEAW—Chicago—1330 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun. (AM & FM), 7 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 WIBC—Indianapolis—1070 on dial, 10:30 p.m. Sun.
 KWTO—Springfield, Mo.—560 on dial, 7:00 p.m. daily.
 KFH—Wichita, Kans.—1330 on dial, 6:30 p.m. daily.
 KFYR—Bismarck, N. Dak.—550 on dial, 7 p.m. daily.
 CFQC—Saskatoon, Sask.—600 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.

South

- KCTA—Corpus Christi, Tex.—1030 on dial, 2 p.m. Sun., 12:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 4:30 p.m. Sat.

- KCUL—Ft. Worth—1540 on dial, 1 p.m. Sun., 8:30 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KENS—San Antonio—680 on dial, 9:00 p.m. Sun., 9:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KFMJ—Tulsa—1050 on dial, 12:30 p.m. daily.
 KBYE—Okla. City—890 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun., 12:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 WKYB—Paducah, Ky.—570 on dial, 12 noon daily.

Mountain States

- KPHO—Phoenix—910 on dial, 6:30 p.m. daily.
 KLZ—Denver—560 on dial, 10:45 p.m. Sun. thru Fri., 10:30 a.m. Sat.
 KCPX—Salt Lake City—1320 on dial, 7 p.m. daily.
 KIDO—Boise, Idaho—630 on dial 7 p.m. daily.

West Coast

- KHQ—Spokane—590 on dial, 9 p.m. daily.
 KVI—Seattle—570 on dial, 8 a.m. Sun.
 KNBX—Seattle—1050 on dial, 12 noon daily.
 KWJJ—Portland—1080 on dial, 10 p.m. Sun., 9 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KUGN—Eugene—590 on dial, 7 p.m. daily.
 KSAY—San Francisco—1010 on dial, 7:30 a.m. daily.
 KHJ—Los Angeles—9:30 on dial, 7:30 p.m. Sun.
 KRKD—Los Angeles—1150 on dial, 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sun., 7 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KBLA—Burbank—1490 on dial, 7:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. daily.
 KITO—San Bernardino—1290 on dial, 7 p.m. daily.
 KNEZ—Lompoc, Calif.—960 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun.

Alaska & Hawaii

- KFQD—Anchorage, Alaska—730 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.
 KULA—Honolulu, Hawaii—690 on dial, 10 p.m. daily.

TO EUROPE

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 In German—
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RADIO LOG

TO AFRICA

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and 4925 kc.—10:30 p.m.,
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BED78 Tainan City 1540 kc.;
BED79 Kaohsiung 1220 kc.;
BED82 Chiayi 1460 kc.;
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ALTO BROADCASTING SYSTEM
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DZRI, Dagupan City—1040 kc.—
9:00 p.m. Sunday.

DZRB, Naga City—1060 kc.—9:00
p.m. Sunday.

DXAW, Davao City—640 kc.—
9:00 p.m. Sunday.

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10:15 p.m. Mon. thru Thurs.

2AY—Albury, NSW—1490 kc.—
10:00 p.m. Sun.; 10:30 p.m.
Mon. thru Fri.

2GF—Grafton, NSW—1210 kc.—
10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

2GN—Goulburn, NSW—1380 kc.—
10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

2HD—Newcastle, NSW—1140 kc.—
10:30 p.m. Sun.; 10:03 p.m.
Mon. thru Thurs.; 10:50 p.m.
Fri.

2KA—Katoomba, NSW—780 kc.—
10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

2KM—Kempsey, NSW—980 kc.—
10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

2MW—Murwillumbah, NSW—1440
kc.—10:30 p.m. Mon. thru
Sat.

3AW—Melbourne, Vic.—1280 kc.—
10:30 p.m. Sun.

3BO—Bendigo, Vic.—960 kc.—10:30
p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

3CV—Maryborough, Vic.—1440 kc.—
10:30 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

3HA—Hamilton, Vic.—1000 kc.—
10:30 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

3KZ—Melbourne, Vic.—1180 kc.—
10:30 p.m. Sun.; 10:45 p.m.
Mon. thru Thurs.; 10:15 p.m.
Fri.

3MA—Mildura, Vic.—1470 kc.—
3:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.;
10:00 p.m. Sat.

3SH—Swanhill, Vic.—1330 kc.—
10:30 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

3SR—Shepparton, Vic.—1260 kc.—
10:30 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

3UL—Warragul, Vic.—880 kc.—
10:30 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

3YB—Warrnambool, Vic.—1210 kc.—
10:30 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

4AK—Oakey, Qld.—1220 kc.—9:30
p.m. Sun.; 10:15 p.m. Mon.
thru Thurs.; 10:30 p.m. Fri.

4BK—Brisbane, Qld.—1290 kc.—
9:30 p.m. Sun.; 10:15 p.m.
Mon. thru Thurs.; 10:30 p.m.
Fri.

4CA—Cairns, Qld.—1010 kc.—10:00
p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

4TO—Townsville, Qld.—780 kc.—
10:15 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

4KQ—Brisbane, Qld.—690 kc.—
10:30 p.m. Sun.

4WK—Warwick, Qld.—880 kc.—
10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

6GE—Geraldton, WA—1010 kc.—
9:30 p.m. Sun.; 10:00 p.m.
Mon. thru Fri.

6KG—Kalgoorlie, WA—860 kc.—
10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

6PM—Perth, WA—1000 kc.—10:00
p.m. Sun.; 10:15 p.m. Mon.
thru Fri.

6AM—Northam, WA—980 kc.—
10:00 p.m. Sun.; 10:15 p.m.
Mon. thru Fri.

7AD—Devonport, Tas.—900 kc.—
3:30 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

7SD—Scottsdale, Tas.—540 kc.—
4:00 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

2XM—Gisborne, New Zealand—
1180 kc.—8:30 p.m. Wed.;
9:15 p.m. Thurs.; 10:00 p.m.
Sat.

TO LATIN AMERICA

In English—

RADIO AMERICAS—Swan Island—
1160 kc.—6:30 p.m., E.S.T.
Sun.

RADIO AMERICA—Lima, Peru—
1010 kc.—6:00 p.m. Saturdays.

HOC21, Panama City—1115 kc.—
7:00 p.m., Sundays.

HP5A, Panama City—11170 kc.—
7:00 p.m., Sundays.

HOK, Colon, Panama—640 kc.—
7:00 p.m., Sundays.

HP5K, Colon, Panama—6005 kc.—
7:00 p.m., Sundays.

In Spanish—

RADIO SWAN—Swan Island—1160
kc.—9:00 p.m., Sat. and Sun.

RADIO LA CRONICA—Lima, Peru
—1010 kc.—7:00 p.m. Sun.

RADIO COMUNEROS — Asuncion,
Paraguay—970 kc.—8:30 p.m.
Thursdays.

RADIO SPORT—CXA19—Monte-
video, Uruguay—11835 kc.—
4:00 p.m., Sundays.

RADIO CARVE—CX16, 850 kc.,
and CX13, 6156 kc.—Mon-
tevideo, Uruguay—3:30 p.m.,
Saturdays.

BIGGEST News Fulfilling Prophecy

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PEOPLE OF THE U.S. AND BRITISH
COMMONWEALTH NATIONS WILL DIE
OF THIS SCOURGE!

Already we are seeing the first be-
ginnings of this. There is a revolution
in the weather. Weather experts are
alarmed!

Accompanying this, increasing and
greater EARTHQUAKES are prophesied.
That, too, has been shaking this earth
with increasing intensity during the
past decade!

A third student named the decay—
the progressive decadence within the
United States and British Common-
wealth nations as a *most* significant ful-
fillment of prophecy! Every kind of
CRIME is on the rampant increase! Our
FORM of godliness is increasing—along
with a *curiosity*-interest in religion, and
church attendance—but belief in the
POWER of God, and living HIS WAY of
righteous life is rapidly deteriorating.
Even the clergy, and students in semi-
naries—the future ministers of religion
—are fast losing belief in a Personal
GOD, and in the BIBLE as His revealed
authoritative Word. We are having a
mounting divorce and re-marriage rate!
Broken homes are producing an ava-
lanche of JUVENILE DELINQUENCY!
We are becoming a soft, pleasure-seek-
ing, luxury-mad people.

We are having less and less respect for
authority. Women are trying to take
over the responsibilities of MEN, and
men are becoming mere and more UN-
manly and feminine. Homosexuality and
all forms of sex perversion and im-
morality are flooding our lands.

Our WORD is no good—we break
our contracts. We are more and more
sports-minded, but we want to take our
sports *sitting down*, paying admission
to WATCH others perform! Our health
is deteriorating—our hospitals are over-
crowded—and one in ten is becoming a
MENTAL patient!

Because OUR SINS are INCREASING,
God Almighty says He is now just about

ready to visit upon our peoples the most severe national PUNISHMENT ever suffered by any nations! He says He is going to use this EUROPEAN COMBINE now rising to DESTROY OUR CITIES (H-Bombs), and kill a third of our populations, after a third already have perished in the famine and disease epidemics! THIS NEED NOT HAPPEN—but it is *certain* unless our peoples REPENT, and turn to GOD and seek HIS WAYS! And you know they WON'T!

COMMUNISM

Then, look at COMMUNISM, and the uniting under this godless atheistic movement of the CHILDREN OF JAPHETH—the oriental world! Has *that* been BIG News? Ezekiel 38 shows definitely that some godless movement was going to bring those races together before the coming of CHRIST. They are to have MAN POWER (including women) in armies totalling TWO HUNDRED MILLION SOLDIERS! No army has ever yet remotely approached that vast number. Yet God says it will happen—SOON! (Rev. 9:16.) And the RED ARMIES already have the greatest man power of world history!

For 35 years, I have been saying—since *long before* China was brought into the Communist orbit—that these nations would be allied!

Another gigantic movement is just now beginning to attract public attention and to inspire BIG-news headlines, though it has been in process of forming for some time. A special article reporting the astounding FACTS will appear soon in *The Plain Truth*. That is the "ecumenical" movement among the organized religions that call themselves "Christian" today. Not only are Protestant bodies making more and more determined advances toward UNION—but the Eastern Orthodox Catholics are being courted—or are courting—and the Roman Catholic Church, although firmly refusing direct co-operation and all offers of COMPROMISE, nevertheless is *encouraging* all movements in this direction. She is extending every possible invitation for her protesting "wayward daughters" to come back into the fold—under absolute Papal RULE, of course!

Why is this movement so significant?

PROPHECY says there will be ONE professing "Christian" religion *combined with*, and actually HEADING, the new resurrected "Holy Roman Empire." They will STAMP OUT every other religion in the western world they are to conquer and RULE for the short space of 2 to 3½ years! *Your Bible* says they will persecute, and MARTYR all who do not bow under their yoke! Millions will be put to death for their belief in true BIBLE Christianity!

But this whole movement, in the early stages of merging, is *not* Christian. God names her. Through Isaiah 47 she is called the DAUGHTER of the ancient BABYLON. Hers is *not* the religion of CHRIST—but the ancient BABYLONIAN MYSTERIES, deceiving the world under a FALSE LABEL! The *real* name is not Christian. GOD calls her by her real name: "MYSTERY, BABYLON the Great, the mother of harlots" (Rev. 17:5). Yes, "MYSTERY, BABYLON" or, "BABYLONIAN MYSTERIES."

Another fulfillment of prophecy is MODERN SCIENCE, *falsely so-called*. It is *new* in the world. Of all the scientists who ever lived, 90% of them are in the present generation, alive today! God said, "KNOWLEDGE SHALL INCREASE." Much of it is false knowledge! Rapid transportation was to come (Dan.

12:4). Another *tremendous* development that has made the BIG NEWS, is the "Space Age" development. Jesus Christ said, "And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man." (Luke 17:26). It was undoubtedly still in the days of Noah, though after the flood, that his grandsons started building the tower of Babel. Noah lived after the Flood an additional 350 years. His three sons were nearly 100 years old at the time of the Flood. Children were born to these sons after the Flood—presumably almost immediately after. Babylon—and apparently the Tower—was built by Nimrod, who was prematurely killed before old age. Nimrod was the grandson of Ham, one of Noah's three sons.

Now I, myself, already have eight grandsons and three granddaughters—and I assure you I have not yet lived anywhere near 350 years since the first child was born to Mrs. Armstrong and me. We already have a grandson 19 years of age. Since Ham's son, Cush, probably was born only a year or so after the flood, and Nimrod was the son of Cush, it is highly probable Nimrod was born not more than 30 or 35 years after the Flood—and that he built Babylon about 115 years after the Flood

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Communist Double Talk. Reds promise peace, prosperity, happiness—but murder opposition. Dead peasants who were killed in the street fighting in Kazan, Siberia, at the time of the Communist Revolution.

United Press



Just What do You MEAN— BORN AGAIN!

Don't be too sure you know! Many religious people talk about being "born again"—yet they don't really know what Christ meant by those words. The TRUTH is surprising, startling—here made so plain you will UNDERSTAND!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

LET'S be honest—don't some of these religious terms seem vague, meaningless, when you stop to think about it?

Do you know that most people who think they have been "born again" actually have no more real conception of what it means than the young man who said he "gave his heart to the Lord" at a revival meeting. When asked if he had his chest cut open so he could reach in, take his heart out, and hand it to the Lord, he stammered confusedly that he guessed he didn't really know what it did mean, when he had been told that he "gave his heart to the Lord."

It's about time the TRUTH of what Jesus Christ meant by being "born again" is made *so plain* you will UNDERSTAND! For He did not say or mean what most religious people think! And NOTHING IS SO IMPORTANT!

Even Preachers Deceived

When Jesus said we cannot enter into the Kingdom of God except we be BORN AGAIN, Nicodemus was confused. He didn't understand—but he *did know* that he had been BORN—*once!* And he knew that to be BORN *meant* that he was literally delivered out of his mother's womb, *after* having been begotten by his human father, and having been nourished by food through his mother so that, as a growing foetus, he developed and grew physically large enough to be finally BORN! That was no ethereal, imaginary, mystic, unreal event.

Yes, Nicodemus knew what it meant to be BORN! But Jesus was talking about being born AGAIN—a *second* time—not of *material* flesh—not after being physically begotten by his *human father*—but of the SPIRIT, after being begotten by the *heavenly Father!*

WHY cannot people understand? It's

hard to believe, but YOUR BIBLE says that *this whole world* is DECEIVED!

Incredible though it seems, that is true!

Yes, even the clergy! Many large denominations of this world's organized religion ignore this subject altogether. Some refer to it, as a mythical, mystic, meaningless expression, casually and rarely, putting no emphasis on it as a doctrine or teaching. But a few put major stress on "a born-again experience"—without the slightest conception of *what it means!*

WHY this confusion of tongues? Actually, it has resulted from the greatest, most colossal and diabolical conspiracy ever perpetrated on mankind, which occurred between the years of 70 and 120 A.D.—actually beginning as early as 50 A.D.

The most tremendous discovery of this 20th Century—the most important acquisition of new knowledge—is the discovery of the *true factual and authentic history* of that gigantic organized conspiracy that resulted in deceiving the entire western world!

If it were truly UNDERSTOOD today what Jesus meant by being BORN AGAIN, the subject would be neither ignored, nor misrepresented in a pseudo-spiritual, mystic sentimentalism.

One religious leader, victim of the Great Delusion, gave this definition of a Christian: "One who has been born again, and washed in the blood of Christ." It will sound incredible to some, but emphatically that is *not* the Biblical definition. We shall make that PLAIN!

I have before me a religious weekly, in newspaper style, with a 3-column headline across the top of a 5-column front page, which says: "*What 'Born Again' Means.*" It is a long article, continuing over on, and almost filling an

additional whole page. But I read in vain to discover what this evangelist, with the title of "Doctor," thought the words really mean. He listed eight conditions, or religious states, which he thought resulted from the "experience." But what the words "born again" *mean*—what actually *takes place*, and *how* and *when*—or just what the "experience" is—he simply didn't know. After talking all around his subject, never getting down to it, he finally said the new birth is a "mystery" *which we cannot understand!*

But WE CAN UNDERSTAND!

God intends us to understand! YOUR BIBLE makes it PLAIN—yes, the PLAIN TRUTH—if you will only quit "interpreting," reading into it a supposed meaning carelessly assumed because it has been popularly taught—or representing it as a system of double-talk in which words do not mean what they say.

The BIBLE *says* what it MEANS—and it *means* precisely what it SAYS. Let's quit interpreting! Let's BELIEVE CHRIST, the *Living Word of GOD!*

A Contradiction?

There is a particular verse that has puzzled millions, discouraged thousands who didn't understand, and caused some to accuse the Bible of contradicting itself.

Look at this verse! It says—and *means, literally*: "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for His seed remaineth in him: and *he cannot sin, because he is born of God*" (I John 3:9).

Look at that! It says plainly, that after a man is "born of God" it is *impossible* to sin again.

Now is that a contradiction of verse 8 of the first chapter of the same

Book? Remember that in New Testament language the pronouns "we" or "us" refer to converted Christians. The unconverted are referred to as "they" or "them." An example is I Thes. 5. "For when *they* shall say, 'Peace and safety'; then sudden destruction cometh upon *them* . . . and *they* shall not escape. But *ye, brethren*, are not in darkness that that day should overtake *you* as a thief" (Verses 3 and 4).

Now compare the verse in I John 3:9 with the following, in I John 1:8-9: "If *we* say that *we* have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If *we*"—(already Christians who repented of, and had forgiven and wiped out, all previous sins at the time of conversion—so this is here referring to sins committed, though of course not deliberately and wilfully, *after* being converted)—"confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If *we*"—(we CHRISTIANS)—"say that *we* have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His Word is not in us" (Verse 10). Then, the next verse, I John 2:1: "And if any man sin, *we* (Christians) have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."

Of course the Bible teaches that Christians *should not sin*. The first part of I John 2:1 (not quoted above) teaches that. The emphasis all through the New Testament is on rooting out sin—overcoming sin—*growing* in God's righteousness, always toward perfection.

But these and numerous other verses (especially the Apostle Paul's experience, Romans 7:14-25) say plainly that converted Christians *do sin*—though not deliberately and wilfully. Certainly it is *not impossible!*

Look at Jesus Christ Himself! The Scriptures say He *did not sin*—yet they teach plainly that at all times *it was entirely possible* for Him to sin. Jesus, in the human flesh, "*was in all points tempted* like as we are, yet without sin" (Heb. 4:15). No Scripture says that He *could not sin*.

So here we have many Scriptures showing that it is NOT IMPOSSIBLE for converted Christians to sin—it was NOT IMPOSSIBLE even for Jesus! Yet, in I John 3:9, we have the flat statement that, if and when we are actually *born*

of GOD, we *shall not be able to sin*—IT WILL THEN BE IMPOSSIBLE!

THERE IS NO CONTRADICTION BETWEEN THESE SCRIPTURES!

The Source of Error

Nearly every error is based on a false assumption, taken carelessly for granted. The universal error, in this case, is the untrue ASSUMPTION that when one is converted—when one has fully repented, accepted Christ in faith, and received God's Spirit—or, as some state it, "been baptized by the Holy Spirit"—that he has then been "born again."

The colossal error is merely one of using incorrect terminology—yet the error is far-reaching, and *totally hides from the world the overwhelming, ALL-IMPORTANT MEANING* of being BORN of GOD! By this apparently slight misuse of terminology, a cunning devil has DECEIVED THE WHOLE WORLD as to *what salvation is*—what is the reward of the "saved"—what is the real PURPOSE of LIFE—the MEANING of SALVATION—the goal of God's Plan!

This misapplication of *one word* of religious terminology has deceived a confused world into viewing the matter of being "born again" as some ethereal, mystic "experience" one is supposed to "feel," or, somehow, though he sensed nothing, to have gone through when he professed Christ!

What most religious people—if they use the term—call being "born again" is simply MIS-NAMED. Actually, the term "born again" does not apply at all, nor refer to, the experience of a true CONVERSION—the receiving of God's Holy Spirit—or, as some phrase it, the "baptism of the Holy Spirit." Most, however, who use this latter term are as deceived as to what it is, as they are about being "born again."

The real SOURCE of this whole stupendous error is this: In the English language, we have *two different words* to express the *two phases* that occur in the reproductive process of all mammals.

The one, which is the very *start* of the new life, we call *conception*, or a *begetting*. All human and animal life comes from an egg-cell, which must first be *fertilized, impregnated, conceived, or begotten* (yes, we have all four of those words for this first initial phase of the

reproductive process) by a sperm-cell *from the FATHER*. But NO ONE EVER calls this beginning of the process a BIRTH!

In the case of all mammals, the *begotten* egg-cell is called a foetus. In the human family it starts as small as a very tiny pencil dot. It cannot be BORN until, nourished on material food through the mother, in the uterus or womb of the mother, *it develops and grows*, physically, to a size averaging 6 to 9 pounds in the human family.

The phase of the process which in the English language we call being BORN is that process by which the foetus is *delivered* from the mother's womb, and out into the world comes a little baby to gasp its own first breath. It has then BEEN BORN!

But if you would try to tell a doctor, or a nurse, that the yet unborn foetus had already been *born*, as soon as you knew it had been *conceived, or begotten*, the doctor or nurse would surely think you ignorant, and probably try to explain.

The New Testament of the Holy BIBLE was originally written in the Greek language. And, in this case, the Greeks had *only one word* for the TWO vitally *different* phases of the process!

That Greek word is "*gennaō*" (pronounced ghen-ah-ō). The Greek-English dictionary (lexicon) gives this definition of the Greek word: *to procreate* (properly of the father, but by extension of the mother); *beget, be born, bring forth, conceive, be delivered of, gender.*"

Four of those definitions mean to beget or to conceive—but NOT to be BORN. To *procreate* means to beget. To *conceive* has the same meaning. Webster's dictionary defines "*gender*" as to beget, breed, generate. It does *not* refer to the birth. But three of the lexicon definitions of "*gennaō*" mean the actual BIRTH: "*be born,*" "*bring forth,*" and "*be delivered of.*"

Misleading Translation

Since the original Greek, in which the New Testament was written, has *only the one word for both meanings*—and since the "scholars" of our comparatively recent years who translated the Bible into English did not, themselves, (Please continue on page 21)

The Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong

The WORLD TOMORROW leaps ahead with the first daily broadcasting—now from Hollywood. Impact of the Work more than doubled. How a son was trained.

INSTALLMENT 42

WE COME, now, to April, 1942. Our elder daughter was happily married, and now our younger daughter was making determined efforts to achieve the same status.

On the Air—In Hollywood!

Her fiance, Vern Mattson, was in the Marines. She had word from him that his Division—the famous First Division U. S. Marines of Guadalcanal fame—was shipping out from New River, North Carolina. He didn't know where. The destination could be Europe. But his guess was the far Pacific, via the Panama Canal.

He thought they might stop off briefly at San Diego, Los Angeles, or San Francisco. It was a "long-shot" chance, but if they did, Vern and Dorothy wanted to be married—even if it should be no more than a three or four-hour stop-over.

In every war thousands of engaged couples face this same decision—whether to marry immediately or wait until after the war. My wife and I had discussed and argued the problem in the spring and summer of 1917—at the beginning of World War I. We had decided to let the chairman of my draft board make the decision for us. He said: "Get married." We did. And now we were hardly in position to throw any obstacles in Dorothy's path.

If the Marines did make a brief stop-over at one of the three California ports, there would be no time for him to come to Eugene, Oregon, or, after landing, for Dorothy to get to California.

Since we were at last ready, at the time, to add a Los Angeles station to the three we were then broadcasting over, it was decided that I should drive, with Dorothy, to Los Angeles.

The preceding summer Mrs. Arm-

strong and I had interviewed Mr. Kenneth Tinkham, manager of KMTR in Hollywood. He had agreed to accept the program when we were ready. He now cleared 9:30 Sunday mornings.

I rented a small apartment within walking distance of KMTR.

We were now *ON THE AIR—IN HOLLYWOOD!*

As I mentioned in the preceding installment, KMTR (now KLAC) had the *very desirable* wave-length of 570 kilocycles on the radio dial. This, combined with exceptional and unusual mechanical and transmitter advantages gave it a day-time signal almost equal to the average 50,000-watt station.

The mail response from listeners was at least double that of any of the three stations already used in the Pacific Northwest. I found our listening audience now doubled!

And Now—DAILY Broadcasting!

Within about two weeks a new opportunity came. When Mr. Tinkham called me to his office and offered it I didn't know whether to regard it as an opportunity or a temptation to disaster.

One of the leading Los Angeles radio ministers, Dr. Clem Davies, had been using two half-hour periods on KMTR daily, at 5:30 in the evening, and a morning half-hour. He was now changing to one program daily at the more expensive time of around 7:30 in the evening.

Mr. Tinkham offered me the 5:30 P.M. time Mondays through Saturdays, in addition to the 9:30 Sunday morning half-hour. The cost would be nearly six times the amount per week I was already paying KMTR. It had been a big leap ahead, in expenditures, as well as in numbers reached, to take on the Sunday broadcasting in the Los Angeles area.

The thought of meeting this tremen-

dous additional increase in expenses was staggering. Where would the money come from? There was no time to send letters to Co-Workers to see whether they would—or even *could*—pledge enough to guarantee this mountainous increase in expenses. I had to grab that open time within 24 hours or lose it.

Our readers will remember that I had learned the costly lesson back in the period from November, 1934 to late in 1936. The door of KXL, Portland, had opened. We then were on only one station, our original KORE, Eugene. But instead of recognizing that the living Christ, who *heads* God's Work, had opened this door and expected me to walk through in FAITH, I wanted to rely on pledges from PEOPLE. When our brethren and Co-Workers pledged only half enough, I was afraid to incur the obligation. Christ did not open that door before me again for two whole years!

Now He had opened another door. To me, at that time, this was a *stupendous* door. It probably meant at least *doubling* the entire expenses of the whole Work—in one sudden jump! And I had to pay each week in advance, too!

I telephoned Mrs. Armstrong at the office in Eugene. The total balance we had in the bank at the moment was exactly the amount of one week's daily broadcasting.

Well, even if it was our last dollar, God had supplied TODAY'S need for this colossal opportunity He had opened to us! Jesus' sample prayer teaches us to ask, "Give us *this day* our daily bread." God does not often give us today our need for next year—though He tells us elsewhere it is right for us to lay up in the summer for the winter's need, and even to lay up ahead for our children and grand-children.

But I had learned the lesson at great

price. This decision took courage. It took faith. God had opened now the biggest door so far. He had supplied the immediate need of that particular day.

I walked promptly through that door IN FAITH! *Blind faith!* I could not see where the money for a second week's daily broadcasting could come from. How could our income for the whole work suddenly double?

I decided that was GOD'S problem and responsibility. I committed it to Him, and wrote out a check for every dollar we had in the bank.

NOW WE WERE ON THE AIR, IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK! That was by far the most tremendous leap ahead so far!

Tremendous Response

But, miracle of miracles!—for once in our experience, the impact of this early evening DAILY broadcasting was as tremendous as the test of faith had been! Not once did I ask for contributions on the air, just as I had refused to do from the first broadcast in 1934. And the mailing address for free literature and *The PLAIN TRUTH*, offered on each program, was then Box 111, Eugene, Oregon.

Not only was there an immediate tremendous increase in mail from listeners—there was a corresponding increase in tithes and offerings arriving in Eugene.

The first week rolled by quickly. On the day the second week's advance-

payment for radio time was due, I telephoned our office in Eugene. The money for the second week's broadcasting was in the bank! And, a week later, there was enough for the third—and then the fourth, and on and on! God continued, week by week, to supply the NEED!

This daily broadcasting was a new experience. At that time I had always spoken on the air from written script. During those war years it was required. To write the script for a half-hour broadcast, including the study and research for material, occupied my entire time.

It now became daily routine. Early in the morning, each day, I started getting the broadcast material assembled and outlined—then putting it on the typewriter. Around 4:30 in the afternoon I pulled the last sheet of paper from the typewriter. Then the walk of a mile or so to the radio station, and on the air at 5:30.

Once a week—it was Thursday evenings—after the daily program, I went to a restaurant for dinner, checking the evening newspapers and the weekly news magazine for war news I could use—then, whipping together an outline of the material, I went on to the recording studio to record the Sunday program for the three Pacific Northwest stations. Then a drive to the Burbank airport to put the large transcription discs into the air-express office.

It was a grind. But it was *doubling* the size, scope and power of God's

Work, and *that* was a rewarding thrill!

Training a Son

Week after week this routine continued. As the weeks passed, no word came from Vern Mattson. We learned later that the First Division Marines had sailed through the Panama Canal, and straight through the Pacific to Guadalcanal, where they made their spectacular landing in the very *first* offensive driving the Japanese back from the vast Pacific empire they had captured.

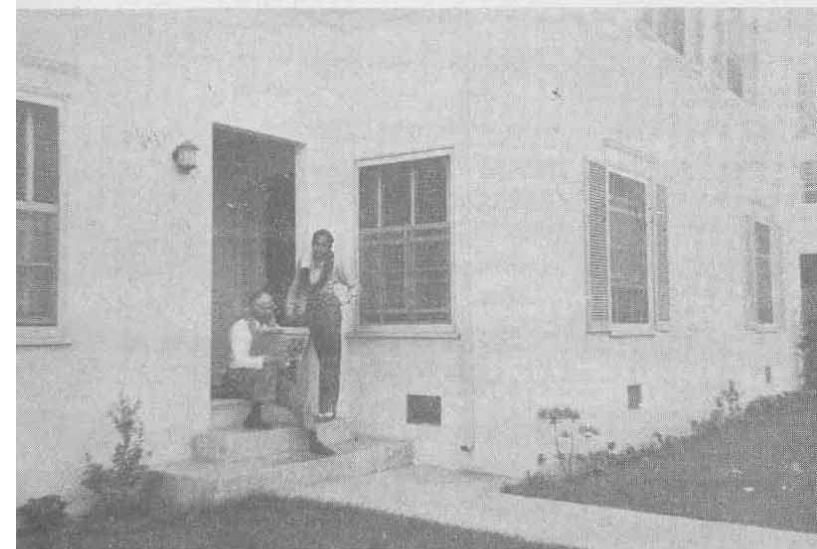
As soon as school was out, early June, Mrs. Armstrong called me on the telephone from Eugene.

"I'm sending Dick down to you on the next train," she said. "He's grown too big for me to punish, and I simply can't manage him any more."

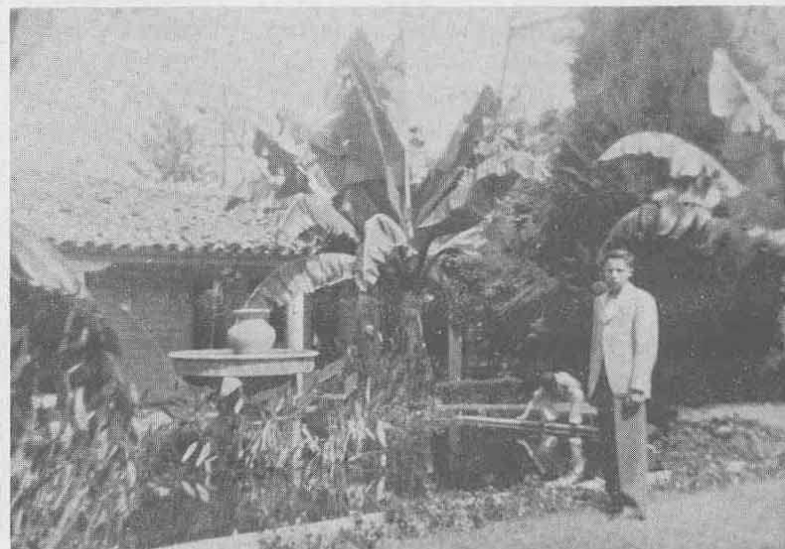
Dick was then thirteen, and only about four months from reaching fourteen. He was sprouting up.

Two problems had presented themselves with our two sons. Ted (Garner Ted, but we always called him Ted), had always been a "little fellow"—short for his age. Dick had been of normal height for his age. But our readers will remember that Mrs. Armstrong, over my protest, had insisted on starting the two boys in the first grade in school *together*. I had finally acquiesced to this. Ted had always been, as a small boy, a favorite with his woman teachers.

Because Ted, 16 months younger, had always basked in the limelight wherever



In front of the small apartment in Hollywood, California, are Mr. Armstrong and his son Dick, age 13½. The apartment was within walking distance of KMTR.



In front of the KMTR studio (now KLAC) is Richard D. Armstrong. The large leafed trees are bananas.



Mr. Armstrong digging in the sand with his boys, while on a fast at the Oregon coast. The two youngsters in swimming suits are unknown.



In the mountains of Oregon are Richard David and Garner Ted Armstrong throwing snowballs.

they were—"stolen the show" so to speak—Dick had developed an oversized inferiority complex. Here he was, sprouting up to a full man's height, almost fourteen, but seriously lacking in confidence.

It was some time after this—back in Eugene—that I discovered Ted working industriously and with a determined zeal on a muscle-building strong-man course he had found advertised in one of the magazines. Dick had always been taller, but now that Dick was sprouting up, and Ted had not yet reached that spurt to manly maturity, the difference in size had greatly increased. Up until this time the two boys had been closer buddies and pals than any two boys I ever knew. But now, Ted was suffering from a smarting feeling of inferiority. When I asked him what inspired this vigorously determined burst of energy, trying to build muscle, he replied,

"I'm getting ready to beat up on Dick. I'm tired of being pushed around, just because he's bigger than I am."

This is getting ahead of my story—for this occurred somewhat later. But let me state here that before Ted was able to develop enough muscle to "beat up on Dick" he, too, began to sprout up and finally reached full male maturity, exactly the same height as Dick—and both boys, finally, about 2½ inches taller than Dad. And, once Ted caught up in

physical stature, the two boys were inseparable pals and companions again.

From the moment Mrs. Armstrong said she was shipping Dick down to me, I knew I had to find a way to help him overcome his inferiority complex.

I decided on a definite plan. About the second day he was with us in Hollywood—after showing him around Hollywood to some extent—I asked him if he would not like to go over and see a boyhood friend, John Haeber, who lived in Hawthorne, south of Los Angeles. The Haebers had spent a lot of time in Oregon, and our boys had become acquainted with John, about their age.

Next morning early I gave Dick enough money for car fare to Hawthorne and back.

"Well, Dad, I don't know the way. How shall I go?" Dick asked.

"Dick," I said, "you have to begin right now learning to be self-reliant and finding your own way around. You already have the Haeber's street address. Learn to 'carry a message to Garcia' on your own. I'm too busy getting the broadcast ready to tell you. Here's car fare. You're on your own. Find your own way. And be back here in time for dinner. Good bye, son."

What went on in Dick's mind at that moment I never knew. But I opened the door, he went out, and he was on his own. Somehow, he worked out his

problem. He arrived at the Haebers', and was back in time for dinner. That was the beginning of my program for him.

A few days later I asked him if he would not like to spend the day out at the beach—at Santa Monica and Ocean-side. I gave him car fare. Again, I gave him no directions whatever, but told him to find his own way.

He was a little late returning. Somehow, he had lost his return car-fare in the sand. I do not remember now how he managed getting back to Hollywood—but he worked his own way out of his predicament without telephoning me for help. He lacked even the price of a telephone call, anyway.

A little later he mentioned going to the zoo. I didn't know where the zoo was, but gave him permission to go—again on his own.

Dick was learning self-reliance. He was developing initiative. He was finding his own way around. I planned to have Mrs. Armstrong and Ted come down before we ended our summer and returned to Oregon. One last thing remained in my plan before they came. I took Dick two or three times boating on the lagoons in MacArthur and Echo parks, taught him how to use the motor boats rented out there.

Now I was ready for Dick's *final exam* in his course in self-reliance, and

overcoming a feeling of inferiority to Ted.

Filling the Biltmore

Dr. Clem Davies, whose time I had taken over on KMTR, had been holding regular Sunday services at the Biltmore Theatre, largest in downtown Los Angeles. About the time he relinquished the 5:30 evening time for the better 7:30 time, a dramatic or comedy show starring George Jessel was opening at the Biltmore.

This had forced Mr. Davies out of the Biltmore, and he had moved his Sunday services to an auditorium at the Ambassador Hotel.

Along in early July, probably close to the 10th, I heard that the Jessel show was ending its engagement and moving on to San Francisco. Immediately I went to the office of the manager of the theatre.

The last Jessel performance was to be Saturday night. Would the theatre be available on next Sunday?

"Why, yes, the theatre will be available," he said, "but you couldn't afford to rent it."

"How do you know I couldn't?" I demanded. "How much will it cost?"

"Now look, Mr. Armstrong," he persisted. "Dr. Davies had been holding services here a long time. It took him years to build up a good-sized audience. He took up *three collections* at every service—and he just barely took in enough to pay the rent. You've only been on the air down here about three months. You haven't had time to build up a fraction of Dr. Davies' following yet. Even if you took up *five collections* in your service, you'd never get enough to pay for it—and besides, I'd have to have the entire rent in advance. You haven't been on the air down here long enough yet to fill a big auditorium like the Biltmore."

"Well that's what I'd like to find out," I replied. "And I will not take up *any* collections at all! But how can I tell whether I can afford it, unless you tell me the amount of the rental?"

I think it was \$175. And it was already Wednesday late afternoon.

I told him I would be back with the decision in a few moments. The Biltmore Theatre occupies one corner of the

large block occupied otherwise by the large Biltmore Hotel. I went to the hotel lobby, and called Mrs. Armstrong at our office in Eugene by long distance telephone. Once again, we had just enough money in the bank to pay this rental in advance, and the price of postal cards for the Los Angeles district mailing list.

I dictated over the telephone an announcement to our secretary, instructing them at the Eugene office to have the announcement mimeographed on the cards, all addressed to those on the Southern California mailing list, and get them in one big package into the air-express office addressed to me, yet that same evening. It was then only about 15 minutes before closing time at the post office.

I dashed back into the theatre lobby and up to the manager's office, and wrote him out a check for the following Sunday's rental.

In those days, because of the war and fear of Japanese bombing, we were having blackouts every night. I had been advised that people in Los Angeles would not come out to a religious service at night. Theatregoers would attend the theatre for night performances—but for some reason people were afraid to attend a religious service at night. It merely demonstrated where people's hearts and interests were.

So the meeting had to be held on Sunday afternoon—I believe the time was 3:00 P.M.

Next day, Thursday, the large package of printed and addressed post cards arrived. I took them to the Hollywood post office. There was a vigorous protest about letting me mail them there. I had not bought the cards there. That post office lost the credit for the sale of the post cards, and objected to having to have charged to them the expense of handling. But I explained our emergency, and how there was no other way I could have done it. They finally took them.

Then on my program, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings, I announced the Sunday afternoon meeting at the Biltmore—and finally again, on Sunday morning. People received the post card announcements Friday and Saturday.

After the Sunday morning broadcast, Dick, Dorothy and I went back to our apartment very tense. Would enough people come to look like a fair-sized audience, or would the small crowd simply look LOST in that big theatre seating about 1900 people?

"Oh BOY!" Dick had exclaimed excitedly, as soon as he had heard I had rented the Biltmore Theatre. "I'm going to sit in a BOX! I've always wanted to sit in a box in a theatre. Now my Dad has rented *the whole theatre*. Oh BOY! I'm going to sit in a box at last!"

We took a streetcar to the theatre, arriving about 2:15. A few blocks away I noticed the streets were unusually crowded with people—especially for Sunday afternoon in downtown Los Angeles. I wondered what was going on!

We soon found out. It seemed all those people were going in one direction—toward the Biltmore theatre!

I thought it best that I not get involved in a hand-shaking experience until after the service, because I still had to prepare the sermon. So I went in through the rear stage door, while Dick and Dorothy entered by the lobby entrance.

I learned later what had happened. All of Dr. Davies' former ushers were on hand, and it seemed they had gotten divided somehow into two divisions. There was no one in charge, and there was a dispute over which group of ushers was taking over. Confusion reigned.

Dick's experience in self-reliance and initiative now paid off. Immediately he—not yet fourteen—took charge. He called all the ushers to one side.

"I'm Dick Armstrong," he told them, "and I'm taking charge here."

Then he snapped out orders. He said he would use *all* the ushers, since the crowds were literally streaming in—and each would do whatever he assigned. He then, without any previous experience, organized the two groups, assigned stations to each man, directed everything, and from that moment there was order and system.

Actually, it had never occurred to me we would have a crowd large enough to need ushers—and I would certainly not have known where to turn to obtain ushers, anyway. But God worked that



Ted Armstrong seated at a drinking water stopping place at the roadside, when Mr. Armstrong was on the way to the Oregon coast for a fast.



In front of the Hollywood apartments, in 1942, is Dick Armstrong. It was at this time that he had to supervise emergency ushering at the Biltmore.

out, supplied the needed ushers, and used Dick to restore quick order and system.

No Collections

Although I had never taken up any collections in any public evangelistic service—and have not to this day, and never shall—I did have two things done hurriedly on Thursday and Friday of that week. I had a sign painter turn out large lobby signs for the theatre, and I had two wooden boxes made, about the size of a shoe-box, with a slot in the top of each. These were placed at each end of the inner lobby of the theatre by Dick—to one side, and *not* in the direct path of the exits from the inner isles.

Actually, Dick did get to sit in his box—but by the time service was to begin, all the boxes were crowded full. Nevertheless, he went into a box, told them who he was, and the people managed to squeeze in a little closer and

make room for one more.

The first floor and the balcony were packed solid, and the second balcony half or more than half filled. The attendance was 1750!

I had decided to conduct the service just like a broadcast—precisely on time! At precisely 5 seconds before 3:00 P.M., I walked briskly to the pulpit in the center of the stage, arriving at the pulpit at 3 to the second. Before I could say a word, I was surprised by an uproarous burst of applause. I had never seen or heard anything like that at a religious meeting. But I learned later that this was common practice in Los Angeles, and that ministers are commonly called "doctor" whether they possess any such degree or not. Up in the second balcony there was the blowing of a foghorn. A well-known Los Angeles character, who went along barefoot and with long flowing white hair and, I believe, in a white robe, whom I heard called "Father

Time," had come in. But there were no others of that type.

As soon as the applause died down, I started with the usual, "GREETINGS, FRIENDS!"—then another burst of laughing applause. I said, rapidly, that although I loved to sing hymns as much as any of them, that right now we were in a WAR, prophecy was being rapidly fulfilled, and I had things of too great importance to say to take up time with either singing, or taking up collections. I said that I knew some would be disappointed if they could *not* leave an offering, and for those who *wanted* to, there were the two offering boxes in the rear lobby—but that they would not see them unless they went out of the usual path to find them—that we never took up collections, never asked for contributions either in such services, nor over the air.

Then I got immediately into my mes-
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Personal from the Editor

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small list of church brethren asking pledges totalling \$2.50 per week for the broadcast. I received pledges for only half of that, and had to take the other half on sheer faith.

How, in this state of affairs, was I to start publishing a magazine? It seemed impossible. But, as I said, there was a will. God had now provided the means of building a circulation—from radio listeners, starting the *very* smallest, of course. Now I was *determined* to find the WAY.

I had previously been getting out the little mimeographed news bulletin for the scattered few church members we were then working with. The WAY would have to be the mimeograph, not the printing press!

At the time, my family was still in Salem, and I was staying as guest of church members on a farm seven miles west of Eugene. At this time I did not even have a typewriter.

For that first issue of *The PLAIN TRUTH*, I borrowed an old typewriter from a neighbor out in the country. I had no mimeograph, so I arranged with the mimeograph sales office in Eugene to come in to their office and borrow the use of theirs.

The sole cost of "publishing" that first issue of *The PLAIN TRUTH*—Volume I, Number 1, February, 1934—was the cost of the few stencils, and the 600 sheets of mimeograph paper used to print about 150 copies, plus the postage I would have to buy later, after radio listeners wrote in requesting the "magazine." I imagine the whole thing cost perhaps about \$5, and that Mr. Elmer Fisher, in whose home I was staying, paid the \$5, though I do not remember those details.

I had no "scope" or stylus, with which to letter in the headlines. How well I remember holding those stencils up against the windowpane at that farmhouse of Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, with Mr. Fisher helping me hold it, while, with a pencil pinch-hitting for a stylus, I worked in the headlines for the articles

by shaky freehand work!!

And so it was, that *after 7 years*, the conception that had come to mind back in 1927 of publishing *The PLAIN TRUTH* became a REALITY!

It was a crude, home-produced mimeographed "magazine," which perhaps no one else would have dignified by the word "magazine"—but, to me, it was the realization of a dream of SEVEN YEARS!

And now, after another four periods of *seven years* each, we come to the 28th Anniversary of that humble, crude, homemade first edition of *The PLAIN TRUTH*. Its circulation then, 150 copies!

For *seven* more struggling years, *The PLAIN TRUTH* had to remain a crude-looking mimeographed paper. It did not come out regularly every month. There was one two-year lapse. But, as recorded in the December, 1961 issue, in the 40th Installment of the Autobiography, the August-September, 1940, *PLAIN TRUTH* finally outgrew the mimeographing process, and beginning that issue, it has been a printed magazine. Even then, it was printed on lowest-cost mimeograph paper, only 8 pages, and, in order to afford cost of printing, a bimonthly—every other month!

But, by the seventh anniversary of *The PLAIN TRUTH*, February, 1941, we were broadcasting on three radio sta-

tions—Eugene, Portland, and Seattle, with a listening audience of 150,000 every week. *The PLAIN TRUTH* circulation had multiplied from the original 150 copies to 4,000. The 40th and 41st Installments of the Autobiography have described how we still had to keep that 4,000 mailing list by hand, address all copies by hand, with only Mrs. Armstrong and me, and now, calling for volunteer helpers from the little church every two months for mailing.

Progress had seemed so very slow. Yet seven years had developed the work from virtually nothing to a more or less noticeable impact on the entire Pacific Northwest.

Another seven years brought us to February, 1948. Ambassador College had been founded. Its doors had first swung open to students—*only 4 students*—October 8, 1947. It was like starting all over again. The college, like the broadcasting and the publishing, had to start the very smallest. There was no endowment. There had not been even a down payment for the purchase of the original small block of campus property.

The Pasadena city Building Inspector had slapped a \$30,000 headache on us that proved almost fatal. Every wall and ceiling of the 3 floors and basement of our first classroom building (now the Library) had to be torn out, and recon-



The Elmer Fisher home as it is today. Originally a two-story house. Here Mr. Armstrong prepared the first issue of *The PLAIN TRUTH* mentioned in the editorial, left.



Our new mailing machines. To the right is an Addressograph Transfer Printer used for First Class mailing. It reproduces name and address on face of envelopes by heat transfer process which burns carbon image of

address from a tape to the pieces of mail. Left, the large Magnacraft Mailing Machine which segregates addresses and glues them onto The PLAIN TRUTH magazine at rate of 18,000 per hour!

structed semi-fireproof before we could open.

By that time we had a scattered *national* listening audience to the broadcast. Listeners from California, Missouri, Illinois, Texas, and perhaps one other state came to our rescue with either donations or loans of \$500, \$1,000 and even up to one loan of \$5,000. One, who gave most of his life savings, later became chief custodian of the college. Another, from Missouri, later gave up his profession, came to Ambassador, added a Master's degree to the Doctor's degree he already possessed, and became Director of the *very* important Bible Correspondence Course—now with 60,000 enrolled active students. The son of another, then a young boy of around 5, is now a student at Ambassador. Yes, where one's treasure is, his heart goes also—and I think all who put their

treasure into God's Work (and either their all, or a big portion of it), in those days *to save God's college*, have kept their hearts in it—and, we trust, shall, *during eternal life* for eternity!

February, 1948, found this work teetering on the very brink. People were talking about "when this thing folds up." It *costs money* to operate a liberal arts college. Many former brethren said I was a fool, and deserted the ship of God's Work. Perhaps, from a human viewpoint, no one but a fool would try to start a co-educational liberal arts college with no endowment, no capital, and with even every dime of income already obligated for regular operational purposes.

But this was not started from a carnal human viewpoint, or for selfish human purposes. GOD started it. It *had to be started!* The Work of God was ready

to take on real national and world-wide expansion. This was going to require an educated and trained personnel. Whatever plant is *not* planted by the Eternal God shall be rooted up. But "this thing *didn't* fold up"—*because* GOD planted it! And whatever God starts, *shall never be rooted up!* He says He will never drop the Work HE has begun!

The college started in the same small crude manner as the broadcasting and publishing divisions of the Work—after 14 years—TWO periods of SEVEN! February, 1948, found us at the very lowest ebb. At the end of that month, early March, we were put off the air on our daily broadcasting, which, by that time, had been inaugurated. Only the Sunday broadcasts continued. The "\$30,000-Headache" as we called it, had thrown us too far behind in paying radio

bills. Yet enough loyal Co-Workers remained faithful to carry us through.

We were on the air again by October. The final supreme financial crisis had to be met December 27th that year. We had to pay a large payment of accrued interest and taxes, then falling due, in order to exercise our option to purchase the college property. It had been obtained only on a Lease-and-Option basis, for we had not even the price of a down payment.

Beginning about November 25th that year a miracle happened. Again God Almighty providentially came to the rescue of His Work. For 15 days, beginning about December 3rd or 4th, God caused Co-Workers to simply "rain money from heaven" upon us—so it seemed! For those 15 days, we received an income of \$3,000, on the average, every day!

Nothing like that had ever happened in the history of this work. We had to have \$50,000 to meet our deadline. *It came!* Exactly \$50,000, no more! GOD SUPPLIED OUR NEED!

We were over the nerve-shattering hump at last. That 16-month period had been the nightmare of my life! In January, 1949, I felt I simply *had* to ask my Father to give me *rest* from financial strain for at least six months! I had been under constant financial pressure for 28 years, beginning with the reverses that struck my business in Chicago during the flash-depression of 1920.

God answered that request. Not only for six months—but from the moment of that real earnest and heart-rending request—because I had come to the place I felt physically and mentally unable to go through it longer—the nerve-racking tensions have been relieved. As we have said since, we *do have* financial PROBLEMS—very serious ones, sometimes—but from January, 1949 on, no more financial WORRIES, or nerve-shattering tensions. Our faith is often tried, to develop more patience. But we have learned the lesson of letting GOD carry the STRAIN!

During those early years of the College, *The PLAIN TRUTH* was forced to skip issues occasionally, and rarely did 12 issues come out in any one of those years. There was even a period when we issued a 16-page "*Good News*," largely

edited by college students, instead.

But, by 1955, after *another seven years*, we were broadcasting overseas, starting the WORLD-WIDE proclaiming of Christ's Gospel. That year, beginning July, we went on television on about 13 stations from coast to coast—for a period of 6 months. However, after that we determined on a policy of more intensive DAILY broadcasting by radio, which then began to build up to the present more than TWENTY MILLION WATTS of radio power weekly, world-wide!

That is quite an increase from the original 100 watts weekly, 28 years ago! Today *The PLAIN TRUTH* has more than ONE MILLION READERS, with 365,000 copies, printed in three editions—Los Angeles, London, and Melbourne. *The PLAIN TRUTH*, a printed 8-page bi-monthly 21 years ago, after its first struggling 7 years of mimeographing, did later expand to 16 pages, then to 24, then to 32 and on a regular monthly basis. Last June it went to 40 pages.

And now, with this 28th anniversary number, it leaps up to a *full 48 pages!*

No, this Work of the living GOD *did not fold up!* Its impact now is WORLD-

WIDE. But the biggest, most important phases of this great work *still lie ahead of us!*

I think it accurate to say that all that has gone before, up to now, has been preparation—building to a point of strength and power where, as I have said on occasion, we are now just *beginning* to start, to commence, to get ready to do the real BIG WORK!

The Message of God Almighty to mankind—the Message He sent by Jesus Christ, but which the world rejected—MUST, now, in these last days *just before Christ's return*, be proclaimed *as a witness*, into ALL NATIONS, with a power and impact that will shake those nations *as if a super-earthquake had struck them!*

They won't heed, except for a very few. We know that! But they MUST BE WARNED—and so powerfully, THEY SHALL KNOW THEY HAVE BEEN WARNED! The dynamic, living POWER OF GOD will see to it!

This, then, is what God has enabled us to *give you* as our 28th Anniversary gift to YOU—*The PLAIN TRUTH* finally enlarged to a full 48 pages! I sincerely hope you like it!



New IBM equipment in our Press Building speeds handling, cuts costs far below hand labor! Above, 1, is the Alphabetic Interpreter, senses holes in IBM cards, interprets meaning of holes, prints the interpretation and posts the information onto co-worker ledger at rate of 100 cards per minute. 2, the IBM 087 Collator, a filing machine that merges new subscribers' names into existing lists. 3, the IBM 083 Sorter, used to classify cards before filing. 4, the IBM 403 Accounting machine automatically prints receipts, determines total number of letters per radio station, and total donations in each area where station is heard.

Just What do You MEAN— BORN AGAIN!

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UNDERSTAND God's Plan—they often translated the Greek word "*gennao*" into the English word "BORN" where it actually meant "BEGOTTEN."

Notice a few outstanding examples!

In John 1:13, the Authorized, or King James version of the Bible renders it: ". . . which *were born*, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." This is an incorrect translation of the Greek word "*gennao*." In the American Revised version a marginal rendering says: "or, *begotten*," as it should be.

Other examples appear in John's first Epistle. Notice:

In the American Revised version I John 2:29 is correctly translated: "*is begotten* of Him"; but in the A. V. it is, incorrectly, ". . . every one that doeth righteousness is *born* of Him."

I John 4:7: The A. V. incorrectly has it: ". . . and every one that loveth is *born* of God, and knoweth God." But the Revised version corrected this error, rendering it: ". . . is *begotten* of God."

I John 5:1, in the A. V., incorrectly: "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is *born* of God: and every one that loveth Him that *begat* loveth him also that *is begotten* of Him." Here, this same Greek word, "*gennao*," was inspired by the Holy Spirit *three times* in the same verse. The first time, the King James translators erroneously rendered it into the English word "*born*." The second time "*gennao*" is used in the Greek they *could not* render it "Him that was BORN" or "Him that 'borned'"—for it refers to the human believer, not God. Here they were *forced* to choose the correct definition of "*gennao*," in the past tense, as "*begat*." Then, since they already had to use the past-tense "*begat*" in that instance, they also *correctly* rendered it, in the third place the word occurred, "*is begotten*."

The Revised version also corrected this error, rightly rendering it: "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ

is *begotten* of God, and whosoever loveth Him that *begat*, loveth him also that is *begotten* of Him."

One final example: I John 5:4—the A. V. erroneously renders it: "For whatsoever is *born* of God overcometh the world, . . ." but the Revised version corrected it to read: "For whatsoever is *begotten* of God overcometh the world . . ."

Now quickly notice a few instances where the SAME GREEK WORD was correctly translated "*begotten*."

I Cor. 4:15 the Apostle Paul is talking to those converted under his ministry: "For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have *begotten* you through the gospel." There, it is correctly translated, showing that Paul's converts at Corinth, as his "spiritual children," had been *begotten* of God, *but not yet BORN*.

The experience of conversion, in this life, is a *begettal*—a "conception"—an "impregnation"—but NOT YET A BIRTH! This we shall make PLAIN!

One more—Heb. 1:5—speaking of CHRIST's *begettal* in the Virgin Mary. This verse shows that Christ, later BORN of God by a resurrection from the dead (Rom. 1:4), was an actual BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD, in a manner that no angel is, or can be. Angels are merely *created* beings. They are not actually *begotten* of God, so that in this sense they become His *born* sons, as Christ now is—and *as we may also be*. Notice the verse: "For unto which of the angels said He at any time, 'Thou art my Son, this day have I *begotten* thee?'"

Let CHRIST Explain!

If those who are deceived would listen to JESUS, and be willing to believe *He meant what He said*, THEY COULD UNDERSTAND!

Let's look at *all* that Jesus said! Let's understand *what* it means to be BORN of God—in what respect *one shall be different* after he is BORN of God—let's

see *WHEN* this spiritual BIRTH takes place!

This man Nicodemus was a Pharisee, in an office of authority over the Jews. The Pharisees considered Jesus as "a religious independent"—they didn't endorse Him, they sought to discredit, persecute, and kill Him. Nicodemus didn't want to be seen talking to Jesus. So he came around under cover of darkness.

But Nicodemus did recognize that Jesus was actually sent by God, with a Message from the Creator to mankind.

Jesus said to him: "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God" (John 3:3).

Immediately carnal-minded Nicodemus was as puzzled and confused as carnal-minded religionists today. But he knew one clear and specific fact they seem not to grasp—he knew what being BORN means!

"How can a man be *born* when he is old?" asked this Pharisee ruler. "Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?"

Jesus was here talking about the actual spiritual BIRTH—not the *begettal*. Let us understand that. In this passage, the Greek word "*gennao*" is correctly translated "*born*." So, let us now see how Jesus explained this final spiritual BIRTH.

"Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is everyone that is born of the Spirit" (Verses 5-8).

Now LOOK AT THAT! Nicodemus had defined the only kind of BIRTH he knew—physical birth—and he knew it was *not* the conception, but the actual delivery out of a human mother's womb. Jesus accepted this explanation of the actual BIRTH. He did not say, "Oh, I'm not talking of being actually BORN, but merely of the conception." Jesus was here talking of being actually BORN!

But He was talking of being born of GOD, not of a *human* father. He was

talking about a different, and a second BIRTH—a *spiritual* birth, not a human or physical birth. Yet Jesus used the physical birth as the exact type or illustration!

NOTICE! "That which is BORN of the flesh, *IS* flesh," He said. When an infant is delivered out of its mother's womb, it is born of a fleshly, human, physical mother whose ovum, or egg-cell, was given physical *life* by the fleshly FATHER. So, this human infant is born of the FLESH—and it *is* physical, material FLESH. Yes, Jesus was speaking of literal BIRTH.

NOW notice! Just as the infant born of the flesh actually *IS* flesh—a physical person—SO, in like manner, the man or woman, when BORN of the SPIRIT, actually will *BE* SPIRIT.

Is that so hard to understand?

GOD is not composed of matter. GOD is *A SPIRIT*—He is composed of SPIRIT—as Jesus explained, in John 4:24. But, God says He formed MAN of the "dust of the ground"—of MATTER (Gen. 2:7). So MAN is material FLESH. And those born of material, fleshly parents *ARE* FLESH—that's what they ARE. But God is *A SPIRIT*, composed of SPIRIT, and those BORN of GOD, the heavenly Father, *become* SPIRIT. They are no longer composed of material flesh—no longer human—no longer MORTAL; they then shall be, as Christ now is, composed of SPIRIT—then actually divine—IMMORTAL!

What *is* matter? It is anything that occupies space, and has weight. You can SEE matter—or feel it, or taste it, or smell it, or HEAR the vibrations of matter which we call *sound*. But you cannot SEE *spirit*. You cannot hear, feel, taste or smell spirit. But Jesus took the sense of sight as an example.

He compared the SPIRIT, of which those BORN of God shall be composed, to WIND. Nicodemus was a carnal-minded man. He could receive knowledge into his mind only through one of these five senses. So Jesus took a material substance, which this man could UNDERSTAND, which, so far as SIGHT is concerned, resembles spirit.

The WIND, he explained, blows wherever it wills. But it is INVISIBLE—and although you HEAR the sound of it, you cannot SEE where it comes from, or

where it goes. "SO," he explained, "is everyone that is BORN of the SPIRIT." After people are actually BORN of God, they, too, shall *BE* SPIRIT, just as GOD is Spirit. They will be INVISIBLE to material human sight, just as angels are.

Now that ought to be plain. A converted person—one who has repented, accepted Christ as Saviour, received God's Holy Spirit, does have a *changed* attitude and outlook and purpose—his whole character *begins* to change, and travel in an opposite direction. BUT HE IS NOT INVISIBLE TO THE HUMAN EYES OF OTHER PEOPLE! He is not *composed* of SPIRIT. He is still composed of material flesh, even though God's Holy Spirit has entered, and now dwells in, and leads and influences, his HUMAN MIND.

He is now BEGOTTEN of God. The very LIFE and NATURE of GOD has *entered into* him, impregnating him with immortal spirit-life, exactly as the physical sperm-cell from the human father *enters into* the ovum or physical egg-cell when a new HUMAN LIFE is first CONCEIVED, IMPREGNATED, OR BEGOTTEN. But, just as that tiny ovum, as small as a pinpoint, is merely BEGOTTEN of its human father—NOT YET BORN—so the converted human is, at what we properly call conversion, merely BEGOTTEN of GOD the heavenly Father—NOT YET BORN.

He is *still* material FLESH, even though God's Spirit has now *entered into* his MIND. He is *still* VISIBLE.

And now he has about as much of God's Holy Spirit in him, by comparison, as the tiny human sperm-cell compares in SIZE to a baby being born. A human sperm-cell from which human life generates, is about one-hundredth part as large as the egg-cell, which is about the size of a pinpoint. The sperm-cell is much too small to be seen by the human eye, without a microscope.

Once entered into the human ovum, it must grow, from material food received through the mother, to a size averaging 6 to 9 pounds before it is ready to be BORN.

A newly converted human is actually BEGOTTEN of GOD. Such a person is, already, an actual begotten SON OF GOD. He can call God "FATHER." But he is not yet BORN of God.

Notice this, in I John 3:1: "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called THE SONS OF GOD. . . . Beloved, NOW ARE WE THE SONS OF GOD, and it doth not yet appear *what we shall be*: but we know that, when HE (Christ at His second coming) shall appear, WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM, for we shall SEE HIM *as He is*" (I John 3:1-2).

WHAT We Shall Be

Now notice that! Understand WHAT we shall be, *when* we are BORN of God! Then, next we shall see WHEN we shall be born of God.

This Scripture, in this marvelous 3rd chapter of I John, plainly says that "WE"—meaning begotten, converted CHRISTIANS—are, *now, already*, the SONS of God. Yes, of course, and the tiny foetus no larger than a pinpoint in its mother's womb is, already, the SON (or daughter) of its human father, even though not yet BORN.

Next, this Scripture reveals that "it doth *not yet* appear WHAT WE SHALL BE."

Grasp that! Isn't it PLAIN? We are, later, to BE something different. Of course! Although we already are begotten SONS of God, we are still FLESH—still matter—still VISIBLE. But WHAT WE SHALL BE has not, yet, appeared. As Jesus explained to Nicodemus, we SHALL BE immortal SPIRIT. That is what we *shall, later, be!*

BUT, this Scripture continues—READ IT! — UNDERSTAND this *wonderful, WONDERFUL TRUTH!*—we know that, when HE, Christ, shall appear at His second coming to earth, WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM!

Now what shall HE be like? If you can know that, you can know what BORN-AGAIN Christians shall *then* be like—for they shall be LIKE HIM!

After His resurrection, Jesus was INVISIBLE, except when, by a process that is not explained, He was manifested, or made visible, to human eyes. Angels are normally INVISIBLE to mortal sight. Yet in many instances the Bible describes incidents when angels were made visible, so they could be seen—and they appeared like MEN.

After Christ's resurrection, two dis-
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Communism, "Christianity" —and Double Talk

Communism and "Christianity" bedfellows? Not quite, but both have one striking thing in common!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

WHAT in the world could COMMUNISM have in common with interpreting the Bible? A great deal—only, very few have ever recognized it.

Communism, of course, is many things. It is a *doctrine*, based on the theories of Marx and Engels. It is a *revolutionary program*. It is *relentless class war*. It is a *radical philosophy of history*. It is a *radical philosophy of society*. It is a *social system*. It is an *economic system*. It is a *political strategy*. It is a *world conspiracy*.

One Thing in Common

But, though opposite or different in many respects, it does have one thing in common with organized "Christianity." And I definitely do *not* mean the original Christianity of Jesus Christ and the first-century Apostles. I mean the organized "Christianity" of our day, *which interprets the Holy Bible!*

Among other things, realized by too few, Communism is a *system of double-talk*. Interpreting the Bible, likewise, is a system of double-talk!

What Do You MEAN?—

Let me illustrate. Let me make it clear.

The purpose and proper function of words is to convey *meaning* from one mind to another, or to others.

When a person uses the word *peace*, he conveys to the minds of others a state of tranquility, absence of violent strife or war; a state of quiet, or rest. When one uses the word *defense*, he conveys to others the meaning of protection from harm or from change, and from without. When one uses the term *political party*, he conveys the idea of one of the political groups or divisions *within* a government, as a *part* of it, merely differing in certain areas of thought or method in policies, pro-

cedures or administration of that government.

When one uses the term *life*, he means existence—and, in respect to humans, conscious existence, as opposed to death; and the term *death* is used to convey the meaning of cessation of life.

Communist "Peace"

But when a Communist uses the word *peace*, he does not mean cessation of struggle or violence, and state of quiet rest at all. He means virtually the opposite. He means a state of stirring up struggle, strife and war; he means a state of violence, continuing until he and his "comrades" have imposed their ideas and concepts, their tyranny and their dictatorship rule on the whole world.

The word *peace*, to the Communist, means the state of chaos and violence and strife he can produce *until* the world lies prostrate in his clutch, enslaved into his kind of enforced quiet of non-resistance and docile submission to his dictates—which he envisions as being finally restful and "peaceful" to *him*, if not to his victims. But he uses the word *peace* to *deceive* those he is trying to conquer and subjugate.

When Khrushchev says he is for *peace*, he means he is in favor of all opposition just giving up, lying prostrate before his feet. He means he is coming with war and violence, but there will be *peace* if and when we submit in unconditional surrender—when we let him take all we have from us, and make us his slaves. He is always for PEACE—that kind of "peace."

When you hear Khrushchev say he is for PEACE, you need to know what he means by that word. He is using DOUBLE TALK. He doesn't mean what *you* mean—and he uses the word deliberately to deceive you. If he can make America and other nations *think* he is

for peace, perhaps we will get real friendly and quit resisting—and just surrender to him!

Communist "Defense"

The Red Army is, they assure us, organized only for DEFENSE! In their double talk, they are not aggressors—WE are the imperialist aggressors!

Now look at this. UNDERSTAND the ridiculous absurdity of it!

Here we have peaceful America. We have no such national purpose as a goal to overthrow any *other* nation, or to force or impose the American form of government, or its system of society, on any other nation. We want to live and let live. When a national disaster happens in Japan, either the U.S. government sends big-scale generous help, or American citizens start a voluntary movement, making sacrifice and contributions on a large scale to send help.

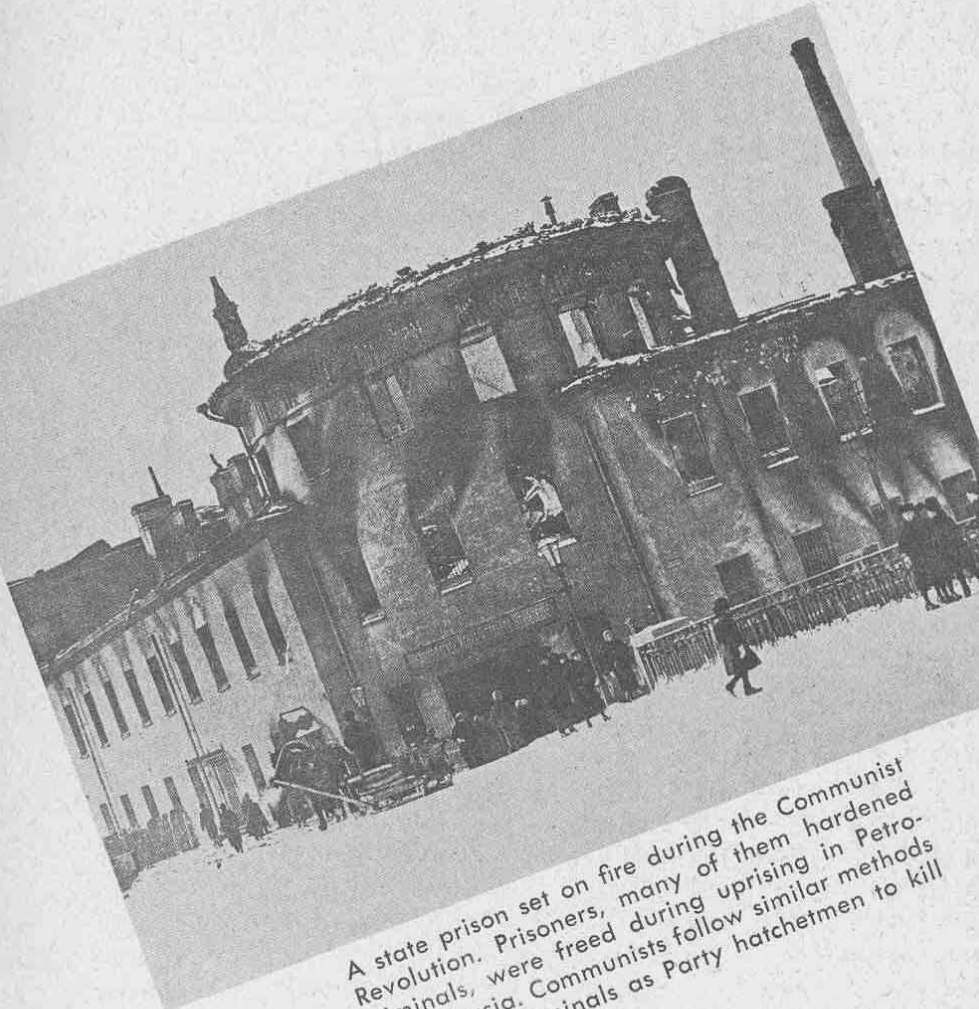
When Germany, Japan and Italy form an Axis alliance and attack us in a dastardly surprise sneak-attack on Pearl Harbor, and we resist to the point of winning the war, then immediately we start sending them BILLIONS of dollars, and sympathetic and generous aid of all kinds, to rehabilitate them and rebuild the destruction they brought on themselves.

And yet, naive, generous, kind-hearted America—so says Khrushchev—is a reprehensible imperialist aggressor, trying to attack Russia!

You simply have to understand Communist double talk to comprehend that!

The Communist system of distorted and perverted thinking is this: Their idea of society, economics, and government is the only right idea—and therefore every other idea is wrong. Every other idea is against peace, and is their enemy. Even the static, peaceful exist-

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A state prison set on fire during the Communist Revolution. Prisoners, many of them hardened criminals, were freed during uprising in Petrograd, Russia. Communists follow similar methods today, use criminals as Party hatchmen to kill opposition leaders.



Burning the remains of royalty in the streets of Petrograd, Russia. Communists everywhere throw old regimes into new tyranny "democracy."



COMMUNIST TYRANNY

Here is how Reds came to promise freedom, the typical example of Communist rule.

Left: Street fighting in the Russian Revolution is how communists seized power over people. The populace was machine-gunned in name of "freedom" from roof of building in July Leninist uprising. This kind of propaganda fools millions today as it did the Russians.

Right: The 1917 Communist Revolutionaries enslaved people. Communist d



Remaining symbols of the Revolution in Russia, 1917. Communists here seek to overthrow the existing order and establish a new order they falsely call 'freedom.'

United Press Photos



Communists promise people freedom of the ballot, then enslave them to a one-party system imposed against the will of the people. Here you see Russian soldiers and people, in 1917, on way to the Duma to establish new Soviet Government. Communists soon assassinated all moderates, formed secret State Police and call it "freedom."

COMMUNIST ARMY

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Communist double talk!

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ence of any other system of government, economics and society—and religion—is a menace and threat, for the reason they cannot have PEACE until we give up our concepts and ways, and surrender to them.

Consequently, they work their reasoning around to the idea that *our very existence* is an AGGRESSION against THEM. From this warped and diabolical point of view, our existence, even letting them completely alone, is disturbing their "peace" of ruling us—therefore, an attack by the Red Army to conquer us is only DEFENSE!

Isn't that "nice" reasoning? But it serves their PURPOSE to try to make the world think they are for PEACE, and their armies only for "defense." They use the trick of having *one* opposite meaning for a word to *them*, and another, but natural and normal meaning to *us*, in order to deceive us into letting them destroy and conquer us!

What Communist Party Is

Now to us, a political party is a political group *within* the national government—loyal to, and part of that government—but differing in certain concepts or methods of procedure or policy in the administration of that same government.

But here again, the "Communist Party" is merely a trick term to pull the wool over our eyes and deceive us—a means of getting a fifth column into our midst—of getting the ENEMY'S GOVERNMENT into our very midst, leading us to accept it as part of OUR government. Its only object is to DESTROY our government. Of course, *if* it could do this peaceably at the polls, it would—but it knows it can't, *so* it does stand for the VIOLENT OVERTHROW of the United States government.

Actually, *the Communist Party* is NOT a mere *political party*, in the sense Americans think of the term. *It is a ruthless totalitarian Dictatorship.* It is run, with absolute power, by a few men at the top—all of whom are completely

subservient to one man who is Dictator Absolute. This one-man dictatorship is supposed to be necessary because there may be different *interpretations* of the Marxist philosophy. Therefore, to prevent division, they must have a Supreme INTERPRETER.

In practice, since Communists came to power in their first government, Lenin was its first supreme interpreter, then Stalin. After Stalin's death no one man was able to establish totalitarian domination over the small group at the top—the Politbureau—until Khrushchev emerged on top. In the meantime there was terrific struggle for this leadership. Some were ruthlessly murdered in the struggle for power before Khrushchev won out.

But Khrushchev's position as Secretary of the *Communist Party* gave him the inside track. The Communist Party is NOT merely a political party as *part of* the government of the U.S.S.R. It is not *one of* the political parties in America, which is *part of* the U.S. government. It is not *part of* ANY government. It IS a government—a WORLD government, which *has set up*, and therefore RULES the Soviet government in Russia. It is supreme *over* the Soviet government!

Instead of being another political Party as *part of* the party system of American government, it *is* a *foreign government*, whose sole purpose is to destroy, and overthrow, the government of the United States, and set up a foreign Communist government here instead, just as it set up such a government in Russia, in China, in East Germany, in Poland, Czechoslovakia, and other countries.

The Communist Party is outlawed in many countries. Yet its double talk has deceived many countries into allowing it to operate *as* one of its own country's political parties!

Interpreting the Bible Is Double Talk

Now notice the *similarity* between a method of organized religion, labeling itself "Christian," and this method of

Communist propagandists.

As stated above, when one uses the word *life*, he means existence—and, in respect to humans, conscious existence—remaining ALIVE. He means being *alive*, as opposed to being *dead*. And when he uses the term *death*, he means the cessation of that existence—the STOPPING of that life, as opposed to still being alive.

Now in the Bible God uses words *to mean what they say*. Of course Jesus spoke in parables. But parables are *not double talk*.

True, Jesus specifically said that he spoke to the public always in parables, so that they *would not understand*—to hide, or cloud the meaning. He said it was not given to them to understand—NOT THEN. But he used *no deception*. He did not mislead them. He did not use terms which led them to believe the *very opposite* of what his words implied. He merely left them puzzled, without understanding, as He intended.

Of course, also, the Bible, in a very small percent of Scriptures, speaks in SYMBOLS. But a symbol is not deceptive, misleading double talk. As a parable is using one *experience* to illustrate a truth, so a symbol is the use of one *term* to picture something else *having similarity* in some form. For example, the term "mountain" is used to illustrate a great major nation, and "hill" represents a small nation. A "woman" in subjection to her husband is used to symbolize the Church in subjection to Christ. The *relation* is the same, so that the one pictures the other. Nations are sometimes represented as "trees." The natural olive tree is pictured as Israel—wild olive trees as gentile nations. Always there is similarity of nature, character, or function, so that one, far from having a misleading *opposite* meaning, actually illustrates the other.

But the Bible *explains* its own symbols. Nowhere does the Bible deceive, or resort to double talk!

But now look at Romans 6:23: "The wages of sin is DEATH; but the gift of God is *eternal life* through Jesus Christ our Lord." *There is no double talk there!*

Those words are neither symbol nor parable. They are not allegory. They are (Please continue on page 33)

their retreat by thronging across the pass below and south of the agitated column of Israelites. The Israelites had walked squarely into a vast death trap! (Verses 44-45.)

The slaughter that resulted was frightful. Even animals fell by sword and spear, though most of them escaped into the mountains. The people were not so fortunate. Within only minutes the pass was littered with the bodies of men and women. But because their numbers were so much greater than those of their attackers, part of them escaped and fled back toward Kadesh. The Amalekites and Canaanites took after them, pursuing some of them quite a distance to the south. Most of those who escaped hid among the rocks until the enemy was gone. Then they set out to try to catch up with the main body of Israelites that had departed to the southwest from Kadesh, which was also called Bene-Jaakan—named after the sons of Jaakan or Akan, black folk who then lived there. (Numbers 33:31 and Genesis 36:27.)

About sundown the Israelites made camp at a place called Hor-hagidgad, which was a few miles southwest of Kadesh. Hours later, when most campfires were either out or very low, there was great excitement from the north side of the camp. Weary, footsore escapers were beginning to arrive. Many who returned needed their wounds dressed. Some died. Others gave horrifying accounts of the bloody affair.

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PLAIN WORDS, making a PLAIN STATEMENT, and they mean precisely what they say.

Now this Scripture uses the word "life" as the opposite of "death." The one, *death*, is the penalty of SIN. The other, *life*, is the opposite of death, and comes as God's GIFT. But it is a *different* life than this present temporary existence—it is *eternal* life. This says plainly that that ever-continuous *eternal* life is a GIFT which God has to give. That means we do not have it, now, or otherwise!

But when the professional clergy, who had inherited and accepted the pagan idea of the "immortal soul," came across this plain statement which made a liar of their "tradition," they resorted to INTERPRETING these words—they re-

sorted to double talk!

Here is one of *many* places where organized "Christianity" uses satanic *double talk* to pervert God's Word—to deceive the people into accepting a meaning *utterly different* than the Bible plainly SAYS.

When the Bible says plainly that the wages—the *penalty*—of SIN is *death*, they twist this to mean that the penalty of sin is just the opposite of death—they say it means *eternal life*, but only in a different *place*, and *condition*. They say it is eternal life in the torture of hell fire—burning forever and ever, yet never burning up!

When Jesus Christ says *the meek shall inherit* the EARTH, they use double talk to make this mean that the saved *go to heaven*. They make salvation, or

punishment, a matter of *geographical location*, while the Bible plainly SAYS it is a matter of *condition*—that man is mortal; the penalty of sin is DEATH; the soul that sins is *not* immortal, but it shall DIE (Ezek. 18:4, 20), but the *gift* of God, or salvation, is ETERNAL LIFE.

In other words, the BIBLE says it is a matter of CONDITION—the penalty of *sin* is the *condition* of DEATH—of being DEAD for eternity—eternal punishment, not eternal punishing. Salvation is being *given* a gift we do not already have—ETERNAL LIFE; that is, being put in the *condition* of being joyously ALIVE for eternity.

It is a matter of WHAT we are, not WHERE we go!

When the Bible uses the word DEATH as the very opposite of eternal LIFE in the same sentence, *it means* DEATH, as opposed to being ALIVE!

As I heard a contemporary of mine—a radio evangelist who also has a world-wide audience—say on his program, when he came to this passage,

"death" means "separation from God."

THAT IS PLAIN DOUBLE TALK! That is a LIE! That is an attempt to *deceive!*

If we are already IMMORTAL, so that eternal life is *not* what God says—a GIFT we may obtain under certain conditions He lays down—then what do these words, "eternal life" in this passage mean?

To *interpret* the Bible is to *put a different meaning* on its words—to resort to diabolical, satanic, deceptive DOUBLE TALK.

Interpreting the Bible is *putting your own meaning into it*, instead of receiving out of it GOD'S *intended meaning*. It is a method of saying to people: "The Bible doesn't mean what it says. God is a liar. You must believe what I tell you—what I make God's words mean. Believe ME, not God."

When you read, in Galatians 4:24, the words: ". . . which things are an allegory: for these are . . ." then continuing to explain what the allegory *means*, you are not left in doubt. The passage there was speaking in allegory—but *it tells you so* in plain language—and then explains its own meaning!

When Scripture says plainly, "Jesus spake a parable, saying, . . ." you know it is a parable. It says so.

There is no doubt, when we read in Revelation, first chapter, of the seven stars in Jesus' right hand (verse 16), and the seven candlesticks (verse 13), that these are SYMBOLS. Verse 20 *tells us* plainly that the stars represent angels, and the candlesticks represent churches. There is no deception—no double talk, there. No interpreting is needed. The Bible *interprets itself*.

To INTERPRET the Bible is to use the satanic, diabolical, deceiving methods of Satan *and of Communism*. It is a means of LYING.

WE NEVER INTERPRET THE BIBLE. *The Plain Truth* makes the Bible—which is Truth—PLAIN, because we know it means what it says, and says what it means. Yet I often receive letters from people telling me they are interested in "my interpretation of the Bible!"

PLEASE understand! The WORLD TOMORROW program, and *The Plain Truth*, DO NOT INTERPRET the BIBLE. Believe it *as it is*, in Christ Jesus!

Autobiography

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sage, and closed the service right on the exact second—I think it had been announced to close at 4:15—just as the broadcasts have to end precisely on the second.

Later, when we opened the two offering boxes, what do you suppose we found? Yes, I think you guessed it! Exactly, to the penny, the precise amount of the expense of hiring the theatre, extra cost of janitor and electrician, the lobby signs, and the post-card announcements. That is, *to the penny*. THERE WAS EXACTLY ONE CENT MORE THAN THIS EXACT AMOUNT!

From the start of this Work of God He has supplied the need of the *present*—but never any more. To this day, God does not supply us today with the funds to finance His Work next month or next year. I am human, and I confess I would, humanly, like to be supplied at least a six months' cash reserve *in advance*. But to this day, now in 1962, God has never granted that. Sometimes we even have to ask Him today for *yesterday's* "bread"! But GOD HAS CONTINUED THROUGH THESE YEARS TO SUPPLY THE NEED, AS WE WALK THROUGH THE DOORS HE CONSTANTLY OPENS!

Dick's "Final Exam"

We engaged the Biltmore for the following two Sundays. We decided, for those two Sundays, to hold TWO services each Sunday afternoon. I'm not sure, now, of the exact time, but I think the first service started at 1:30, ending at 2:45, and the second service started at 3:30, ending at 4:45.

It was planned to have Mrs. Armstrong and young Garner Ted, then 12½ years of age, come down in time for the final Biltmore service, and our whole family would drive back together.

At each of these two services at the Biltmore, total attendance was estimated at 2,000. There were 1300 or 1400 at each service, with several who attended the first service coming back for the second. For this reason I preached different sermons at each service.

But I had another motive in getting

Ted down to Hollywood before returning to Eugene. I needed his presence for Dick's "final exam" in snapping him out of feeling inferior to Ted.

Our office secretary and her husband drove them down in our car, which I had left at home when we left in April. They were there three or four days, and it seems we started back to Oregon on July 31, after the final Biltmore service.

When they arrived, I explained to Dick that he would have to take Ted in tow.

"Now remember, Dick," I briefed him, "Ted is just a kid, not as old as you, and he's never been to Hollywood before. He'll be pretty green. I want you to look after him—take him places—show him Hollywood and Los Angeles. Take him boating on the lake in Echo Park, but don't let him handle the boat—he wouldn't know how."

During those few days, Dick was the complete leader. For the first time in his life he was made to realize that he was not inferior, but LEADER over Ted.

Dick passed this "final exam" with flying colors and a grade of "A." The feeling of being inferior to Ted was gone. And, it did no harm to Ted, for he did not realize, then, what was being done. However, it was some little time after this that Ted went into his intensive "muscle-building" program. And I might add, that all the days of Ted's student life at Ambassador College, he won the weight-lifting contest for his weight at the spring Field Day on our athletic field each year.

But Dick was still human. And it is human to go from one extreme to the other. Once back in Eugene, far from feeling whipped and inferior, Dick now was suddenly a "big shot."

It was a glamorous thing to have been in Hollywood. Dick had spent most of the summer there. The other boys had not been there.

So now I had to go to work on him again, and get him back in the "middle of the road." And with God's help this was achieved, and finally he came to have the supreme confidence that is FAITH IN GOD rather than confidence in *self*, and to have full assurance, yet in humility. That is a difficult state for any human to attain—but one of the supreme right goals of life!

could not have been foreseen by anyone. If there were nothing else in my life to prove the existence of an almighty and merciful God, the events of the next twenty-four hours did it . . . The *greatest break in a terrible outlay of weather* occurred the next day and allowed that great invasion to proceed, with losses far below those we had anticipated . . ." (*Time*, June 16, 1952).

What seemed to be an obstacle at the time to the Allies, was actually a *blessing* in many ways. The weather bluffed the enemy completely. "The German commanders were advised by their meteorological service that there could be no invasion in the period including June 6 because of *continuous stormy weather*. That is why D-Day forces, landing during a brief break in the windiest month in Normandy for at least 20 years, found so many German troops without officers, and why other enemy coastal units were having exercises at the time of the landings" (*The Times*, September 11, 1944).

"Preserved for Some Purpose"

The weather was favorable to the Allies in the last war because it was *God's purpose* for Germany to lose that war. The Air Minister of England, Sir Archibald Sinclair, summed up the matter when he addressed the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland:

"We have been most miraculously preserved. We must have been PRESERVED FOR SOME PURPOSE, and we must seek humbly to discover what that purpose is and be faithful to it . . . I feel sure that we must strive for the utmost for victory, and when we get victory it will solve none of the great problems which are troubling our hearts and minds, but it will give us opportunity.

"Then the question will come: what use . . . shall we make of that opportunity. The thing that seems clear to me is that we shall not succeed in making the most of that opportunity IF WE FORSAKE THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD" (*Evening Standard*, May 21, 1943).

God allowed the Allies to win World War II in order for *this work* of the WORLD TOMORROW broadcast and PLAIN TRUTH magazine to have an opportunity

to carry the Gospel of God's coming Kingdom to the world before the end comes (Matt. 24:14).

The WEATHER is an *instrument in the hands of God* through which He worked to bring victory to the Allies in the last war in the same way that He gave victory to the Israelites in their battle with the Philistines (I Sam. 7:10).

But the Israelitish nations of today—Great Britain, United States and north-western Europe—*have forsaken God* and His commandments. The world has forgotten that GOD CONTROLS THE WEATHER—"the Lord *bath his way* in the *whirlwind* (hurricane or tornado) and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet. He rebuketh the sea, and maketh it dry, and drieth up all the rivers" (Nahum 1:3,4). Also read Matt. 8:24; Psalm 107:25 and 135:6,7.

God uses the weather to either bless or curse a nation (Job 36:27-31 and 37:1-13). Why is our nation suffering from bad weather conditions? It is because of SIN—*transgressing the commandments and laws of God!* (Lev. 26 and Deut. 28).

God is now *punishing* the nations of Great Britain and the United States. We can no longer expect favorable weather conditions. Russia, Germany and Europe, instead, will probably receive the good weather.

MORE CHAOTIC WEATHER IS COMING!—so says Bible prophecy (Rev. 8:5-12; 11:6; 16:21). There will be *more* drought (Amos 4:7-8), *more* rampaging floods, *more* violent storms, and MORE *devastating hurricanes and tornadoes!*

But you can be protected!—IF you will REPENT now (Acts 2:38) and turn to God for His *divine protection* that He will give to those who are *obeying* and serving Him (Nahum 1:7).

Watch world events and PRAY that you will be accounted worthy to escape *catastrophic weather* YET TO COME!

What do you Mean— BORN AGAIN!

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ciples were walking that Sunday afternoon, on the road to Emmaus. Suddenly Jesus *appeared* beside them. But, later,

He "vanished out of their sight" (Luke 24:31). The twelve disciples were in a room, with the doors closed, and probably bolted, because they were afraid of the Jews. There was no knock on the door. No door opened. Suddenly, as if from nowhere, Christ APPEARED.

HOW does Jesus Christ appear, NOW? What does He look like? He has now been BORN of God (Rom. 1:4). He was begotten of God, from the instant of conception in the womb of the Virgin Mary. But He was HUMAN and MORTAL—although *begotten* of God (differently than we may be, since His conception was divine, not human)—He was composed of MATERIAL FLESH, subject to human DEATH. He *did die!*

But, He was then BORN of God! HOW? But a Resurrection from the dead (Rom. 1:4). WHEN? *At the time* of His resurrection!

He ascended to heaven, to the very THRONE of GOD, that RULES THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE. He was GLORIFIED! He has been ever since. It is the GLORIFIED Christ who shall return to earth.

What does the GLORIFIED Christ look like? His eyes blaze forth like flames of fire! His feet glow like finely burnished brass. His face shines like the SUN, in FULL STRENGTH—so bright, it would blind your eyes if He were visible to you now! (Rev. 1:14-16; 19:12-13; Mat. 17:2.)

And THAT is the way YOU and I shall look, if and when we are finally BORN of GOD! These deceived people who talk about having had a "born-again experience" certainly don't look like THAT!

WHEN Born Again?

That tremendous, glorious event of being BORN of God is to take place AT THE RESURRECTION OF THE JUST—at the time of Christ's second coming to earth! Notice these PLAIN Scriptures! BELIEVE them!

Notice: "For our CITIZENSHIP (marginal correct translation) is (now) in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ (at His Second Coming): WHO SHALL CHANGE OUR VILE BODY, THAT IT MAY BE FASHIONED LIKE UNTO HIS GLORIOUS BODY."

We are now FLESH—vile, corruptible

flesh subject to rotting and decay. But, at Christ's coming, when we shall be BORN of God, this vile body shall be CHANGED, and made exactly like Jesus in His GLORIFIED BODY!

Yes, I know—this is probably TOO WONDERFUL for you to grasp!

But Scripture after Scripture piles up on us, CONFIRMING THIS TREMENDOUS TRUTH!

Look at the very Resurrection chapter, I Corinthians 15.

The BIBLE, which is GOD'S MESSAGE and INSTRUCTION to MANKIND, nowhere teaches any such thing as the PAGAN doctrine of an "immortal soul" going to heaven at death. It teaches that the soul is MORTAL, and shall DIE (Ezek. 18:4, 20).

But it does teach the RESURRECTION of the DEAD.

Now WHEN? At Christ's SECOND COMING!

"For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive, but every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits;"—that was more than 1900 years ago—"afterward they that are Christ's at His coming" (I Cor. 15:22-23).

That is WHEN—at Christ's COMING! And, notice, Christ is the "firstfruits"—the first of those who have been human to be BORN OF GOD by a resurrection from the dead! The true Christians—those that are Christ's—shall be made alive AT HIS COMING!

Now HOW? What kind of BODY? That question is asked in verse 35. Notice GOD's answer:

". . . that which thou sowest"—bury in the ground—"thou sowest *not* the body that shall be" (Verse 37). The IMMORTAL body that comes up in the resurrection will NOT be this vile, rotting body of material flesh—but a DIFFERENT body. Continue: "But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased Him, . . . So is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption. . . . It is sown a natural body"—that is, of NATURE—MATERIAL FLESH—"it is raised a SPIRITUAL BODY"—composed of SPIRIT! "And as we have borne the image of the earthy"—material flesh—of the earth—earthy (verses 47-48)—"we shall also bear the image of the heavenly"—like GOD—like CHRIST in His *glorified body!*

"Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood" (human people of material flesh) "*cannot inherit the Kingdom of God.*" (This is precisely what Jesus said to Nicodemus. This proves that the CHURCH is *not* the Kingdom of God. It proves also that no human of material flesh has been BORN of God.)

Continuing: ". . . We shall not all sleep" (be dead) "but we shall all BE CHANGED, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump" (the time of Christ's Coming): "for the trumpet shall sound, and *the dead shall be raised* incorruptible, and we" (if then still living) "shall be CHANGED. . . . So WHEN this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have *put on IMMORTALITY*, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory!" (I Cor. 15:38-54.)

All true Christians who shall have died before Christ's coming shall rise first—in a resurrection—and then all Christians *still alive*, in mortal flesh, shall be instantaneously—in the twinkling of an eye—CHANGED from mortal to IMMORTAL—from material flesh to immaterial SPIRIT—from HUMAN to DIVINE, at last BORN OF GOD!

Christ Only the First

I have been the father of two sons. I am human—*they*, born of ME, were born HUMAN, as I am! When we are BORN OF GOD, we shall be of HIS VERY FAMILY—we shall be SPIRIT as He is Spirit—immortal as HE is immortal—divine as HE is divine!!

WHY does not organized professed "Christianity" KNOW that? WHY should that seem incredulous, impossible, or, even, to some, like blasphemy? WHY? The NEW TESTAMENT of YOUR BIBLE teaches that all the way through! Jesus taught it! Paul teaches it! Peter teaches it! John teaches it! The Holy Spirit INSPIRED IT, repeatedly!

You have seen, in Philippians 3:20-21, how, as stated just above in I Cor. 15, at Christ's coming our vile bodies shall be CHANGED, changed into SPIRIT, made IMMORTAL, fashioned like Christ's GLORIFIED BODY. *That* is when we shall be BORN OF God. And *THAT* change *does not take place* in THIS LIFE! All these religious-professing people who

think they have been "born again" HAVE NEVER EXPERIENCED THAT CHANGE!

Now we saw, I Cor. 15:23, that Christ, who was BORN OF GOD by His resurrection, was the FIRSTFRUITS of those to be resurrected—those to be BORN AGAIN!

Now *believe* other Scriptures which say the same thing!

Believe Romans 8:29: "For whom He did foreknow, he also did predestinate" (write for free booklet on meaning of predestination) "to be conformed to the IMAGE of His Son (Christ), *that HE might be the firstborn of many brethren.*" Christ was born a SON of God *by a resurrection* from the dead (Rom. 1:4). He was only the *first* to be so BORN OF GOD, of MANY BRETHREN. We are to be in His same IMAGE—as He is, NOW! We are put on HIS SAME PLANE—as His BRETHREN—to be also BORN OF GOD—to become GOD'S SONS!

We are already *begotten* sons—IF really converted—but what we SHALL BE, in the resurrected GLORIFIED BODY—does not yet APPEAR—cannot yet be seen (I John 3:1-2).

God is to have MANY SONS born of Him. Of all these, JESUS was the *first* to be SO BORN. He is the ONLY human so far BORN OF God, though many have already been BEGOTTEN!

Believe Colossians 1:15, 18: Speaking of Jesus "who is the IMAGE of the INVISIBLE GOD, the FIRSTBORN of every creature. . . . the FIRSTBORN from the dead." Yes, just the *first* of many BRETHREN, in the very IMAGE of bright shining GLORY of the INVISIBLE GOD. And we are to be conformed to the SAME IMAGE (Rom. 8:29).

WHAT IS MAN?

Now will you believe what God says in the Book of Hebrews?

WHY should God be concerned about human beings? From a small airplane we look like little ants down here. From a jet 5 to 6 miles high, people on the ground have shrunken so small they can't be seen. HOW TINY must we look to GOD? WHY should He have concern for us?

The question is answered in Hebrews 2, beginning verse 6. God made man a little lower than angels; but, in God's PURPOSE and PLAN, He has CROWNED

man, as He first has Christ, with GLORY, and HONOR.

What is the GLORY with which Christ is now CROWNED? A crown denotes KINGSHIP—rule—authority—power. Jesus Christ said, just before ascending to heaven, that ALL POWER in the universe—in heaven and in earth—had been given to HIM.

In Heb. 1:1-3, it is revealed that Christ is God's HEIR—heir of ALL THINGS—the ENTIRE UNIVERSE—which He now has already inherited! He now is the BRIGHTNESS of God's GLORY!

Yes, His eyes like flashing flames of fire—His face shining bright as the full-strength SUN. He is the *express image* of GOD'S PERSON—and here the inspired Greek words mean stamped, or engraved with God's own perfect spiritual CHARACTER. He UPHOLDS ALL THINGS—see Moffatt translation, Heb. 1:3—He sustains, controls, RULES, the ENTIRE UNIVERSE! God Almighty the Father has delegated to Christ the administrative and executive power, rule, GOVERNMENT, of the UNIVERSE!

Christ's GLORY is such that now He sustains, upholds, controls, every force, energy, and power that exists EVERYWHERE—supreme POWER over the universe!

Yes, and as a BORN Son of GOD, Christ IS God! God Almighty His Father is God. They are two separate and individual Persons (see Rev. 5:1, 6-7).

How can this be? I suppose most people think of GOD as one single individual Person. Or, as a "TRINITY." THIS IS NOT TRUE. Genesis 1:1 gives God's name as, in the Hebrew, "ELOHIM." This is a uni-PLURAL name. It means *more than one Person*, but combined into the ONE FAMILY, which FAMILY is GOD.

Yes, the name "GOD" as God revealed it in the Hebrew language, is a name like FAMILY, CHURCH, or TEAM. There may be several individual members in ONE FAMILY. In I Cor. 12 we find MANY individual MEMBERS form the ONE CHURCH. And Jesus prayed that we, in His CHURCH, might be ONE *in the same manner* that He and God the Father are ONE GOD! (See John 17:11,21.)

Notice Heb. 1:6—the very angels are to WORSHIP CHRIST! If He is not GOD—that is, one of the members of the FAMILY, or the KINGDOM of GOD, then that would break the first Commandment! He is CALLED GOD in verse 8.

Now remember, the true Christian is an HEIR of God (Gal. 3:29), and a JOINT-HEIR *with Christ* (Rom. 8:17). We are to be GLORIFIED TOGETHER WITH HIM (same verse). Christ is now an inheritor—a possessor. WE are still only HEIRS—not yet inheritors—not until we are BORN AGAIN!

Now back to Hebrews 2. Remember we are CO-heirs with CHRIST—begotten SONS of GOD. Christ has INHERITED the entire UNIVERSE, which He now RULES. And in Heb. 2:6-8, we are told plainly that God's PURPOSE is to put ALL THINGS in subjection UNDER US. The Greek words translated "ALL THINGS" mean, simply, THE WHOLE UNIVERSE. God "left NOTHING that is not put under him"—verse 8—only, WE SEE NOT YET this entire universe put under the dominion of mankind!

No, you'll read in Genesis 1:28 that God, so far, has given HUMANS dominion only over the solid earth, the seas, and the AIR—but not yet OUTER SPACE which man is now trying to conquer!

But, God continues, verse 9, we see Jesus ALREADY CROWNED WITH GLORY AND HONOR—which, in chapter 1:2-3, is explained to mean KING with dominion over the whole UNIVERSE.

Now notice verse 10: "For it became HIM . . . in bringing MANY SONS UNTO GLORY, to make the Captain (margin, Leader, or Predecessor, or Pioneer) perfect through sufferings." And in verse 11 Jesus calls us His BROTHERS.

Oh, what matchless, transcendent GLORY God purposes for us—*when we are BORN AGAIN!*

WHY Not Now?

But, as we read in Heb. 2:8, we do not see YET all this GLORY having been inherited by any but CHRIST. WHY, then are we not YET *born*?

Because, when we are, we are to be given such POWERS to guide, direct, and control, that we have to BE TRAINED, and have the PERFECT SPIRITUAL

CHARACTER developed in us so that we may safely be entrusted with such vast powers!

Scientists have learned to harness and control certain physical powers—nuclear energy, for example. And men DO NOT YET HAVE THE CHARACTER to be able to control rightly and guide such colossal power into safe and productive and beneficial channels. Men have turned that POWER into such tremendous stockpiles of DESTRUCTIVE and WAR-making force that there is now the power more than 50 times over to ERASE ALL HUMAN LIFE FROM THE EARTH!

So, before we may be even BEGOTTEN of God, we must REPENT of transgressing GOD'S SPIRITUAL LAW of LOVE—God's WAY to peace, happiness, abundance, and joy. Then, we must BE LED BY God's Holy Spirit which He gives us, IN THE WAY of God's RIGHT SPIRITUAL LAWS—in the way of RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Now LOVE is the fulfilling of God's Law. But it is a SPIRITUAL Law that is in inexorable *motion*—and it requires SPIRITUAL LOVE to fulfill it. This is "the LOVE of GOD, shed abroad in our hearts BY THE HOLY SPIRIT" (Rom. 5:5), which God gives *only* to those that OBEY Him! (Acts 5:32.)

God CREATED this universe. He is the REAL Supreme Ruler! He is not going to turn over that power to rule to any except those who will rule HIS WAY—who will OBEY HIM—obey HIS GOVERNMENT, and carry out HIS GOVERNMENT, UNDER HIM!

So, it is ONLY those that are LED BY God's Holy Spirit, in HIS WAYS who are the SONS of God (Rom. 8:14). And we have to begin OVERCOMING our own self-natures, the wrong WAYS of this world which have become fixed HABIT, and the devil. We must GROW in grace and Christ's KNOWLEDGE (II Pet. 3:18).

Yes, even as the unborn, but begotten human baby must GROW from its beginning size no larger than a pinpoint, fed on physical food—SO, once we are impregnated by GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT—HIS LIFE—WE MUST GROW SPIRITUALLY—fed on the SPIRITUAL FOOD of God's Word the BIBLE, and by PRAYER, and what fellowship is pos-

sible with truly begotten BRETHREN in God's TRUTH.

And UNLESS we *do* continue to GROW in spiritual character development, more and more LIKE GOD, we become like the unborn babe that miscarries—or like an abortion! AND SUCH SHALL NEVER BE BORN OF GOD!

Perhaps a basic error that has blinded nearly all professing "Christians" since the Great CONSPIRACY crept in as a Fifth Columnist—by which religious leaders of the BABYLONIAN MYSTERIES actually conspired to STEAL the NAME "Christian"—between 70 and 170 A.D., is founded on a MISTRANSLATION of *Romans 8:15*.

In the A.V. it reads, ". . . but ye have received the spirit of *adoption*, whereby we cry, Abba, Father!" The marginal rendering for "*adoption*" is, properly, SONSHIP. But the theologians and "Higher Critics" have blindly accepted the heretical and false doctrine introduced by PAGAN false prophets who crept in, that the HOLY SPIRIT is a THIRD PERSON—the heresy of the "TRINITY." This LIMITS God to "Three Persons." This DENIES that Christ, through His Holy Spirit, actually *comes now INTO* the converted Christian and does His saving work on the INSIDE—"Christ IN you, the hope of GLORY" (Col. 1:27).

Peter plainly shows that the Holy Spirit entering INTO us means that we then become "Partakers of the DIVINE NATURE." The "Trinity" doctrine DENIES this.

Any Church, or preacher, that DENIES that CHRIST is actually *COMING* INTO each converted Christian, through His HOLY SPIRIT, IS *ANTI-CHRIST!*

And those are MANY, today. See I John 4:2, and II John 7. The expression "Jesus Christ IS COME in the flesh," as inspired in its original Greek language means, literally, PRESENT TENSE—that Christ is NOW COMING—and the way He now COMES in human flesh, is that He comes literally INTO every truly begotten child of God, BY AND THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT.

If the Holy Spirit were a third PERSON that would be IMPOSSIBLE!

That false doctrine, beautiful as it may have been made to sound, DENIES the presence of God's Holy Spirit with-

in, to impregnate or BEGET us with the NATURE and the very LIFE of GOD!

That heresy DENIES the *true* BORN AGAIN experience!

That false teaching DENIES that the Church is the true BODY OF CHRIST—because, *as* it was the HOLY SPIRIT of God working IN the individual BODY of Jesus, who started God's present work, so it is that SAME SPIRIT, now working IN THE COLLECTIVE BODY of His CHURCH, which carries God's work on. Thus the true Church is the BODY of CHRIST.

But the Holy SPIRIT is the SPIRIT that emanates *from* both the Father, and from CHRIST, and literally enters INTO us, *begetting us*, so that we may BE BORN as the VERY sons of GOD!

Yes, "BEHOLD, *WHAT* manner of love the FATHER hath bestowed upon us, that WE should be called THE SONS OF GOD!" Yes, if converted, then already, NOW, we are the *begotten* SONS of the Eternal Living GOD!

SIN is humanity's one super ENEMY! SIN—the transgression of GOD's perfect spiritual LAW—has robbed the world of PEACE—has brought poverty, emptiness, misery, crime, heartache, WARS, and untold DESTRUCTION! But, when we are finally BORN of God, we SHALL NOT BE ABLE TO SIN—it shall then be IMPOSSIBLE—and we shall know only HAPPINESS, and JOY, and productive ACCOMPLISHMENT!

As CHRIST already, now, HAS GLORY, and POWER, so WE SOON SHALL INHERIT THE SAME!

For, as we read in *Romans 8:18-19*: ". . . The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be COMPARED with the GLORY that shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the CREATION—yes, the *entire* CREATION!—waits for the MANIFESTATION of the SONS of GOD—(*when* we shall be BORN of GOD!)

What WONDERFUL, almost INCOMPREHENSIBLE, *GLORIOUS GOOD NEWS!*

And the BEST NEWS is, that the COMING OF CHRIST is now drawing VERY NEAR! Just a very few more years! And then—the PEACEFUL, HAPPY, GLORIOUS *WORLD TOMORROW!*

All who NOW are *begotten* sons of God shall then be BORN—elevated

from mortal to IMMORTAL, from decaying FLESH to SPIRIT—from HUMAN to DIVINE! And THAT *TRUE* BORN-AGAIN EXPERIENCE will be as incomparably more GLORIOUS than the fake, vague, meaningless, so-called "born-again experience" that deceived THOUSANDS *think* they have had, now, as the present transcending GLORY of CHRIST is superior to the status of sickly, diseased, sinning, suffering HUMANITY TODAY!

But, the Scriptures that break before our eyes this GLORIOUS GOOD NEWS, also warn us to TAKE HEED, and to MAKE OUR CALLING AND ELECTION *SURE!*

Financial Security

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our plans for your family that you may have had to put off for *years* before you began to obey God's law of tithing.

How to Experience the Blessings God Offers You

Many people have assumed that God wants people to be poor, downtrodden, ignorant. Nothing could be further from the truth. Jesus Christ stated: "*I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more ABUNDANTLY*" (John 10:10).

If you would experience the *blessings* everyone really wants, then carry out *literally* the suggestions contained in this article. Begin to seek God's will and His way FIRST. *Take time* to really STUDY the Bible and PROVE what God's will really is. Spend time in *prayer* and *meditation*. Since you are already reading The PLAIN TRUTH magazine, *take time*—with an *open mind*—to PROVE whether or not this is God's work through which He is speaking to the nations of the world and to you.

Then, as you prove God's will in ever greater detail, *act on* and OBEY each point as you prove it. Remember, God will not continue to pour out blessings on you or open up spiritual knowledge to you unless you OBEY the points of truth which have already been revealed.

When you have *proved* where God is working, then put your whole HEART into God's work—into preparing for

His coming Kingdom and government on this earth. Jesus said: "Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal. For where your *treasure* is, there will your *HEART* be also" (Matt. 6:20-21). Give of your *time*, your *treasure*, your *prayers* and *energies* to carrying out the true work of God on this earth! In this age when we are threatened with human annihilation, **NOTHING** is more important! Learn to *base your life* on the **TRUE** scale of values!

Then, in relation to financial blessings, do *your part*. God expects you to *work hard* at your job. If you have a purpose in mind, and the Spirit of God to help you, you certainly **WILL** be able to do this. Your Creator says: "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy **MIGHT**; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest" (Eccl. 9:10).

In addition to *working hard* at your job, learn to *use your head*. Ask God for *wisdom* which He promises to give all of us (Jas. 1:5). In relationship to your job problems and other problems, learn to *seek good advice* and **ACT** upon it. God says: "Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety" (Prov. 11:14). Instead of blundering from job to job—or failing to look ahead into the changes in your own field of work or your own plant or office—learn to seek *wisdom* from God and intelligent counsel from others in all these things.

Exercise FAITH

Then, after truly putting God's Kingdom **FIRST**, and after doing *your part* with zeal, *claim* God's promises in **FAITH**. **KNOW** that the God of heaven means exactly what He says in His Word! *Realize* that He will back up His promises, and bless you financially and physically for tithing and obeying the other laws concerned with blessings in this area of life.

One word of caution, however. *Don't* give up too soon! *Don't* begin to tithe for a few days or weeks "just waiting" for God to fail so you can turn sour and bitter. This is **NOT** faith. This is more like *frustration!*

Remember that God speaks of "the **TRIAL** of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perishes" (I Pet. 1:7).

So do your part with *zeal* and *faith*, and quietly and confidently **EXPECT** the answer to come. It **WILL** come in *God's* time and *God's* way. He may cause you to be promoted or blessed in the job you now hold. He may bless you with a new and better job. He may bless you through a gift, an inheritance, or simply—in an unusual way—opening up circumstances in your own way of life where you are able to save more on certain things than you ever dreamed you could and thereby come out way ahead financially.

But God always **KEEPS** His promises!

In the turbulent years that lie ahead, you need to come to **KNOW** the true God, to *understand* what is prophesied to happen so you will be better able to plan your life, and to **OBEY** His spiritual and financial laws so that you may have *the only real source* of **SECURITY** *there is in this age*.

The Biggest News

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—or about 235 years before Noah died.

When Noah's grandchildren began building the great Tower, God said: "Behold the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they *begin to do*: and now **NOTHING WILL BE RESTRAINED FROM THEM**, which they have imagined to do . . ." (Gen. 11:6). And so God confounded their language, dividing men into different races and nations, speaking different languages.

Up until **OUR MODERN TIME**, this has slowed technological, inventive, and mechanical development to a standstill, virtually. But, in the past 100 years, modern science has burst forth upon the world. People are now learning one another's languages. Today I can travel in the various nations of Europe, the Middle East, India, Southeast Asia—around the world—and everywhere in hotels, in stores, in airplanes, people understand English.

Already, on *The World Tomorrow* broadcast, the program goes out in not only English, but also Spanish, French,

German and Russian languages. We are planning now for broadcasts in Japanese, Swedish, Italian, and other languages.

TODAY KNOWLEDGE IS INCREASING! Today man not only has invented the automobile, the steamship, the submarine, the railroad, the airplane, but **NUCLEAR** energy, by which he is able to blast human life out of existence! And, now, finally, **ROCKETS**, by which **MAN** has *left the earth*, and gone up into **OUTER SPACE!**

Today, **MAN** says he is going to *go to the moon and back* during this present decade of the 60's—and to Mars, and other planets, during the 70's!

ONCE AGAIN, man says he is going to **GO UP TO HEAVEN!**

But **GOD ALMIGHTY** still governs this Universe, and every force and energy and power in it! God Almighty gave man **DOMINION** over the solid earth, the waters in the seas, and the **AIR** (Gen. 1:28)—but **NOT ABOVE THE AIR!**

When man propels himself into outer space, *he is invading GOD'S DOMAIN!* When the men of ancient Babylon, **IN THE DAYS OF NOAH**, said they were going to build themselves a means of "*reaching to HEAVEN*"—invading God's domain—**GOD ALMIGHTY CAME DOWN AND ACTED TO STOP THEM!**

But He said, then, that unless He did stop them, **NOTHING** would otherwise be restrained from them. And so, today, **IT IS NOT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE INVENTIVE GENIUS OF THE MIND OF MAN** to be able to go to **MARS, THE MOON, AND OTHER PLANETS!**

That is—**UNLESS GOD COMES DOWN AND STOPS IT!**

God has not changed!

God did come down! He did intervene! He did stop it, *before!*

HE WILL AGAIN! The dawn of the **SPACE AGE** signals the very **IMMINENT coming back down to earth** of **CHRIST** in all the supreme **POWER** and **GLORY** of God Almighty! He *will stop it!*

God has decreed that **MAN**, after he is **BORN AGAIN**, shall have dominion over the entire universe! Yes, *after* man has learned to **OBEY GOD**, and to direct the great powers of the universe according to **GOD'S LAWS**, constructively in-

stead of destructively! BUT NOT YET!

So, the SPACE AGE is another signpost along the way, that says: "KINGDOM OF GOD—just a few years straight ahead!"

The MOST Important Fulfillment

Yes, it would be difficult to decide WHICH of all these stupendous events fulfilling prophecy is the *most important!*

But there is one other, hardly noticed by the world—greeted by no banner newspaper headlines whatever, which is the MOST IMPORTANT of all. It is the BIGGEST of the BIG NEWS of our time!

Of all the events of world history, up to now, the one MOST important to humanity, to GOD, and to posterity and the universe, was one the world as a whole took no note of, whatever, at the time!

It was greeted with no banner newspaper headlines! That event was the FIRST coming to this earth of Jesus Christ—His ministry, founding His Church, starting GOD'S WORK, His offering of His LIFE for the sins of the world, and His Resurrection and ascension to heaven.

The MOST IMPORTANT event that ever SHALL occur, is the supernatural *intervention* of GOD, to STOP the destructive course of MAN, to SEND CHRIST to RULE THE WORLD, and establish WORLD GOVERNMENT under the KINGDOM OF GOD—and to convert the WORLD!

And, while it is only the first PRELIMINARY phase of GOD'S DIVINE and SUPERNATURAL INTERVENTION, to bring PEACE, and to CONVERT THE WORLD—and a phase which GOD has been executing by and through poor, weak, but yielded and willing HUMAN INSTRUMENTS, the BIGGEST of the BIG news of world events in OUR TIME is that phase of God's direct supernatural INTERVENTION!

When Jesus Christ came, 1934 years ago, with the GOOD NEWS from God of THE WORLD TOMORROW—the world to be ruled by the KINGDOM OF GOD—that was the BIGGEST news ever released by a news-caster for mankind. But men HATED it—they "loved darkness rather than the light." They crucified Jesus *because* He proclaimed it!

Later, fifth-column pagans, religious leaders of the *Babylonian Mysteries*, appropriated the NAME of Christ, called themselves "Christian," and then blotted out of their doctrines everything vital that Christ taught, retained their own pagan customs, and branded the TRUE Christians as "heretics."

But Jesus Christ Himself said that, in OUR TIME, the first beginning of GOD'S INTERVENTION in world affairs prior to Christ's arrival to TAKE OVER ALL GOVERNMENTS and RULE the world, would be this:

"And *this Gospel* of the Kingdom shall be preached ["published"—Mark 13:10] in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the END [of this world] come." (Mat. 24:14).

This is the continuation, on an ever-expanding scale, once again, of the PROCLAMATION as a final witness to the world, of GOD'S MESSAGE which men hated and used every organized effort to *stamp out*, when CHRIST first brought it 1934 years ago!

God ordained that it should go, now, as His Message of Peace, and in LOVE, through human instruments of His choosing. When men scoff, scorn and reject the Message, as they do and will, finally God is going to deliver it BY FORCE, through the RULE of CHRIST. But before that, God is giving everyone who hears or reads this one final opportunity to accept HIS LOVE—His SALVATION, through the preaching in love.

But *make no mistake!* In a blinded, deceived world, it's hard for men to see—but it's TRUE—THIS MESSAGE IS TODAY GOING AROUND THE WORLD BY THE VERY POWER OF GOD!

This is GOD'S doing! It is the FIRST phase, to be accepted or rejected by man voluntarily, of GOD'S SUPERNATURAL INTERVENTION. That is FAR MORE IMPORTANT than anything MAN is doing, *destructively*, to fulfill Prophecy!

God always starts things, through His human instruments, the very smallest—and they grow to the BIGGEST. GOD started the work that proclaims The WORLD TOMORROW Message into every continent on earth—the work that publishes *The Plain Truth*—exactly 28

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.

Thus the living dynamic Christ Himself enables us to broadcast, world-wide, without ever asking for contributions over the air; to enroll many thousands in the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course with full tuition cost *already paid*; to send your PLAIN TRUTH on an *already paid* basis. God's way is GOOD!

years ago, in the smallest possible manner. He *knew* He was choosing human instruments of very little power or strength (Rev. 3:8), and for that reason, He OPENED the powerful DOORS of MASS evangelism, of radio and the printing press. It started the smallest! Today, The WORLD TOMORROW is either the BIGGEST user of radio power on earth—*more than 20 million watts per week*—or at the present rate of growth soon will be!

The world pays little heed. The world takes God's BIG NEWS—the GOOD NEWS of His Kingdom—very cheaply. But it is THE VERY WORK OF GOD!

It is, unrealized by man, the BIGGEST fulfillment of Prophecy that has occurred in our time! It prepares the way before, and signifies the IMMINENCY of, the SOON COMING OF CHRIST, and the happy, peaceful, abundant, joyful WORLD TOMORROW!

This is no ordinary magazine you are now reading! May GOD open your eyes to its true significance, that you *HEED* its Message from GOD!

How to Get Results

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when he is old, "NOT depart from it" (Prov. 22:6).

There are many methods of proper