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Where Does the U.S. Go from Here?

THE WORLD right now stands on the brink of the FINAL, NUCLEAR WAR! There has never yet been a NUCLEAR war! Do you grasp the gravity of the world situation at this minute?

World leaders all know the probability that a nuclear war between the United States and Russia can very likely ERASE ALL MANKIND FROM THE EARTH! It means the END of human existence!

Where is this world at the moment—as I write, February 1, 1980? For more than 90 days the United States has been so absorbed with the plight of the 50 hostages in Iran, the government has not realized that the REAL DANGER has been Russia all the time. Of course the REAL DANGER is something else of which the Washington politicians are still unaware. Yet it is now MOVING!

President Carter warned the Soviets against invading Afghanistan. He called Leonid Brezhnev personally on the HOT LINE! Mr. Brezhnev considered Mr. Carter to be a weak President who would do nothing. Soviet troops, up to 100,000, poured into Afghanistan.

Mr. Carter began to do something. He put into effect a grain embargo against Russia. He threatened to boycott the Olympic Games scheduled to be held in Moscow this summer. To the Russians these games are a big government project. All other countries may enter only AMATEUR athletes. In Russia the system is different. The government runs EVERYTHING, even athletics. Though the Soviets call their athletes amateurs, they are actually in government employ and in real fact are PROS! Then Mr. Carter set a deadline for boycotting the Olympic Games—February 20. But even the AAU has approved the boycott, and it is now a certainty.

Washington has gotten a resolution through the United Nations against Russia. But they laugh at that wrist-slap. Nothing but equal or stronger MILITARY FORCE speaks their language! Sanctions, resolutions—they laugh at them!

But now Mr. Carter has said that entrance of the Soviet military forces into the Persian Gulf means war! Now WAIT A MINUTE! Mr. Brezhnev and his fellows at the Kremlin will THINK THAT ONE OVER! So must Mr.

Carter's administration!

1) The United States does not want to fight a nuclear war with Russia. Russia does not want to fight a nuclear war with the United States. They could *destroy each other!*

2) The United States does not have the conventional nonnuclear military ability to fight Russia in her own backyard—the Persian Gulf—so far from the United States. American forces would either LOSE or be forced to turn such war into a NUCLEAR war! The Kremlin, of course, knows that also.

3) President Carter has DRAWN THE LINE. If the Soviet crosses it—it is WAR! (Or else a TOTAL loss of face and prestige in the world for the United States.) Now what will the Soviets DO? It's their move! Will they decide Mr. Carter is too weak to back up his threat of WAR, and decide they may go ahead and get away with it? I do not think so. I think that is a chance the Kremlin will not take. I think, as I wrote before, the Russian Bear will slow down its pace, go ahead and make its intervention in Afghanistan solid and complete, perhaps even withdrawing some troops, and also keep poised, READY to invade Yugoslavia, Germany, Austria, or France, AS A *threat* in a stepped-up WAR OF NERVES!

Now the IMPORTANT consideration is WHAT IS HAPPENING IN EUROPE?

The President has sent two high emissaries to try to swing European nations (NATO members) over to the U.S. side—to boycott the Olympics and refuse to sell Russia grain. These two emissaries have met a very cold shoulder—except in Britain. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, prime minister, has said: "We are WITH you. We stand together with you!" to the United States.

But, for example, how does Chancellor Helmut Schmidt in Bonn look at the picture? Russian forces are right at his eastern border, and more being massed there. They could cross over in massive force within 30 minutes with no notice! West Germany, along with other European nations, has no military force capable of defending against such Russian attack. The European nations have relied on U.S. military might to PROTECT THEM from the Russians who are (Continued on page 45)

On the Very Brink of NUCLEAR WAR!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

FEW SEEM to realize it. But when President Carter said recently the situation with Russia is more serious than at any time since World War II, he made the understatement of the century.

We are in fact, at the very brink of NUCLEAR WORLD WAR III! It is not going to happen—but let me tell you the situation the U.S. government has bungled its way into.

It is very evident that President Carter has never UNDERSTOOD Russian communist philosophy and basic point of view. All their thinking is from this viewpoint. It's the place where their "camera" is set. They do not see things as we see them. They do not think as we think.

Let me give you a brief summary. I have said before that more than 50 years ago, I studied thoroughly a so-called "home study course" in communist philosophy and thinking. How could it have been available to me and not to a man who rose to become PRESIDENT?

It all began with two men, Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels. They were citizens of Germany. They, even as I myself have, saw that this world's governments and economic systems were wrong. But they did not really know GOD—they hatched an atheistic society—and they did not have UNDERSTANDING, as God has given me, of the BIBLE!

Their "camera" was set to view the world as MAN views it. They could discern much that was WRONG. But their "camera" was not focused on GOD, and they did not see GOD's answers to this world's evils.

So, as usually happens in human thinking shut off from God, they had

a warped view. They envisioned a world of communism. They saw that the world's religions were the "opium of the people," so their minds saw no farther than to ABOLISH religion—not to seek the TRUE God and His teaching.

Then came along Vladimir Lenin, a Russian citizen, who had studied and accepted enthusiastically and even fanatically the atheistic ideas of Marx and Engels. Lenin turned those theoretical philosophies into a workable NEW FORM OF GOVERNMENT, eliminating ownership of private property—all of which would be owned by the State (the Politburo group at the helm)—and eliminating religion. To accomplish such sweeping changes necessitated a CAMPAIGN OF PUBLIC EDUCATION, a most essential factor. The PEOPLE had to be induced by education to give up their property and their religion—the two things closest to their hearts.

Vladimir Lenin must be accounted to have possessed the qualities of GREATNESS (not holiness, which he abhorred) or RIGHTNESS! It was during World War I, in 1917, that Lenin led his band of fanatically dedicated men, including, originally, Joseph Stalin and Leon Trotsky. The latter defected to South America.

It all started with an inner core, the original founders of the Communist Party.

Lenin's idea was not to conquer the minds—that is, the pocketbooks and the hearts—of the Russian people alone, but those of the WHOLE WORLD.

As Jesus Christ is to rule the WHOLE WORLD at His now soon coming, Satan moved men of the human GREATNESS OF

men like Marx and Lenin to attempt to beat Christ to it!

Therefore, the Communist PARTY was formed, not merely as *the one* political party to be allowed in Russia—but an INTERNATIONAL PARTY active in all nations!

Before World War II the Communist Party in the United States was making great headway. They began infiltrating the colleges and universities. If they could not "convert" professors, they worked on students who would become teachers later. Thus they were recruiting TEACHERS to teach their doctrine all over the United States.

And don't think they were overlooking Britain, France, Italy, Spain and Portugal, and Germany where the idea was first hatched. They also sowed the seeds in China, and left it for the Chinese Communists, like Mao Tse-tung (Mao Zedong) and present Vice Chairman Tan Zhenlin, to organize a Chinese Communist Party and put the second of the three largest nations on earth under communism.

However, the Chinese communism is different, and Vice Chairman Tan told me it is the Russians who have departed from the original, pure communism. But you will see a very large statue of Lenin, along with the late Mao, in Peking (Beijing). Communism has also made big inroads in Southeast Asia. They almost took over both Singapore and Indonesia (fifth most populous nation), which just barely escaped communism only a few years ago.

The GOAL is to bring the WHOLE WORLD under communism. The Russians admit conditions in their country

are not yet perfect—but they saw the real benefits of communism cannot be experienced and enjoyed *until* the whole world has become communist.

Now as to Russian Communist strategy. They admit they cannot conquer *all* nations without one final all-out military war. To them that is the **LAST RESORT**, but that is the primary reason for keeping the Soviet Union military strength at either No. 1 or No. 2 in the world.

Their first approach however is **EDUCATION**. It is not alone education in communism. It is, first, education on the **EVILS** of other systems (which are many). Second is on the advantages of communism.

Then comes guerrilla warfare. This was used in South Vietnam, and U.S. military forces were untrained and no match for that kind of war. **AMERICA DID NOT WIN**—she pulled out! The Communists have taken what American soldiers fought and died to protect! I wonder **WHEN** America will **WAKE UP!**

Among Communist teachings, which I read in the U.S. Communist Party study course (about 50 years ago), are that the **END** justifies any means. Communists are taught to lie, to misrepresent, to lie under oath, to use any pretense or deception to win a point.

YOU'D BE SURPRISED if you knew how many Russian Communists are kept as full-time spies in the United Nations building in New York! Or for that matter, even as full-time career diplomats in the State Department in Washington. The man who approved and issued my press pass at the San Francisco Conference in 1945, a leader in the State Department, was later tried for being a Communist agent.

So much for that brief sketch of the history and methods of Communism.

BUT WHAT NOW? In what manner are we sitting on a whole flock of smoking hydrogen bombs?

President Carter first put a grain embargo on Russia. Of course that hurt somewhat, but they expected that, and decided the results were worth it. Next he has virtually boycotted the Olympic Games scheduled to be held in Russia this summer. Sure, that hurt too—but as I said before, they took that as a calculated risk. The

United Nations passed a resolution against them. But they have felt the stakes are high enough to be worth it. Now the oil-rich Arab nations passed a resolution against them. But I can hear Mr. Brezhnev saying with a smile, "Well, how many divisions do the Arab nations have?"

Where the **DANGER** lies is this: President Carter has said that the Persian Gulf is an American **VITAL INTEREST**. He has threatened even military action if the Russians violate it by moving into the Persian Gulf.

Look at a map. Most all oil-producing Arab nations export their oil through the Persian Gulf! Whoever controls the Persian Gulf controls the world's **OIL!**

Those stakes are pretty high! The Kremlin knows it! How far will they gamble?

Look at the record. Under President John Kennedy the United States used military force to **BLOCKADE CUBA!** Moscow knew that was only the first step. A President who dared do that was **COMMITTED** to go **FARTHER** if the Russians engaged U.S. blockading ships. And **THAT** would have been a war *in the U.S. area of the world!*

What have I always said? 1) The Russians **DO NOT** want a nuclear all-out war with the United States *yet!* So the Russians backed off, for, 2) they will back off in face of an equal or superior military force. **THAT'S THE ONLY LANGUAGE THEY UNDERSTAND!**

Recently in President Carter's administration, it became known the Russians had armed military men in Cuba. Mr. Carter warned them—a sort of slap on the wrist. They only smiled and left their troops—and they are **STILL THERE!** There are other times recently when Mr. Carter has talked, and **DONE NOTHING.**

You may be sure the Russians are weighing all this carefully. If they proceed now through Pakistan into the Persian Gulf, *would* the United States fight? Frankly I doubt it. In any war short of **NUCLEAR** power, we cannot match the Russians in the Persian Gulf—in *their* backyard!

Yet if the Russians do go ahead, the only kind of war we can match them in is **ALL-OUT NUCLEAR WAR.** The United States should start by
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God wrote it for you to understand.

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Not the hiding, sealing or closing up.**

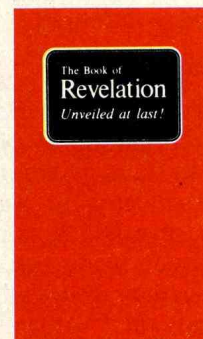
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Part Three:

A Voice Cries Out Amid Religious Confusion

How could the world have become so mixed up? Out of this spiritual wilderness, a voice cries out in clarity and power, with the reassuring truth of the world's only and sure hope!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

Editor's note: We are printing here, serially, the new book by Herbert W. Armstrong with the same title as this article. The book will appear in bookstores later this year.

Chapter 3

WHO AND WHAT IS GOD?

I WAS RETURNING to my hotel in New Delhi some years ago from a private conference with Mrs. Indira Gandhi, Prime Minister of India. Ever since arriving in India I had noticed cows and oxen wandering through the streets. I had never seen such animals straying loosely through city streets in any other country.

"Don't these cattle stray quite a distance from home?" I asked of the car driver.

"O yes," he answered.

"But when," I asked, "they wander all over the streets so far away,

how do their owners know where to find them, to drive them back home for the night?"

The car driver smiled. "The owners don't. But the cattle and oxen know their owners and where they live. They find their own way home in the evening."

Immediately I thought of the scripture in the first chapter of Isaiah, which I had never understood so perfectly before this living explanation.

"Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth. For the Eternal hath spoken, 'I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me. The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider. Ah, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the Eternal . . . they have gone away backward'" (Isaiah 1:2-4).

And this was spoken of ancient Israel, a nation to which God had revealed Himself by many evidences and miracles. How much less do

other nations know about God—about WHO and WHAT God is!

Of the peoples of the Roman Empire, God inspired the apostle Paul to write:

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and wickedness of men who by their wickedness *suppress the truth*. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. Ever since the creation of the world his invisible nature, namely his eternal power and deity [spiritual], has been clearly perceived in the things that have been made [physical]. So they are without excuse; for although they knew [about] God, they did not honor him as God, or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking and their senseless minds were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools" (Romans 1:18-22, Revised Standard Version).

The billions now living on earth not only are ignorant of the most important knowledge—WHO, and WHAT God is—they seem *not to want*

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Voice Cries Out

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to know! They are willingly in ignorance of this most important knowledge and relationship possible in human life!

Astonishing—but TRUE!

And why have humans been *willingly* ignorant of man's most important relationship? One explanation, only, is possible! All nations have been *deceived!* (Revelation 12:9.) And the *fact* of this universal deception makes certain the fact of a super DECEIVER! More of this, later.

The scholarly of the world in the first century were the Athenian intellectuals. Some of them encountered the apostle Paul in Athens.

"Then certain philosophers of the Epicureans, and of the Stoicks, encountered him, and some said, What will this babbler say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods, because he preached to them Jesus and the resurrection. And they took him and brought him unto Areopagus [atop Mars Hill], saying, May we know what this new doctrine, whereof thou speakest, is?"

"Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars hill and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious. For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, [objects of worship—Revised Standard Version] I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom, therefore, ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you. God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth . . . he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; and hath made of one blood all the nations of men for to dwell on . . . the earth . . . For in him we live, and move, and have our being . . ." (Acts 17:18-19, 22-26, 28).

And now what of the scholarly of our Western world *today*?

First of all, one would think, the most highly educated ought to know WHO and WHAT God is! Suppose you ask at random 100 university deans, "Do you believe in God?" Perhaps three or four would answer, "Oh, I believe in the existence of God—as a 'first cause.'" But they cannot tell you WHO or WHAT God is! They

cannot tell you what God is like! Perhaps another six or eight of the hundred will admit they are agnostics—they do not know "for sure" whether God exists.

I have said that education has become a matter of memory instillation. From elementary grades to higher graduate levels of study, our educational systems inject ready-made concepts, ideologies, and a mixture of facts and fables into the unsuspecting minds of children, youths and young adults. Students in our school systems are graded according to how well they accept, memorize and can recite or write in tests what has been taught—whether true or false.

Modern education has given universal acceptance to the fable of evolution. Evolution is the atheist's attempt to explain the existence of a creation without the preexistence of the Creator. It removes God from the picture.

I quoted above from the first chapter of the book of Romans. The 28th verse says, ". . . they did not like to retain God in their knowledge." Little or nothing is taught about God, but even in the elementary grades the basic concept—the APPROACH to knowledge—is evolution.

Is it any wonder, then, that the scholarly do not know WHO or WHAT God is? They believe what they have been taught.

As I write I have just returned from a four-day visit in Beijing (Peking), as the first religious leader from the world of Christianity to be invited to speak before large groups at the Chinese capital, and with a one-hour private conference with the vice chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, Tan Zhen-lin.

In speaking with him, I was speaking to one of three top officials now molding the minds and beliefs of ONE BILLION people—almost a fourth of all the people on earth. China, in population, is the world's largest nation. Even in very ancient times the religion in China was ancestor worship. Then came Confucianism, rivaled by Taoism. Later Buddhism was introduced from India. Today the nation is communist—atheist.

I found them to be a very cordial, friendly and courteous people—but

knowing WHO and WHAT God is most certainly is not what they are now concerned about. I did not try to tell them WHO and WHAT God is, but I did tell two large and important audiences of leaders, and one of their two vice chairmen, what God is very soon going to do—and I announced this forthcoming book, which I am writing now.

India is the second largest nation. What have they known about WHO and WHAT God is? NOTHING!

Russia is third largest in population. They did have Russian Orthodox Christianity, and now atheism.

I am not condemning or judging these people—and I presume they are as well-meaning as any people. God is not judging them NOW—as I shall explain later. Neither is He condemning them. He loves them and will call them all to eternal salvation in His own time. But they DO NOT know WHO or WHAT God is.

In ancient Egypt they worshiped the gods Isis and Osiris—Egyptian names for Nimrod (Genesis 10) and his mother-wife Semiramis. The Greeks and Romans anciently had mythological gods such as Jupiter, Hermes, Dionysus, Zeus, Apollo, Diana and many others. But they did not know, and their peoples do not know today, WHO and WHAT God is. But *WHY*?

Already, in the quotation from the first chapter of Romans, I have given you a reason—they were *willingly* ignorant of the things of the true GOD. But *WHY*? Why *willingly* ignorant?

There was a cause for this willing ignorance. And the Bible clearly tells us that cause, which is dual: 1) what occurred prehistorically, and 2) what God Himself instituted following the original sin of Adam. All this, and the CAUSE of all the escalating evils of today's world, are clearly revealed by God Almighty in His Word the Holy Bible. And this will be made plain as we progress.

But first, what does the Bible reveal about WHO and WHAT is God? It is *only* in this inspired Book that God reveals Himself. But mankind in general has never believed God—that is, *what God says!* God spoke face to face, personally, to Adam and Eve, the first created humans. Then

He allowed Satan to approach them. Satan got to Adam through his wife. Our original parents believed Satan when he said, "Ye shall *not* surely die," after God had said, "Thou shalt surely die" upon stealing the forbidden fruit.

When Jesus Christ spoke on earth 4,000 years later, though He preached His message from God to multiple thousands, only 120 people believed what He said (Acts 1:15).

No wonder, then, not one of these religions, sects and denominations, except the small and persecuted Church founded by Jesus Christ (A.D. 31), starting with that 120, knows WHO and WHAT God is! But there is a reason for that fact. This will be made clear as we proceed.

Just WHO and WHAT, then, is God? How does He reveal Himself? Already I have quoted the apostle Paul saying to the Athenian intellectuals that God is the Creator, who designed, formed, shaped and created MAN.

The prophet Isaiah quotes God Himself, saying: "To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? . . . Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number; he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power, not one faileth" (Isaiah 40:25-26).

Read this in the James Moffatt translation in modern English:

"To whom will you compare me, then, and equal me," asks the Majestic One. "Lift high your eyes, look up; who made these stars? He who marshals them in order, summoning each one by name. For fear of him, so mighty and so strong, not one fails to appear."

Further, God Himself says to the skeptics: "Now, the Eternal cries, Bring your case forward, now, Jacob's King cries, state your proofs. Let us hear what happened in the past, that we may ponder it, or show me what is yet to be, that we may watch how it turns out; yes, let us hear what is coming, that we may be sure you are gods; do something or other, that we may marvel at the sight!—why," taunts God to the doubter, "you are things of nought, you can do nothing at all" (Isaiah 41:21-24, Moffatt).

God is Creator of ALL—of everything in the vast universe—the stars, the galaxies in endless space, this earth, man and everything in the earth.

That is WHAT God is—what He *does!* He CREATES! He designs, forms and shapes. He gives LIFE! He is the great GIVER! And His law—His *way of life*—is the way of GIVING, not GETTING, which is the way of this world.

But what is God *like?* WHO is God? There have been many conceptions. Some believe God is merely the *good* or good intentions, *within* each human—merely some part of each human individual. Some have imagined God was some kind of idol composed of gold or silver, or carved out of wood, stone or other material. The Israelites thought, while Moses was communing with God on Mount Sinai, that God was, or looked like, a golden calf.

Many think God is a single individual supreme Personage. Some thought He was a spirit.

But the generally accepted teaching of traditional Christianity is that God is a "trinity"—God in three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, which they call a "Ghost." The word *trinity* is not found in the Bible, nor does the Bible teach this doctrine. But more about that later.

God in Prehistory

Now let's go back to the very beginning, in prehistory.

If you were asked where in the Bible to find the very earliest description of God in point of the time of His existence, you probably would say, "Why, in the very first verse in the Bible, Genesis 1:1, of course." Right?

Wrong!

In the time-order of God's existence the earliest revelation of WHO and WHAT God is is found in the New Testament: John 1:1.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men" (John 1:1-4).

"The WORD" in this passage is translated from the Greek *logos*,

which means, "spokesman," or "word" or "revelatory thought." It is the name there used for an individual Personage. Notice the explanation in verse 14:

"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."

The Word, then, is a Personage who was made flesh—begotten by God, who through this later begetting became His Father. Yet at that prehistoric time of the first verse of John 1, the Word was not (yet) the Son of God. He was made God's son later, through being begotten or sired by GOD and born of the virgin Mary.

So here we find revealed originally *two Personages*. One is God. And with God in that prehistoric time was another Personage who also was God—one who later was begotten and born as Jesus Christ. Yet at the time described in verse one Jesus was *not* the Son of God and God was not His Father.

We find regarding the beginning of His existence, something further described in Hebrews chapter 7. Speaking of Melchisedec, who was king of Jerusalem in the days of Abraham, it says also that He had been the High Priest of God. This Melchisedec, had existed from eternity—"without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; *abideth a priest continually*" (Hebrews 7:3).

Since Melchisedec was "*like* the Son of God," and abides as High Priest for ever continually, and Jesus Christ is now High Priest, Melchisedec and Jesus Christ are one and the same Person.

Therefore Christ was "without father, without mother, without descent [in Abraham's time], having neither beginning of days nor end of life," God also had existed *eternally* with the Word. Jesus, when He was "the Word," was an immortal being who had existed ALWAYS—there never was a time when He did not exist—without beginning of days. He was, then, "*like*" the Son of God—but He was not yet the Son of God. He also was God, along *with* God.

These passages show that the

Word, in the beginning—before ANYTHING had been created—was with God, and He, also, was God. Now how could that be?

Well, the son of a man named Smith might be *with* Smith (his father), and he also *is* Smith, because he takes his father's name—yet he is a separate person, *with* Smith (his father), and he also *is* Smith.

The only point of difference in that analogy is that the Word, at the time of John 1:1, was not, yet, the Son of God. But He was *with* God, and He also was God.

They were not yet Father and Son—but *they were the foundation* of what was *to become* the GOD FAMILY!

That Family is composed, now, of God the Father, and Jesus Christ His Son, and many begotten humans who already, NOW, are begotten SONS OF GOD (Romans 8:14, 16; I John 3:2).

That FAMILY aspect—the GOD FAMILY—is vitally important, and this will be thoroughly explained later.

But now, where are we?

Long before anything else existed, there did exist two Supreme Beings, immortal, who ALWAYS had existed. Your mind can't quite conceive that "always," but neither can it quite conceive of *what is* electricity! Yet you know electricity exists and is real!

So back to our question, "WHO and WHAT is God?" Before *anything* else came into existence there was God, and the Word. Two Persons—not three. And, verse 2 of John 1, all things (the universe) were made by the Word.

Now understand this, by adding Ephesians 3:9: "... God, who created all things by Jesus Christ."

Let me explain. In the first week in January, 1914, I was sent by a national magazine to Detroit, Michigan, to interview Henry Ford to obtain material for an article on his sensational new \$5-a-day wage policy. I saw Henry Ford in the administration building, wearing a business suit with white collar and necktie. Then I looked across the breeze-way into the giant factory (then the Highland Park factory) and I saw perhaps thousands of men in overalls, working at machines powered with electrical energy. Mr. Ford was called the

maker of the Ford car. But he made the cars *by* these workmen, who used the power of electricity and machines.

In the same manner, God the Father is Creator. But he "created all things by Jesus Christ." Jesus is the Word. It is written, "He spake, and it was done" (Psalm 33:9). God tells Christ what to do (John 8:28-29). Jesus then speaks, as the workman, and the Holy Spirit is the POWER that responds and does what Jesus commands.

Thus, as we read further, in Colossians 1, beginning verse 12, "Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath . . . translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son . . . Who is the image of the invisible God [same appearance, form and shape and character]: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him and for him; and he is before all things, and by him all things consist" (verses 12-13, 15-17).

Therefore God's Word reveals that God and the Word—two Supreme Personages—coexisted ALWAYS—and before ANYTHING had been created—including this earth, and the entire universe.

There was a time, therefore, when those two Personages coexisted and NOTHING ELSE did.

No third Person is mentioned—no "Ghost." Both Persons are SPIRIT, and project their Spirit.

How long must they have thought, and planned, and designed, before even beginning to create anything whatsoever!

But matter—this earth, the stars, nebulae, galaxies—was not the first thing they created. *They created angels before the creation of matter.*

God speaks of the creation of the earth in the 38th chapter of Job. He says that, at the creation of the earth, all the angels shouted for joy (verse 7). Therefore all the angels already were in existence when the earth was first created.

In Genesis 1:1 it speaks of God creating the earth and the heavens. In the King James translation the word *heaven*—singular—is used. But the original Hebrew as Moses wrote, and as other translations render it, is in the

plural—*heavens*—implying that the whole material universe was created simultaneously with the earth. This is plainly stated in Genesis 2:4: "These are the generations [beginnings] of the heavens (plural) and the earth, when they were created . . ."

However, that might have been multiple thousands or millions of years ago. Angels were placed on earth before the creation of man. Since angels are immortal spirit beings, they might have dwelt here thousands or millions of years before the creation of man. How many God does not reveal. The earth, at first, was the abode of angels. But, Jude 6, "And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation [the earth] . . ."

What Is God's Appearance?

Now more detail on WHO and WHAT God *is*.

God is Spirit (John 4:24, Revised Standard Version). God and the Word were composed of SPIRIT. Not matter. Not flesh and blood, like humans. God is *invisible* to human eyes (Colossians 1:15).

How about form and shape?

In Genesis 1:26, "God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." We know what form and shape is that of man. That is the image, likeness, form and shape of God.

In various parts of the Bible, it is revealed that God has a face, eyes, a nose, mouth and ears. He has hair on His head. It is revealed God has arms and legs. And God has hands and fingers. No animal, fowl, bird, fish, insect or any other kind of life we know of has hands like human hands. Even if any other living being of which we know had a mind to think with, without hands and fingers he could not design and make things as a man does.

God has feet and toes and a body. God has a mind. Animals have brains, but no mind power.

If you know what a man looks like, you know what is the form and shape of GOD, for He made man in His image, after His very likeness!

One of Jesus' disciples asked Him what God the Father looks like. Jesus replied: "Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? He that hath seen me hath seen the Father . . ." (John

14:9). Jesus looked like the Father, Jesus was, actually "God with us" (Matthew 1:23). Jesus was the begotten and born Son of God.

And what was Jesus' appearance? It was that of a human man, for He also was the Son of man. He looked so much like other Jewish men of His day that His enemies bribed Judas to point Him out and identify which, in a crowd, was Jesus.

So now we know God has the same form and shape as a man. We also know He is composed of Spirit, not of matter as is man. Spirit is invisible to human eyes, unless manifested by some special process.

And if so manifested we would see both God the Father and Christ now glorified in heaven with faces, though formed and shaped like human faces, as bright as the sun full strength! Their eyes flames of fire, feet like burnished brass and hair white as snow (Revelation 1:14-16).

Most important of all however is what is God's nature—His CHARACTER like? One cannot know *what* God is unless he knows what His CHARACTER is! □

WAR!

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blasting both Moscow and Leningrad with H-bombs! It would be that or the U.S. hangs her head in shame before the world.

WE ARE JUST THAT CLOSE THIS MINUTE TO A WAR THAT COULD ERASE ALL HUMAN LIFE FROM THIS PLANET. For no matter what the United States can do, the Soviet Union can rain nuclear bombs and DESTROY New York City, Washington, D.C., Chicago, Philadelphia, Houston, Dallas, San Francisco and Los Angeles, and many other cities in between!

WHAT WILL THE KREMLIN NOW DECIDE?

Knowing their policies as I do, I think they will simply stay where they are—make Afghanistan 100 percent solid—even withdraw some troops, and bide their time. As I said before, THEY ARE IN NO HURRY. They are not on a tight time schedule. But I DO NOT expect them to move all of their troops back out of Afghanistan! □

TITO

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ward. These two Yugoslav republics were once part of the old Austro-Hungarian Empire. Croats and Slovenes have their roots in the mainstream of Europe culture, including Roman Catholicism.

Interestingly, Serbs and Croats speak variants of the same language, Serbo-Croatian, one of the three official tongues of the country (the other two being Slovenian and Macedonian). However, Serbs employ the Cyrillic alphabet, common to the Russians, Bulgarians and some other Slavic peoples. Croats use the Latin alphabet common to the West.

Further compounding the ethnic equation is the fact that nearly half of the people of the republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina, though they are either Serb or Croat by bloodline, embrace Islam. They are descendants of those converted during the centuries of Turkish rule. The Bosnian Moslems are now classified as a separate nationality.

Today's Unity a Miracle

Without a doubt Tito was the "glue" that held modern Yugoslavia together. This is nothing short of a miracle considering what has happened in the Balkans in recent history.

The fuse which ignited World War I was lit in Sarajevo, capital of today's Bosnia-Herzegovina. A Serbian nationalist assassinated Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir to the Hapsburg throne of Austria-Hungary, sovereign in the region at the time.

Between the wars, the new patchwork "south slav" state had one strike against it from the beginning—namely the antagonisms between Serbs and Croats. Croats especially resented a Serbian king and largely Serbian government, which, they felt, acted as if the new Yugoslavia was the fulfillment of the old vision of a Greater Serbia.

The onset of World War II unleashed extremist elements on both sides. When the Nazis invaded in 1941, for example, Croatian fascists—the *Ustashi*—got permission to establish their own puppet Nazi-style regime.

The Ustashes, under *Poglavnik*

(leader) Ante Pavelic and Interior Minister Andrija Artukovic (who, oddly enough, still lives in exile in California) conducted an appalling extermination campaign against Serbs and Jews who were trapped inside the new "Independent State of Croatia." By one estimate 770,000 Serbs and Jews perished. And those who escaped the pogrom were, according to the *Encyclopedia Americana* "either forcibly evicted from Croatia, or forced to embrace the Roman Catholic faith."

One of the Ustashi slogans was "Bog I Hrvati"—God and Croatia. The Ustashi government's excesses were an embarrassment not only to the Vatican but even to the regime's Axis partners, Germany and Italy.

In 1971, long after earlier bitter memories had supposedly subsided ("That kind of thing may be forgiven but it is never forgotten," said one Yugoslav journalist recently), Tito had to put down an incipient revolt that threatened to split the country once again.

How Tito Defused Revolt

In the late 1960s Tito, responding to the demands of students, intellectuals and a new generation of party leaders, initiated a sweeping reform program. More power was given to the governments and parties of the individual republics.

Certain circles inside of Croatia, however, took advantage of the liberalization processes. One Croatian nationalist organization went so far as to propose that Croatia be given the "right to self-determination, including the right to secession" and that as a "sovereign national state" it be given an independent army and its own seat in the United Nations.

Tito—who always had a knack for knowing how much rope to give his adversaries—was forced to step in. Noting that Serbs inside Croatia were nervous and had begun to arm themselves, he declared: "Do we want to have 1941 again? . . . I'd sooner restore order with our own army than allow others [meaning the Soviets] to do it. . . . They are speculating that 'when Tito goes, the whole thing will collapse' and some are seriously waiting for that. The internal enemy has plenty of support from outside."

Tito then ordered a crackdown on