

THE INCREDIBLE HUMAN POTENTIAL, PART VI

TWO VIEWS OF THE FUTURE

THE LONG ROAD TO HELSINKI



THIS MORNING I was reading on the sports page how a Swedish university psychology group had rated the relative rigors of various sports activities.

In many sports a man or woman is "old" in the early or mid-thirties. The thought came to mind that it might be intriguing to compare the rigors of some of these sports to my own present activities, especially since in a preceding issue of *Plain Truth* I wrote of my own "youth" and vigor at 83.

I was surprised to see that these Swedish psychologists rated American pro football no higher in exertion required than 8th. They rated European professional soccer the most debilitating. Motocross (motorcycle cross-country racing) was second, English rugby third, professional hockey fourth, and competitive swimming fifth. That left basketball, boxing, track and field events, handball, volleyball, tennis and table tennis all less exhausting. The sports columnist observed that they probably had no concept of the mental strain on a golfer attempting a 5-foot putt with a \$50,000 first prize depending on it or the nerve-wracking frustration of trying to think of an interest-arousing headline after a late-September baseball game between two fifth-place teams.

It's very hard, he continued, for people to realize that anything one can do sitting down could be grueling.

When I was in high school I found that running the mile was quite exhausting — so much so that when I ran a mile in 5 minutes flat on the Drake University track, I passed out at the tape — and that was not even good enough to make the high school track team. But that kind of exhaustion doesn't last. It allows quick recovery.

Dr. Floyd Lochner of the Ambassador College faculty was a distance runner at Oklahoma U. He broke the world record in the 2-mile steeplechase. And of course that record has been broken a few times since. Dr. Lochner explained to me why such records are continually being bettered. It is not so much that men are constantly becoming physically better developed. They are learning to become mentally more determined and self-confident.

Some time before he set a new world record, Floyd Lochner told me, he was

entered in another track meet. Glenn Cunningham, then America's greatest miler, sat down on a bench beside him.

"Well, Lochner," said Cunningham, "I suppose you're all set to come in second again today." That was supposed to nettles him. It did! It made him determined to win that day, at any cost. He did! When it seemed he was at the very limit of his endurance, on sheer determination he forced himself to drive on at increasing speed. Not long after that he set a new world record. It all gets back to that saying of Orison Swett Marden, "He CAN who *thinks* he can."

There are times when I feel a sense of exhaustion, and I will think to myself, "Why don't I realize that here I am, at 83. Why don't I just let up, take it easy, and realize my work is done?" Then I become almost frightened, and I realize that if I did that, I probably would not live another six months — and **WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO THE WORK?** The work is not finished yet. I MUST finish the great commission to which God called me. So I simply get more determined and keep driving myself on. Also I remind myself again of God's PROMISE in the last four verses of Isaiah 40. And on and on I continue.

But suppose one of the professional soccer players had the knowledge to give out what I have been blessed with — or a professional hockey player, or an NBA basketball superstar. How would one of them stand up under the grueling trips that I take?

The sports writer whose column I read this morning talked about mental exertion and exhaustion in some kinds of writing. I write creative writing. Do you realize that to make it interesting to you, to make it PLAIN, understandable and INTERESTING, I must be as KEVED UP in mind as any athlete in his sport?

All right, how would some sports superstar, age 32, stand up under this grueling experience? How would you stand up under this experience?

Up at 4 a.m. to pack for the trip; leave for the airport at 7:45; take off in my plane at 8:30. Fourteen hours later, including a half-hour fuel stop at Cold Bay, Alaska, we touch down at Tokyo International Airport. I have spent much of that fourteen hours writing a *Plain Truth* article on my typewriter, at an altitude of 41,000 feet in a pressur-

Personal from...



ARE THE MOST RIGOROUS SPORTS MORE GRUELING THAN MY PRESENT ACTIVITIES?

ized cabin that gave me an in-cabin altitude equal to approximately 8,000 feet.

It is 3 p.m. in Tokyo, but my watch, unchanged from Pasadena, says it is 10 p.m. for me. My eyelids are heavy. I slept some 30 or 45 minutes on the plane, but I am fatigued, tired, and sleepy.

We clear immigration and customs, get luggage loaded, and drive to the Imperial Hotel. In my hotel suite it is about 4 p.m. Tokyo time, but now 11 p.m. for me. I must stay awake, unless I am able to get in a two-hour nap, until 8 p.m. Tokyo time. I must change clothes and dress for a banquet which begins at 8 — 3 a.m. for me. An hour and a half later, 4:30 a.m. for me, but 9:30 p.m. Tokyo, I must speak before the guests. I am groggy, but I pray silently for strength and get it — Mr. Rader says, encouragingly, "It was just fine," and in another 30 minutes I am in my bedroom dropping into an exhausted sleep — 5 a.m. for me.

There has been a seven-hour time lag. I had been up since 4 a.m., and now it's 25 hours later. My mind and body organs had been adjusted to a body rhythm of going to bed about 9 or 10, up by 5 or 6 a.m. Now I am thrown off, and my body clock must adjust to a seven-hour change. BUT I've got another article written for eight or nine MILLION *Plain Truth* readers to read and another

important dinner behind me, attended by some twenty to thirty very important people.

Probably many of my readers have no idea of what crossing time zones at jet speed does to the human body and mind.

I know millions of people think of this kind of jet travel and wish they could travel like that — probably thinking of it as an exciting, enjoyable, RESTFUL and RELAXING VACATION.

On the contrary it is one of the most GRUELING activities — especially when it is a series of such long flights, all the way around the world. I seriously doubt if any of the sports activities listed by the Swedish psychologists would even remotely compare.

My wife of fifty happily married years died over eight years ago. Had she lived, I would not be doing this most important activity today. She was allergic to flying, and besides, at her age, she never could have endured the rigors of the jet travel I now must drive myself to do. And I never would have left her, the three fourths of the time I now must be away.

I have before me, as I write, two books: One is titled: *Your Body Clock*, the other, *Body Time, Physiological Rhythms and Social Stress*. I also have several clipped magazine and newspaper

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The INCREDIBLE HUMAN POTENTIAL...

The Missing Dimension in Knowledge

Part VI

by Herbert W. Armstrong

IN PART V I covered the reason *WHY* God decided to create MAN and put the human family on the earth. But *HOW* could so AWESOME an undertaking ever be brought about?

Few, indeed, have the slightest concept of what was involved. Few humans today, indeed, have the slightest realization of the magnitude of miraculous occurrences and divine planning required so that this HUMAN LIFE each of us enjoys could be made possible.

In PART V I mentioned that the question might be asked, "Could not God have known, in advance, what Lucifer would do?" The answer was NO! But assuredly God did know Lucifer's rebellion and the sin of the angels on earth was a possibility.

And, knowing of that possibility, did God wait until after that earth-wide cataclysm occurred before any thought of creating MAN entered His mind? And again the answer is a definite NO! He did not wait until that tragic cataclysm to begin planning the reproduction of His own self.

Let me give an illustration. I fly in a Gulfstream-II jet aircraft. Its human designers realized the possibility of many different parts or systems failing. So they designed and installed what is called a "fail-safe" system. If a certain part goes wrong, another part or system has been installed to take over immediately — and in some cases, even a third part or system. If human designers plan ahead in case of a mechanical failure, how much more would the GREAT CREATOR GOD plan ahead in the event Lucifer and the angels sinned! Undoubtedly God planned ahead. He knew, before the creation of the earth, that angels, with independent powers of thinking, reasoning, choosing, forming opinions and decisions, could rebel and turn to iniquity. Perhaps that was a reason why He created MATTER — the entire physical universe. Matter, with its many properties — such as organic and inorganic matter, force, energy, inertia, gravity, etc., provided material by which He could form MAN in a mortal state, as the material by which He might reproduce Himself.

At this point, we need to KNOW STILL MORE about our Creator GOD! And we need to know WHY almost no one today has had the faintest idea of such a colossal, supremely AWESOME project going on!

Only ONE God — More Than One Person!

Let me try to make this most wonderful truth of all time PLAIN!

First, go back once again to the very first words in God's revelation of knowledge to us: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

God inspired Moses to write those words in Hebrew, not in the English

HOW God planned to carry out the awesome feat of reproducing Himself.

words above. The Hebrew name translated "God" is *Elohim*. It is a uniplural word, like the words *family, church, group, team*. One family, but composed of more than one person. ONE church, but composed of more than one member. ONE group, but unless composed of more than one person, it would not be a group. ONE athletic team, but composed of two, five, six, nine, eleven or more players — besides a number of substitutes.

This former Lucifer, who became Satan, has so cleverly DECEIVED all humanity that almost no one today

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knows that God is, actually, *the divine FAMILY*. One family, God IS a family. That family is ONE GOD.

Satan has deceived people into almost every other belief. Perhaps the largest number have been deceived into believing God is a "trinity" — God in THREE persons — LIMITING God to three persons and misrepresenting the HOLY SPIRIT which flows from God and from Christ to be a single person.

Others think of God as ONE PERSON ONLY.

But notice, now, in the New Testament, John 1:1-5, 14:

"In the beginning was the Word." Sounds similar to Genesis 1:1, doesn't it? In Genesis 1:1, it is: "In the beginning God." But the English name GOD, in Genesis 1:1 is translated from the Hebrew *Elohim*, meaning more than one person forming ONE God. In John 1, the word "Word" in English is translated from the original inspired Greek word *logos*, which means "Word," "spokesman," "revelatory thought," as a being or person.

The next words in John 1, "... 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 any thing made that was made ..." (verses 1-4).

This "Logos" was a person. This person existed "from the beginning" the same as God. He ALWAYS self-existed. He existed with God. And he, also, was

God. He is and was a person. God, whom he was WITH, is also a person. They both coexisted forever. "All things" (words elsewhere translated "the universe") were made by him — the Word — the divine spokesman.

But now notice verse 14: "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." This, of course, is speaking of Jesus Christ. In the human flesh, he was begotten of God the Father, the only one ever so begotten (before human birth).

The Father, from heaven, said of Jesus, "Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Jesus, praying, called God "Father" — "Father and Son" — a FAMILY relationship. The church, at the resurrection to immortal SPIRIT life, is to MARRY the resurrected and glorified Christ (Eph. 5:25-28). So we have here a FAMILY relationship — Father, Son, husband and wife. And the "wife" is to be composed of *born children of God*.

I personally have been the father of a FAMILY. My family name is Armstrong. My wife and I lived together fifty years until her death. I have a son, Garner Ted. My son is also ARMSTRONG, just as Jesus, the Word, was God, and yet He was with God. Our family name is ARMSTRONG. All members of the family also were named Armstrong. When our daughters married, they started each the forming of another family, and they took the name of the husband who became the father of that family. But each family is only ONE family.

Likewise, there is but ONE God — but GOD is the family name, and there is more than one person in the ONE family,

CHRIST the Maker of All

GOD IS CREATOR. But GOD is the divine FAMILY. How can the Father of the family be Creator, and Christ also Creator? In Ephesians 3:9 it is written that God the Father "created all things [the UNIVERSE] by Jesus Christ." And Christ is "the Word" — the spokesman. Speaking of Him, we read in the 33rd Psalm, "By the word of the Eternal were the heavens [universe] made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth... For he spake, and it was done" (verses 6, 9).

I will illustrate. In January 1914, I was sent by a national magazine to interview Henry Ford in Detroit. When I first saw him, he was just outside the door of the huge Ford factory. He was wearing a business suit, not workman's overalls. He was the MAKER of manufacturer of

the Ford cars. He made them BY his thousands of employees, whom I saw in overalls at work inside the factory. The employees used machinery and the POWER of electricity. Likewise, God the FATHER IS CREATOR. He created BY Jesus Christ, the "workman" who SPAKE, and it was done by the POWER of the holy spirit. But Jesus said plainly that He "spake" only as the Father commanded him.

Notice Colossians 1: Speaking of the Father (verse 12) and "his dear Son" (verse 13), "who is the image of the invisible God... for by him [Christ] were all things [the universe] 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 15-17).

Jesus Christ, prior to human birth, had existed with the Father — ALWAYS, FOREVER!

Just HOW Did God Plan to Reproduce Himself? —

From eternity the Father and the WORD who became Jesus Christ had coexisted. They had created angels — probably many millions of them. A third of them, under Lucifer, were put on the earth at its creation. God set his GOVERNMENT over them, with Lucifer on the throne. Lucifer rejected God's government. He and the angels became DISQUALIFIED — the GOVERNMENT OF GOD was no longer being administered on earth — and the earth had become waste, empty, in confusion, and in darkness.

Were there, prior to this, more than just the TWO — God and the WORD — in the GOD FAMILY? God reveals no more. Was the "Word" the Son of God, and was God his Father at that time? They are nowhere referred to as that.

Consider, now, the truly AWESOME project God set out to accomplish — to REPRODUCE HIMSELF!

It is probable that, prior to this time, no form of life had ever been created with the reproductive process. Probably the very first example of reproductive life was that of plant life — at the time God was *renewing* the face of the earth (Gen. 1:11-12).

God had created the physical universe before putting the angels on the earth. God had created MATTER containing properties so that marvelous things may be done with it. There are both organic (living) and inorganic (inert — dead) matter. In matter are such properties as energy, gravity, inertia. Awesome powers, such as the hydrogen bomb, may come from it. The existence of MATTER offered God what He needed to reproduce Himself. After creation of reproductive plant life, God created animal life with the reproductive process, each

reproducing after its own kind — cattle after the cattle kind, horses after the horse kind, etc.

But now God (*Elohim*) said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness [form, shape]..." (Gen. 1:26), in other words, "AFTER THE GOD KIND."

God had created angels out of SPIRIT. But now, for His own reproductive purpose, MATTER offered God the properties He needed.

And so "... the ETERNAL God formed man of the dust of the ground" — out of MATTER (Gen. 2:7).

... IF AND WHEN Man Sinned

At this point we must consider a basic principle of GOD'S GOVERNMENT. The state can never be without a head. God placed Lucifer on the throne of the earth. He was no longer administering the GOVERNMENT OF GOD — he was now disqualified — but he (his name now changed to Satan) must remain on that throne until his successor has qualified and also been inducted into office. The very fact that Satan was there to tempt the first humans — that he is, even now, "the god of this world" (II Cor. 4:4) and "the prince of the power of the air" (Eph. 2:2) — is sufficient evidence of this basic principle of the GOVERNMENT OF GOD.

Knowing this, God knew the inevitability that Satan would tempt the first created MAN to disbelieve God and commit sin. If the super archangel and all his holy angels had been led into rebellion, how much more certain that man, made lower than the angels, would also sin!

Can you visualize God and with Him the Word (also God — of the God FAM-

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ILY) planning this supreme feat of their creative power? The Word volunteered to give up temporarily the supreme POWER and GLORY he had possessed always (John 17:5), to divest Himself of all that, to be begotten by God, born in human flesh for the purpose of death (Heb. 2:9). Since God delegated the actual MAKING of man to the Word, He, when physically born as a human being, for the purpose of death, would, in that death, be giving a life of greater value than the sum total of ALL HUMAN LIVES — since He was their MAKER. And, being DIVINE as well as human — being God as well as man, He in the person of Christ, would be able to avoid sinning. Then He, who NEVER sinned, although tempted in all points just like the rest of us humans, in death could PAY in our stead THE PENALTY WE HAVE INCURRED.

By creating MAN out of physical matter, being mortal, man could DIE. So man's penalty for sin was placed at DEATH. ("For the wages of sin is DEATH;

but the GIFT of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" — Rom. 6:23.)

God the Father would have power to resurrect Christ to immortal life from the dead — thus making a resurrection to immortal spirit-composed life possible for humans.

So, God's master plan for accomplishing his PURPOSE took form and shape. If man sinned — as all but Jesus have — it could thus be possible for him to REPENT — to turn FROM sinning to be reconciled to God and to live GOD'S WAY OF LIFE. In other words, to turn to the GOVERNMENT OF GOD, accept its rule over his life, accept Christ as his SAVIOUR and coming KING. He, Christ, would qualify to REESTABLISH the GOVERNMENT OF GOD ON THE EARTH!

But what if sinning man refused to repent — to turn FROM Satan's way and to let the GOVERNMENT OF GOD rule in his life? Then there would be the second death for any or all such (Rev. 20:14) — when they would cease to exist — be as if they had never been (Obadiah 16).

But was this, all I have just covered above, all that God (in the persons of GOD AND THE WORD) had to consider? No. Far from it!

The plan was to make MAN out of physical substance. But how would God reproduce Himself or bring perhaps millions upon millions into the GOD FAMILY?

This necessitated that God's very own LIFE — divine GOD-life — be imparted. God IS a spirit — composed of spirit.

What a marvelous plan God now conceived. He would form man of physical MATTER — so that, if man totally failed, he could be as though he had never been. So God made man of PHYSICAL substance, formed and shaped like God so that man could be converted — changed from matter into spirit composition — a spirit-composed member of the GOD FAMILY.

Can your mind grasp what matchless wisdom, power of designing and planning, made our transcendent human potential possible?

God first formed PLANT life — the flora. This was living matter reproducing itself, but without self-consciousness — without brain. Next God created the fauna — animal life, in which He placed BRAIN, with a certain consciousness, yet without the thinking, reasoning, decision-making processes. But MAN, to be reproduced into the GOD FAMILY, was designed to have a GODLY type MIND, ability to think, reason, make choices and decisions — develop God-like CHARACTER.

How could all this be done? Actually the brain of an elephant, a whale or a dolphin is virtually equal in complexity, design and quality and larger in size than human brain. The chimpanzee is also virtually equal, but slightly smaller in size. WHY, then, is the human MIND so transcendently superior to animal brain?

PART VII of this series will explain the amazing difference between animal brain and human mind — another MISSING DIMENSION in knowledge unexplainable by science, untaught by higher education, not revealed by any religion — an astounding eye-opener, indeed. □



In Brief

by Stanley R. Rader

Jerusalem, August 1

Has Israel developed the A-bomb and, if so, the means to deliver it? Has Israel thus become the seventh member of the nuclear club — following the United States, Russia, England, France, China, and India?

If so, the prospects in the event of another Israeli-Arab armed conflict are more terrifying and ominous for all mankind — because, confronted with the threat of defeat and destruction, would Israel refrain from using its atomic weapons if such weapons do indeed exist?

Fortunately, much progress seems to have been made in recent months in the painfully slow process of arriving at the next stage of an Egyptian-Israeli accord which would lead to another Israeli withdrawal in the Sinai. But, at the same time the conditions in Egypt — economic, social and political — appear more volatile than ever before, and time does not seem to be working for Egypt and President Sadat. The reopening of the canal and the rebuilding of Suez City — are they not additional trumps for Israel in the event of a breakdown in negotiations? Can Egypt afford another costly war and a reduction of that which has been so dearly won?

Meanwhile, as the nations of the third world are preparing to muster their vote to eject Israel from the United Nations because of its continued occupation since 1967 of Arab territory, thirty-five or more European heads of state, plus the United States and Canada, celebrated the signing of the European security document at Helsinki and thus recognized officially the land acquired by Russia in the course of World War II (as well as the division of Germany) and the general hegemony of Russia over all of Eastern Europe — a fact or condition that has prevailed for more than thirty years.

Certainly we would all welcome a true world peace — a true relaxation of tensions and a true end of the arms race — but does the pomp and circumstance of the world leaders in Helsinki give us reason to feel that the world is a safer place today — when the United States still spends more than \$100 billion for defense, and when even Brazil and Argentina and other smaller nations scream for their own atomic bomb and admission to the nuclear club?

Certainly the virtues of détente are yet to be proved, and the risk would be too great for us to reduce our defense spending and our diligence in the face of continued defense spending by the Soviet Union. Yet perhaps it is fundamentally true that it is better to be working with and talking with one's enemies than fighting them.

And yet the Helsinki conference does appear to this observer to be somewhat of a surrender after a thirty-year "cold war" for a free Europe.

COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR WORLD PEACE

Take twelve years to do it; stir in millions of statistics on trade, alliances, mail, migration, treaties, U.N. votes, military clashes and wars; digest it all in a computer which analyzes these activities in terms of such national characteristics as wealth, ideology, religion, education, race and population; and out pops the formula for world peace.

This monumental task was recently completed at the Institute of Research on International Problems at the University of Hawaii.

The result? Peace is caused by power, the computer said, and power alone. "Peace is purchased by making yourself stronger than your adversary... or by dismantling power and submitting to one's enemies," states Dr. R. J. Rummel, director of the institute.

The computer showed mathematically that various forms of cooperation were statistically irrelevant to armed conflict. Highly touted cultural exchanges, trade, or joint space ventures may be fine in themselves, but they assuredly do not keep nations from war.

The computer study is fascinating verification of a biblical image that makes traditional "establishment" theologians sputter and issue apologetic disclaimers:

"And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. ... And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses..." (Rev. 19:11-14).

That's not exactly the description of a sad-eyed pacifist, but it is the description of a world king come to bring peace, which we discover — by the Bible and the computer — will require a display of divine power.

— Jeff Calkins

THE MISSING DIMENSION IN SEX

PART VI

Now comes the big truth! Sex was designed and created in humans not only for reproduction, but also for purposes totally foreign to animal or plant life! But the world has continued in unhappy and wretched IGNORANCE of these glorious and God-bestowed purposes! Why?

by Herbert W. Armstrong

THIS brings us again to that striking truth, that THE WORD OF GOD IS THE FOUNDATION OF ALL KNOWLEDGE! GOD is the supreme EDUCATOR! The Bible is far, far, from the sum total of knowledge. It is the BASIS, the FOUNDATION, the starting point, and the foundational approach to the acquisition of discoverable knowledge!

God, through the Maker's instruction book, reveals what man cannot otherwise learn! Full TRUTH comes from the biblical revelation, PLUS acquired and discoverable knowledge revealed in the Bible.

Man, without divine revelation, has been able to observe that plant life reproduces, animal life reproduces, and human life reproduces. From this, IGNORANT of divine revelation, man has formulated erroneous and happiness-destroying concepts about purposes and uses of sex.

Through the centuries pagan dualism had assumed and taught the erroneous premise that the only purpose of sex is reproduction — and it has viewed even that purpose with suspicion! Not understanding the real meaning and true purposes of marriage and inheriting its concept from the Babylonian mystery religion, it placed marriage on a LOWER PLANE than celibacy.

Today educators, scientists, psychologists, doctors, and those who set the moral standards rely on the evolutionary concept as their assumed and erroneous basic premise and approach to knowledge. They do not know the origin of PURPOSES of sex. They do not know how, why, or when MARRIAGE originated.

The Bible reveals knowledge otherwise unacquirable! So once again, let us go to that source of knowledge!

Remember, the ETERNAL (Heb., *Yahweh*), who literally spoke to and instructed Adam and Eve, was the very person of the Godhead who later became Jesus Christ.

Jesus taught the Pharisees precisely the same thing about sex that He had taught Adam and Eve. To the Pharisees, He said: "Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, and said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife..." (Matt. 19:4-5).

For what cause shall a man marry? Because God made them male and female — because God created sex.

Sex did not evolve. It was GOD, by miraculous creation, who made man male and female! And God always has a purpose for what He does!

So because God created sex, He ORDAINED THE MARRIAGE INSTITUTION. And it is GOD who binds together, as husband and wife, a man and woman.

MARRIAGE, then, is the second-named PURPOSE of sex!

Marriage is a physical union, but a divine institution. Almighty GOD ordained it! It did not evolve.

Notice, in the scripture quoted above, Jesus said to the Pharisees, "Have ye not read...?" He quoted an already written passage of Scripture. He said the Pharisees should have read it! Where is that scripture found? It is found in the second chapter of Genesis. It is part of the brief SUMMARY record of the ETERNAL'S original instruction to the newly created Adam and Eve. The creation of Eve had just been described, and God then said: "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife" (Gen. 2:24).

So the Almighty revealed the sacred MARRIAGE institution to the first man and woman.

WHY Marriage?

Why did God ordain the human relationship of MARRIAGE?

The old repressive, dualistic morality taught that the only purpose of sex was reproduction. But if merely reproducing their kind were the only purpose of sex, NO MARRIAGE WOULD BE NECESSARY! God made animals male and female. Animals reproduce — BUT THEY DO NOT MARRY! Marriage is not necessary to procreate.

We can, through sex, have reproduction without marriage! Indeed, that is one of the world's greatest evils today. There is entirely too much reproduction without marriage!

Animals reproduce. But animals do not marry! Animals are born with instinct. They need little or no teaching.

Ever see a little calf born? The mother cow does not need to call an obstetrical physician or go to a hospital for the delivery of her calf. As soon as it is born, the calf will begin to stagger to its feet, while the cow just stupidly stands waiting. She does not need to teach her calf how to walk, how to take its food, how to do anything. A little wobbly and un-

steady the first thirty, sixty or ninety seconds, the calf is up and walking in just a minute or two.

Now how long does it take a human infant to learn to walk? Usually a year — and often more. But the newborn calf walks almost immediately. No one teaches it. THE CALF HAS INSTINCT. And where does it start walking? It has no instruction from anyone. It starts walking for its first "dinner." It knows where to go. And the mother cow just stands stupidly still while her calf sucks its milk.

And where is "Daddy" — the bull? That's hard to say. Perhaps miles away. He probably is nowhere around. And soon the calf will not even need the milk from its mother — and will be on its own. There is no marriage — no FAMILY LIFE — NO HOME LIFE.

But with humans all this is different. The purely reproductive process is the same in all mammals. But beyond this, all is different! The only purpose for sex in animals is reproduction. But HUMANS ARE DIFFERENT! In humans reproduction is not the only purpose of sex. A second purpose is MARRIAGE — and there is yet a third purpose!

The newborn human does not get up and walk immediately to its food. The tiny baby is absolutely helpless. It has no instinct in the strict sense of the word. It has MIND — but at birth there is NO KNOWLEDGE as yet in its mind. It knows virtually nothing at birth. It must be taught! It needs parents to teach it! It matures so very much more slowly than animals! Yet its potentiality is infinitely higher! And for this higher purpose, parental guidance and FAMILY LIFE are NECESSARY!

For God had said: "Let us make man in OUR IMAGE."

God made cattle "after their kind" — after the cattle kind. He made "every winged fowl after his kind" — after the winged fowl kind! But He made MAN after the GOD kind!

Man's Destiny

Now, incredible as it may sound to those who do not UNDERSTAND the revelation of God's TRUTH — and only an infinitesimal minority does — GOD is a FAMILY!

And in MAN, God is reproducing His kind! Man has the supreme potentiality of being actually born into the very divine GOD FAMILY!

Do you realize what that means? Of course, God is composed of immortal SPIRIT — while man, like animals, is composed in this life of material FLESH — matter! But the transcendent essential factor is that GOD IS PERFECT SPIRITUAL CHARACTER! It is the supreme intelligence, combined with holy and righteous CHARACTER of MIND that most importantly distinguishes GOD from every other living creature. No animal has this potential — but it is the true destiny of MAN. Of course God, too, pos-

sesses supreme ALL-MIGHTY POWER. But without right CHARACTER, this power would be destructive and dangerous!

What is this righteous spiritual character?

It is that controlled ability, in a separate independent entity, to come to a right knowledge of the TRUE from the false — the RIGHT from the wrong — and, by free choice, to CHOOSE the right and the true; and, further, to use the self-discipline to will and to actually do the right. And how is right defined? By the spiritual law of God!

This necessitates that each individual human be an independent entity, with a mind of his own — with freedom of choice (free moral agency) — and it requires MIND power — intelligence — intellect — ability to absorb KNOWLEDGE, to reason, to think, to plan, devise, to draw conclusions, to will, and to act.

Inanimate objects have no mind, make no decisions, have no character. Animals have instinct installed in brains. But animals do not possess human-level consciousness of self, and do not absorb knowledge from which they reason, make choice, and will to act even to enforcing self-discipline. Animals do not comprehend such things as art, literature, music. Animals do not imagine, and by thought and reasoning processes design creatively. Animals do not acquire scientific knowledge. Animals do not create, question, or decide whether to obey moral codes. They develop no character.

Humans are born with MINDS. Humans must be taught or learn. But the human mind can absorb knowledge and reason from it — think creatively, formulate plans, make decisions, render judgments, and exercise self-discipline. Man has the POTENTIALITY of developing righteous CHARACTER.

So the human baby is born without knowledge, but with capacity for acquiring it and developing righteous CHARACTER. The human has the supreme potential of receiving God's own HOLY SPIRIT which imparts the divine nature and equips the MIND to comprehend revealed spiritual knowledge!

Human babies are born helpless! They need the tender care, the loving instruction, the patient training and discipline and the warm affection and love of a father and a mother. They need the warmth and protection and security of family and home life. And they are of supreme importance — for they are the potential HEIRS OF GOD!

This righteous CHARACTER is not created instantaneously. It develops through experience, and experience requires TIME. Instinct in animals is automatic, set in the animal brain from birth. But divine righteous CHARACTER must be developed over a span of years.

All this is one reason for marriage and the FAMILY relationship.

But there are more! There are other

reasons for marriage — for FAMILY — and for HOME!

WHY should humans marry? Well, the educators today *do not really know!* The scientists do not fully comprehend! They suppose that somewhere along the evolutionary trail, perhaps millions of years ago, man himself started it merely as a custom. They do not know *when* the marriage institution started, by whom, or for what purpose! Of the tremendous MEANING of this institution they are ignorant! The Communist U.S.S.R. even experimented for a time on abolishing marriage and producing humans outside marriage.

Angels Are Sexless

The real TRUTH about sex and marriage in humans goes deeper still! Its overwhelming significance and meaning seems to have become lost by man.

We have seen that animals have sex and reproduce; but MARRIAGE is not required for reproduction, and animals do not marry. They do not establish HOME LIFE and the FAMILY RELATIONSHIP.

Now consider angels. The skeptic doesn't believe it, but the Bible reveals that angels do exist. Angels are on a higher level than men. It is written that man was made "a little lower" than the angels — that is, during this mortal, fleshy, human life, *now*.

Yet angels, on a higher plane than physical man, *do not marry!* (Matt. 22:30.) Each angel was individually and separately *created*, not born. Among angels there is *no marriage — no home life — no family life!*

AND NO SEX!

Then what is the function of angels?

Angels are *spirit beings* — composed, not of material flesh, but of spirit — immortal. "And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels *sprits* . . . (Heb. 1:7; Psalm 104:4.) God is immortal and composed of SPIRIT. Then are angels on the same level with God? *Not at all!* They are mere *spirit creations* of God, created to be His servants, messengers, representatives in the administration of God's UNIVERSE-RULING GOVERNMENT.

The Heritage of Man

Angels, on a plane far lower than God, are higher than mortal man, now. But consider man's ultimate heritage — *if* he chooses it!

Speaking of the relative difference between man and angels, the first two chapters of Hebrews say:

"For unto the angels hath he *not* put in subjection the world to come [the WORLD TOMORROW], whereof we speak. But one in a certain place testified [Psalm 8:4-6], saying, *What is man, that thou art mindful of him?*" (Heb. 2:5-6.)

UNDERSTAND THIS. The earth was once put in subjection to angels, with the archangel Lucifer on that world throne as God's administrator to administer God's government over the angels that then populated the earth. But Lucifer became proud, filled with vanity, and decided to become an aggressor, attempting to dethrone God and place himself on the throne of the UNIVERSE! He was cast back down to earth, his name changed to Satan, meaning adver-

sary. The angels which joined his mutiny became demons.

Satan and his demons still sway, invisibly, this world. But Jesus Christ conquered Satan and qualified for WORLD RULE. He is coming again to earth — soon, now as KING of kings to set up and reestablish on earth GOD'S GOVERNMENT.

Now what of MAN? Those truly converted before Christ returns shall RULE the WORLD TOMORROW under Christ (Rev. 3:21; 2:26-27). Yes, but ultimately even *more* than that!

Notice, now, this passage in Hebrews 2. The statement is made that *angels* will not be ruling the WORLD TOMORROW. But what of MAN — yes, insignificant flesh-and-blood mortal MAN? Why should the great GOD consider *him*? And here comes the stupendous answer few humans, blinded by Satan's deceptions, have ever noticed:

"Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou *crownedst* him with GLORY and HONOR, and didst set him over the works of thy hands; thou hast put ALL THINGS in subjection under his

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feet. For in that he put ALL in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him" (Heb. 2:7-8).

You won't quite grasp that at first. It is too overwhelming! To be *crowned* means to be given kingly RULE. To be crowned with GLORY and HONOR is to be given such rule as Christ has, now — and that is described in chapter 1 of Hebrews as being the administering, ruling executive over the ENTIRE UNIVERSE! Christ is now ruling over "ALL THINGS"! The Moffatt translation renders this, properly, from the Greek as the "universe" — that is, *all that God has created — all that EXISTS!*

Christ rules it all now! The FATHER of the God kingdom has placed the resurrected, living CHRIST as chief executive over the GOVERNMENT of GOD over the entire, vast, limitless UNIVERSE. And converted humans are HEIRS of Christ — JOINT-HEIRS with Him to inherit with Him, in due time, all that HE has now inherited! (Rom. 8:17.)

But continue the passage in Hebrews 2: "But now we see *not* yet all things put under him" (verse 8). Oh, then the rulership over the universe is not *yet* under man — not while he is human — mortal. But what do we already, *now*, see? Continue the passage:

"But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels [even as we, now] for the suffering of death, *CROWNED WITH GLORY AND HONOR . . .*" (verse 9). And verse 10 shows that Jesus Christ is the captain — the leader and pioneer who goes on before — of our salvation!

Christ already is *CROWNED* with this HONOR and GLORY. Christ rose from the dead! He is ALIVE, and He is DIVINE! He has been GLORIFIED — and in His glorified SPIRIT condition His eyes are like flames of fire, and His face shines as bright as the very SUN — FULL STRENGTH! (Rev. 1:14-16.)

Are you really comprehending this? Are you?

And mortal man, if he repents, surrenders unconditionally to God and God's government, accepts in living FAITH Jesus Christ as personal Saviour, can receive God's gift of His HOLY SPIRIT — the very *life*, essence, nature, mind and power of God — BEGETTING him, now, as God's own (yet unborn) son! If he then GROWS spiritually (II Peter 3:18), overcomes, and endures, he shall, at Christ's soon coming, be changed (or resurrected if he dies) from mortal to immortal (I Cor. 15:44-54).

And then — IF the very CHARACTER of God has been developed within him — his vile material body will be instantaneously *changed* (converted) into one "like unto his [Christ's] GLORIOUS body" (Phil. 3:21). But your vile *character* will not then be instantaneously changed — THAT change must take place NOW, in *this* life!

So THAT is the supreme heritage of man — *if* he is willing!

Man, now lower than angels, has a destiny far higher!

A God-plane Relationship!

SO GRASP this colossal TRUTH, if you can!

Here is the greatest TRUTH you can ever know! MAN, and man *only*, of all life forms God has created, can be BORN into the GOD FAMILY — the KINGDOM OF GOD!

Animals have never been given FAMILY relationship. Angels have never enjoyed FAMILY status. The family relationship is a GOD-PLANE relationship — not an angel-plane relationship. And God bestowed it on MAN! Because MAN is to be BORN into the GOD FAMILY.

Of all life forms — whether plant, animal, or angel in all God's creation, *MAN ALONE* was created for MARRIAGE — for HOME, and FAMILY LIFE!

Read that again! Try to comprehend it! THINK of the significance! This pivotal truth has been *hidden* from a deceived world!

Man is now composed of matter. Yet in man and in MAN ONLY is God's CREATION still going on! Humans, by repentance, surrender to God, and acceptance of Christ, may be in mind and attitude *converted* — may receive God's holy spirit. Thus they are actually *begotten* as God's *children*! They may have direct communion with God and call Him FATHER! They are brought into a FATHER-AND-SON relationship with God!

This is possible for no other creature — not even angels! Angels were not, and never can be, begotten and BORN of God! Each angel is a separate creation. *No angel can ever become a part of the DIVINE FAMILY or KINGDOM OF GOD!*

Notice! Of angels, God says: "For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I

begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?" (Heb. 1:5.)

Neither animal, nor angel, nor any other being, except MAN, can be literally begotten by *spiritual reproductive process* and then actually BORN into the divine GOD FAMILY!

What a matchless, supreme, stupendous, awe-inspiring, breathtaking potential!

The Function of Angels

Angels, higher than man is now, are the *ministering servants* of God in the administration of His universe-ruling government! And, in-relation to MAN, angels are "ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation" (Heb. 1:14). Invisible angels actually minister to and serve the human children of God. Begotten humans are the actual heirs of God — and joint heirs with CHRIST (Rom. 8:17).

Notice! "And because ye [converted Christians] are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an HEIR of God through Christ" (Gal. 4:6-7).

A young son of a wealthy man, while still a child, may be under the care of an adult servant. The servant is older, farther advanced in knowledge, on higher status physically and mentally — but far lower *potentially*. For when the son is mature, he will inherit his father's wealth and power. Therefore the servant, temporarily older and farther matured, is *servant*, ministering to the young HEIR! That illustrates the fact of angels ministering to humans!

Humans are, if converted through Christ, the *heirs* of the GOD FAMILY. They are to enter the divine FAMILY. They are, even now, the *begotten children* of God. Therefore God ordained the *family relationship* for human beings. NO OTHER BEINGS — whether angel or animal — HAVE THIS RELATIONSHIP. But it goes further!

The FAMILY relationship demands the HUSBAND-AND-WIFE relationship! And that demands MARRIAGE, and *faithfulness* to that matrimonial bond! The CHURCH of God is merely that BODY composed of the begotten *children* of God. And the church, as a BODY, is the affianced BRIDE OF CHRIST — to MARRY Christ at the time of the resurrection and His second coming!

So there is also the divine MARRIAGE relationship!

Now UNDERSTAND! The *husband-and-wife relationship* and the *family relationship* are *God-plane relationships!* These are NOT animal-plane, or angel-plane relationships!

Since humans were put on earth for the very PURPOSE of being begotten and then BORN into the GOD FAMILY the ETERNAL has endowed this GOD-PLANE relationship for HUMANS — and for humans *only!* What a WONDERFUL PRIVILEGE to be HUMANS — to be given the MARRIAGE relationship now — to marry Christ and become part of the GOD FAMILY!

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The Affianced Bride

Here is another vital REASON for the institution of MARRIAGE in the human family. It is to teach us — to constantly remind us — of our sacred relationship to Jesus Christ!

Here is the vital teaching:

"Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.

"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word..." (The Word, if obeyed, washes away error.) "That he might present it to himself a glorious church [GLORIFIED — DEIFIED], not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies... For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

"This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church" (Eph. 5:23-32).

Notice! For this cause — because of the coming MARRIAGE (spiritually) between Christ and the church and because the church is, now, the affianced bride, engaged to marry Christ — God ordained the MARRIAGE institution for humans! But not for animals! Not for angels!

Notice Revelation 19:7 — speaking of the second coming of Christ in GLORY: "... the MARRIAGE of the Lamb [Christ] is come, and his WIFE hath made herself ready." ONLY those made ready in righteous CHARACTER will be presented to Him then!

WHY Home and Family

So, in addition to the FAMILY relationship, there is also the divine MARRIAGE relationship.

So UNDERSTAND! The husband-and-wife relationship and the family relationship are God-plane relationships! These are not animal-plane or angel-plane relationships!

Humans are free moral agents. God never forces one to be truly converted — to become His very begotten son. Yet the PURPOSE God is working out here below is to reproduce Himself — to bring, through Christ, "many sons unto GLORY" (Heb. 2:10) in the divine KINGDOM OF GOD!

And since humans were put on earth for the very purpose of being begotten and then BORN into the GOD FAMILY, the Eternal has endowed this God-plane family status for humans now — and for humans ONLY!

What a WONDERFUL PRIVILEGE to be given the MARRIAGE and FAMILY relationship — that we may be prepared for the spiritual marriage to CHRIST and the divine family status, for eternity, in THE KINGDOM OF GOD! □

Personal from...

Robert A. Remington

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per articles with the following titles: "Too Much on the Go — Peril: Body's Inner Clock Runs Down." Another, "SUPER CURE FOR JET JITTERS. Speed Curbs Listless Lag." Another, "Time Out of Joint." Another, "Jet Age Exhaustion." Still another, "BODY RHYTHM."

Take the one flight I described above. There was a seven-hour time lag on the clock. When one's body rhythm is adjusted to going to bed at 9 or 10 p.m., rising at 5 or 6, a morning hike of one to two miles at 6:30, breakfast at 7:30, lunch at 12:30, dinner at 7, and after this 14-hour flight all these events are suddenly thrown 7 hours later, the entire rhythm of the body and mind is literally thrown "out of joint." I find that just one such flight will require an entire week for adjustment for most people. But I can't take a week. Often I must move on within two or three days, with meetings, speeches, and much writing to do in the

meantime. Then on to another time lag of from 2 to 8 hours.

Says one magazine article: "Scientists point out that while it is relatively easy for a traveler to reset his watch, it is far more difficult for him to reset the timing system of his body. Without time for rest and readjustment, a body that has been air-propelled into a new time zone will not function at par.

"Many body processes operate in rhythm patterns adjusted to the 24-hour cycle of a day and a night. These are called circadian rhythms. External stimuli such as lightness and dark and temperature changes act as timing mechanisms for our established patterns of eating, sleeping, working and resting. Throw the circadian rhythm out of whack by losing or gaining hours via jet travel, and the traveler finds that he wants to sleep when it is time to wake, to work when it is time to rest.

"An experiment by the Federal Aviation Administration shows that it takes 8 days for a man's heart-rate to synchronize with the local time after a flight from Rome to Oklahoma City.

"This circadian rhythm is called by some the body's inner clock." The enormous speed of jet travel — 550 to

600 miles per hour — can disturb the mechanism of this inner clock.

One famous public speaker and broadcaster related the following experience: "Leaving the plane at Detroit after a flight from London, I wasn't feeling too spry. Three speeches were on my schedule. Although I somehow managed to get through them by midnight, my hand was shaking so that I could hardly hold a pen. I phoned a famous doctor, and he hustled me over to Ford Hospital... It wasn't a heart attack. What had caught up with me was jet exhaustion... By crossing and recrossing the globe's time zones too often, and in too short a time, I had placed a massive burden on my biological clock, that mysterious inner timer, and it had gone wacky under the strain."

But I have to keep up the ordeal of writing, speaking, and contacts with world leaders. I must appear fresh, sharp, and inspiring, approximately three weeks out of every four.

Frankly, I seriously doubt if any athlete under 32 undergoes the grueling rigors that I must. But, to get the all-important MESSAGE from Christ into the great mass-population nations we were never able to reach before is the MOST IMPORTANT activity on this earth for the past nineteen hundred years. It's WORTH ALL THE EFFORT, FATIGUE, DETERMINATION AND DRIVING ON it takes from me — and from the thousands-of-loyal co-workers that stand 100% back of me and make it possible. To them and to the ETERNAL GOD goes the credit! □

Next 25 Years...

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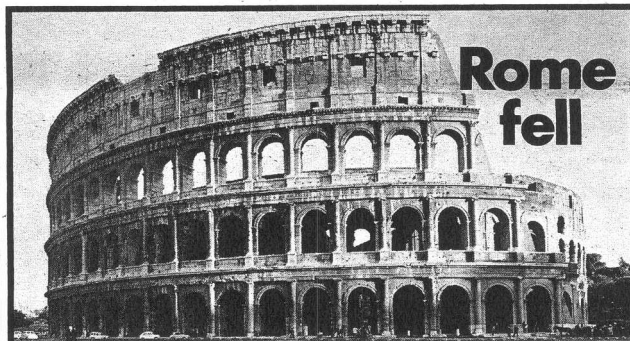
Platt at a plenary session of the World Future Society. "Perhaps the best we can do is adopt a secular humanism which combines the elements of ecology, existentialism, tolerance, and a new concept of justice."

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