

Bombay—Vision of India's Future

The Politics of Eternity

CURING THE ENGLISH SICKNESS



Britain's
Prime Minister
Harold Wilson

THE more I travel around the earth, the more I see the sickening conditions in the world today, and the more I glean from history, the more convinced I become that the real root *cause* of all of humanity's troubles and evils may be summed up in six words: "They didn't believe what he said." And they still don't believe what he says today!

Suppose you had suddenly come into consciousness — just now having been suddenly created the first human being. Your Maker is sitting beside you, revealing to you *vital knowledge* so direly necessary for you to know.

He tells you that he has made you and the wife he has created beside you so that you can reproduce your kind. In due time you will populate the earth with millions of your offspring.

He reveals to you that he has provided for you a WAY OF LIFE that will CAUSE and produce PEACE between individuals, groups, and nations that shall arise. This way of life is an inexorable spiritual law as automatic and relentless in continual action as the law of gravity, which he demonstrates to you. It is the basic law of his government by which he rules the vast universe he has created. It is the law of love. It will produce peace, happiness, joy, abundance, universal prosperity, and if you and your children choose it as your way of life, he will give you also the gift of eternal life, which he has not yet given you.

This way of life is symbolized by a tree in the midst of the beautiful garden where he has placed you, called the "tree of life." But also, in case you decide to reason out your own way of life — taking to yourself the decision and knowledge of what is good and what is evil, then there is a second very special symbolic tree which also produces fruit. The tree is the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. But your Maker FORBIDS you to take of this tree, which means disobedience to his law, and if you choose to disobey and take of that tree, you shall die, since the penalty of SIN (the transgression of his LAW) is DEATH.

Would you BELIEVE what your Maker said? Would you?

Adam and Eve didn't.

God their Creator had given them his way of life. If they rejected it, turning to their own way, it would bring sorrow, curses, unhappiness, suffering — and death!

But Satan, in the symbolic form of a serpent, came along and said God lied. They would not surely die. They were immortal souls. He reminded them of the superior human minds they had. They could work out their own way of life — and after all, could they believe God? They only had his word for it.

They must have said, "Yes, that's right! After all, how can we be sure? All we have is God's word for it. We'd better *make an experiment*, and be sure! Let's put it to the test. Let's *take to ourselves* the decision — the knowledge of what is good and what is evil."

They made the first scientific experiment. Even today, the scientific method rejects revelation as a source of knowledge and understanding.

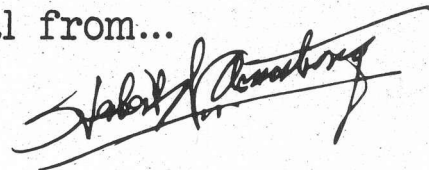
Adam and Eve rejected divine revelation, as does modern science today. They didn't believe what their Creator said! And it was "when the woman saw [observation] that the tree [of the forbidden fruit] was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise [human reason], she took of the fruit thereof [she made the experiment], and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat." (Genesis 3:6).

Some 4,000 years later, God sent Jesus Christ, his son, into the world with a message from heaven. This message was essentially the same as he had instructed the first two humans. It had to do with God's government and rule over them, of his way of life that would cause every good and with the gift of eternal life.

But again, humans (with few exceptions — 120 in all) did *not believe* what he said! They called him a liar!

Let me quote: "As he [Jesus] spake these words, many believed

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THEY DIDN'T BELIEVE WHAT HE SAID

on him. Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word [his MESSAGE], then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:30-32).

They answered him sarcastically and hostilely. They were Abraham's descendants and were already free.

"I know that ye are Abraham's seed," responded Jesus, "*but ye seek to kill me*, because my word [his gospel message] hath no place in you."

They believed on the messenger — but they *rejected his message* — they didn't believe what he said!

Jesus continued, "But now you seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth [his gospel message], which I have heard of God."

Later, Jesus said, "and because I tell you the truth, *ye believe me not . . . why do ye not believe me?*" (verses 45-46.)

Before the end of the first century that message was suppressed and another false "gospel" substituted (Galatians 1:6-7 — A.D. 58). Christ's message was not proclaimed to the world again until now — in the latter half of the twentieth century!

But God saw to it that his word — his message to mankind — was inspired and put into his *written word*. But even today, the religions that have appropriated Christ's name preach about the PERSON of Christ — about the MESSENGER — but they do not proclaim his MESSAGE — his *true gospel*.

And in many basic doctrines they teach the very opposite of what Jesus and the first apostles taught.

They condemn the customs Jesus observed, and observe customs Jesus and the Bible condemn.

Today, a professing adherent of "Christianity" will say, in surprise, "Why, you surely don't take the Bible *literally*, do you?"

Humans have written books by the millions. People read and take *them* literally. They take them to mean what they say — and say what they mean. But the Bible? They can't seem to *believe* it can mean what it plainly says.

For example, the Bible says, "The wages of sin is DEATH" (Romans 6:23). But professing Christians will say, "But death doesn't *mean* death — it means everlasting life in hell fire!" God says "death" — but they don't believe what God says — and since this is his word, they don't believe what God says!

This same verse says, also, "But the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Do they believe eternal life is a gift of God? No, they believe we are "immortal souls" who already *have* eternal life. But God says in his Word "the soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezekiel 18:4). God says that — but professing Christians don't believe what he says! He says the same words again in Ezekiel 18:20.

God said the same thing to Adam and Eve: ". . . in the day that thou eatest thereof [of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil] *thou shalt surely die*." (Genesis 2:17). And in verse seven God says he "formed man out of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man [made of the dust of the ground]"

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The INCREDIBLE HUMAN POTENTIAL...

The Missing Dimension in Knowledge

PART II

by Herbert W. Armstrong

PART I of this series presented the evidence showing that the most important of all knowledge, sent by the Creator of all races, was suppressed and another "gospel" substituted on a very deceived world. The world heard thereafter about the messenger, but not the message he brought. The time has come when that awesome message must be revealed to the world.

What, Then, Is the True Gospel?

The true gospel is the good news that God sent from heaven by Jesus Christ. That message, when fully understood, reveals a human potential so stupendous it appears at first to be totally beyond belief! It is *incredibly wonderful news* revealed from the Creator.

It reveals what science has been utterly UNABLE to discover. It reveals what religion has entirely overlooked — perhaps as too wonderfully awesome to believe! It reveals what this world's higher education has never known or taught!

It reveals the most wonderful TRUTH a human mind could come to know.

It reveals what I term the MISSING DIMENSION IN KNOWLEDGE — the *most necessary knowledge* so vital to know!

That vital message reveals why humanity was put here on earth. That's vital knowledge science cannot discover, religion has not revealed, education cannot teach.

Why? Were we put here for a PURPOSE? What is that purpose?

Is there, after all, purpose and meaning to human life? That's vital knowledge OUTSIDE the scope of today's science, religion, or education!

The Missing Dimension in Knowledge

If there is purpose, what is it? Why were you born?

Where are we going? What is the ultimate transcendent potential of man? What is the way? How do we achieve that destiny?

What is the way to peace — among nations, between individuals, and between groups?

Why all this world's evils? Why can't we solve our human problems? There IS A WAY, and the true gospel reveals it! It's a basic law that works by inexorable and relentless force.

What is human nature? Did God create and instill it in humans to trouble us? Is it hereditary? How does it work? Neither modern science, religion, nor education can tell you.

What is the human mind, and how does it differ from the animal brain? Why, when the human mind can invent the computer and can learn to send men to the moon and back, can't such minds solve their own problems here on earth and live at peace with their fellows?

What is man? Just what are we, after all? Science can't learn that secret, religions have never *rightly* explained it, but the true gospel, when fully understood, reveals the answer, and in truth!

What are the true values? What is important, and what is insignificant or of no value? Humanity dissipates its energy pursuing false values — spends its labor and its thinking in pursuits that are valueless and prove useless when achieved.

The true gospel, when fully understood, explains the origin of the Devil. Did God create a Devil to mislead and harass human-

Is it possible the whole world has been deceived — as to the awesome PURPOSE of human life — as to the way to world peace and how it will come? This is the eye-opening story of how the real gospel message brought to mankind by Jesus Christ contained this missing dimension in knowledge and of how that message was suppressed and the most vital of all knowledge withheld.

ity? The gospel explains how Satan came to be the vast, though invisible and hidden, power that sways and actually rules this world. It explains why Satan moved with all his wiles and subtlety to suppress, through humans he could sway, this vital gospel message which God sent by Jesus Christ to mankind.

The true gospel message, had humanity heeded it, would have saved this world nearly all its anguish, troubles, suffering, and evils.

It is impossible for me, in a few words, to make it clear enough with sufficient emphasis to cause the reader to comprehend the supreme, tremendous meaning and importance of that true gospel message.

And even today, when heard, it is seldom really understood in all its colossal significance because Satan has thrown up such a smokescreen of false and counterfeit religions, "gospels," and teachings that the hearer or reader is left confused and in doubt and unbelief — or in a state of indifference to the most important things in life.

Nevertheless, now just before the END of this age, Almighty God has decreed that "this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come" (Matt. 24:14). This is the message the eternal God is delivering now, by me, to the heads of governments in world capitals all over the world.

The true gospel, when viewed with all that it embodies — the reason for it, the prehistoric truth of earth's first inhabitants, the reason humans were created and put on earth, the CAUSE of all the earth's evils and sufferings, the nature of the human mind, the need for spiritual salvation and what it is, the coming world tomorrow of peace, what lies on beyond, and man's ultimate incredible potential — becomes the most all-encompassing subject that can enter the mind of man. Beside it, everything else shrinks to total unimportance. It is greater than any story of man ever before written.

What Was Christ's Gospel?

God the Father had promised to send a messenger into the world from heaven, bearing a message from him for all mankind. This promise is recorded in Malachi 3:1: "Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me [and that messenger, as explained in Mark 1:2, was John the Baptist] and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in." The "Lord," here, of course, refers to Jesus Christ.

That was the prophecy. The record of its happening is in the first chapter of Mark: "The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." Then follows the account of John the Baptist preparing the way before him. Verses 12 and 13 record the temptation of Jesus by Satan, wherein Satan sought to destroy Christ spiritually, before he proclaimed a word of the message he brought from God the Father. More about this supreme temptation and test later. Then follow verses 14 and 15:

"Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel. . . . What gospel? . . . the gospel of the kingdom of God. . . ." That is the gospel Christ proclaimed. The message he brought was the message about the kingdom of God.

That is the message God wanted proclaimed AS A WITNESS to all nations! But since the first century the world has known NOTHING of the kingdom of God because that message was not proclaimed to the world after the first century.

That message, when explained and fully understood, covers a very wide range of revealed knowledge. It reveals what science has been utterly UNABLE to discover — what religion has never revealed — what this world's education has never known nor taught.

Note These Points

There are a number of points to be noted which are significant.

One is, that in Malachi's prophecy, Christ was called a messenger bearing a message — but moreover, he is called the "messenger of the covenant," which carries very important meaning, to be explained later.

Again, notice the 15th verse of Mark 1. Jesus came into Galilee "preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God" and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel."

What did he mean, "The time is fulfilled"? And why was the kingdom of God then "at hand," when it had not been before that precise time when "the time" was "fulfilled"?

These points are of very special significance.

But first, before I explain more fully just what the kingdom of God is, notice further that this definitely is the very gospel message Christ brought from God the Father — the same gospel the original apostles proclaimed — the same gospel the apostle Paul proclaimed to the Gentiles.

Christ Brought No Other Gospel

Jesus said, "I must preach the kingdom of God to other cities also: for therefore am I sent" (Luke 4:43).

Jesus commissioned his disciples to teach the kingdom of God. "Then he called the twelve disciples together, and . . . he sent them to preach the kingdom of God. . . ." (Luke 9:1-2).

"But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women" (Acts 8:12). "And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom. . . ." (Matt. 4:23).

Jesus' parables concerned the kingdom of God.

To his disciples, in explaining the parable of the sower, he said: "Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God" and then he explained to them the parable.

Again, "Then said he [Jesus], Unto what is the kingdom of God like? and whereunto

shall I resemble it?" (Luke 13:18) — and then came a parable.

"And again he said, Whereunto shall I liken the kingdom of God? It is like leaven. . ." and then follows the parable of the leaven (Luke 13:20-21).

One of his most important parables is recorded in the 19th chapter of Luke: ". . . he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear" (Luke 19:11). Then he gave the parable of the nobleman going to a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return — the picture of Christ's ascension to heaven, where the coronation ceremony shall take place, and his return to earth to rule all nations, as King of kings and Lord of lords, in all the supreme power and glory of the great God.

What gospel did the apostles and Paul proclaim?

Did Apostles and Paul Preach A Different Gospel?

After Christ's resurrection, the disciples were with him forty days. Were they talking among themselves about any other gospel during that time than the kingdom of God? Notice, just before Jesus ascended into heaven. Luke had previously recorded what Jesus had done and said "until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy [Ghost] Spirit had given them commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: to whom also he showed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. . ." (Acts 1:2-3).

Notice after his resurrection what Christ was speaking to his disciples about was "the things pertaining to the kingdom of God."

They, then, just before he ascended into heaven, asked him: "Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?" (Acts 1:6.) The apostles seemed never to understand that the kingdom of God was not to be set up on earth in their lifetime — even though Jesus' teaching — especially the parable of the pounds (Luke 19 — quoted above) should have made it clear to them.

After two years, from the inception of the church of God on the day of Pentecost, A.D. 31, the counterfeit movement set in, headed by Simon the sorcerer. The historic book of Acts records: "And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. . . . Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word." What word? Continue:

"Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria . . . but when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized" (Acts 8:1-12).

The apostle Paul spoke boldly at Ephesus for three months "disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God." On a later trip, at Miletus, Paul called for the elders of the church at Ephesus. Saying his farewell to them Paul said, "And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more" (Acts 20:25).

At Rome, "there came many to him [Paul] into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God. . ." (Acts 28:23).

Again at Rome, "Paul dwelt two whole (Continued on page 13, col. 1)

AMBASSADOR FOR WORLD PEACE

... In Bombay, India

Herbert Armstrong, editor-in-chief of *Plain Truth*, was recently in Bombay for a series of meetings in preparation for his upcoming campaign on March 1 in the Cricket Stadium. At the new Oberoi Sheraton Hotel a testimonial dinner was attended by more than 400 distinguished guests who had

been invited by Dr. Nagendra Singh, a justice of the International Court at the Hague, one of India's leading citizens and a close personal friend of Mr. Armstrong. The audience included the Speaker of the Maharashtra Legislature (Maharashtra is a state much like a U.S. state, of which Bombay is the center); Mr.

Patel, the President of the Bombay Congress Party (the ruling party in India and as well as Bombay); the Chief Justice of the High Court of Bombay and more than twenty of his associate justices; the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Bombay, Mr. T. K. Tope (the governor of the state is the Chancellor); various pro-

fessors from most of the major faculties of the universities of Bombay; the most important civil servants of the federal and state governments, including the Port Authority, Customs, Income Tax, Railways, Banks (the governor of the Reserve Bank of India, Mr. Jagannathau, was present), the Telephone Depart-



(1) MR. HERBERT ARMSTRONG addressing more than 400 Indian leaders of government, education, and industry. (2) Mr. Armstrong and party, including Admiral Nanda (far right). (3) The governor of Maharashtra, Nawab Ali Yavar Jung, receiving presentation gift. (4) Prime Minister Indira Gandhi with Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Stanley Rader. (5) Former President V. V. Giri (6) Justice Nagendra Singh (7) Mr. Advani, well-known Bombay businessman, and the Chief Minister being shown the brochure "Herbert Armstrong — Ambassador for World Peace" by Osamu Gotoh, Overseas Campaign Director.



ment, Radio and Film Divisions, Passport and Postal. Also present were some of the leading industrialists and commercial magnates, headed by Admiral S. M. Nanda, Chairman and Managing Director of the Shipping Corporation of India, the sixth largest shipping company in the world (Admiral Nanda was the Chief of Staff of the Indian Navy during the recent India-Pakistan War and was declared a national hero by his government), the Consul General of Czechoslovakia and the Deputy High Commissioners for Australia and Great Britain.

Many of those present not only expressed deep appreciation for Mr.

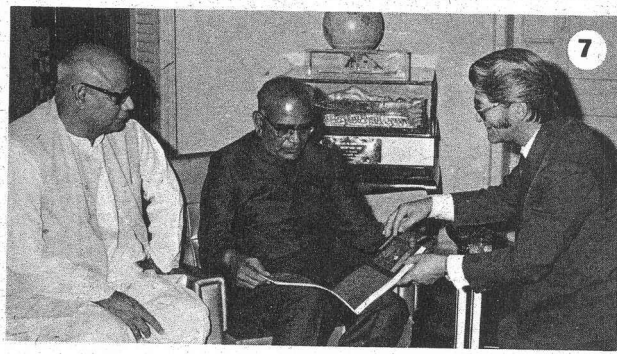
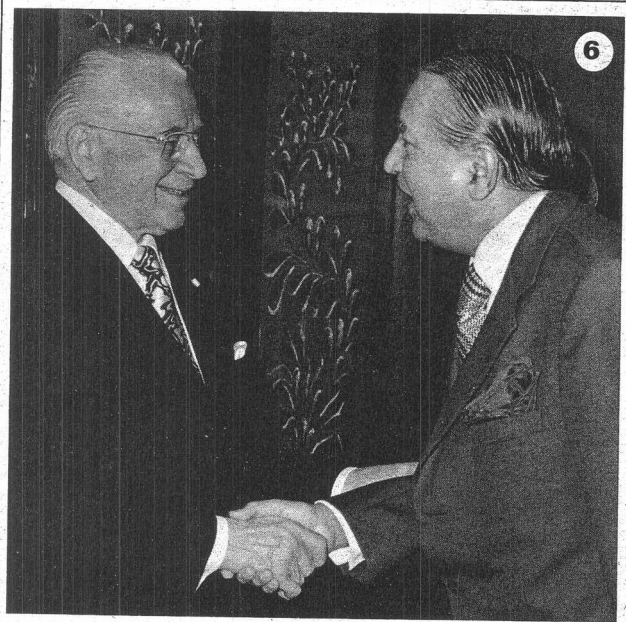
Armstrong's remarks, but also extended invitations to him to be a guest of honor at functions which they were to host during our visit. Admiral Nanda, accordingly, hosted a dinner in honor of Mr. Armstrong and Dr. Singh at the Taj Mahal Hotel a few days later, surprising Mr. Armstrong by wheeling out a large cake in his honor, calling attention to the fact that it was the great Creator and Mr. Armstrong's message of peace which were being honored that evening. Mr. Armstrong was not expected to speak, but nonetheless did deliver some compelling impromptu comments.

On the day before his departure,

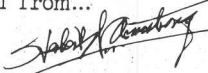
Mr. Armstrong had three important activities. First, a luncheon hosted by a very prominent Indian family from the exclusive Parsee sect. The Heerjee family had been very moved by Mr. Armstrong's remarks and expressed a keen desire to find out more about Mr. Armstrong and his beliefs, which they thought were particularly valuable and important for mankind today. After the luncheon, during which Mr. Armstrong again spoke, Mr. Heerjee offered to do what he could to have Mr. Armstrong speak before numerous groups prior to his March 1 appearance.

Following that luncheon, Mr.

Armstrong and Dr. Singh were received by the Governor, His Excellency Nawab Ali Yavar Jung, who is one of India's most prominent citizens. The governor had previously been ambassador to Argentina, Egypt, France and the United States, and as governor of the State of Maharashtra, is also the chancellor of the ten universities in that state, including the University of Bombay. Mr. Armstrong and Dr. Singh covered a variety of subjects with the governor, primarily in the field of education and the efforts of Mr. Armstrong and Dr. Singh for world peace in their mutual fields. □



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became a living soul." To this "soul" God said he would "surely die" if he disobeyed, taking the forbidden fruit.

It was Satan who said: "Ye shall NOT surely die." Today those who profess Christ believe what Satan said. But they do not believe what God said!

And what about modern science and higher education? Like our first parents, they reject revelation (what God says) as a basic source of knowledge. Do they believe there was a flood in Noah's day? God says there was, but they do not believe what he says! What about higher education? God says the waters of the Red Sea parted, and the Israelites walked across on the dry floor of the sea. In his Word, God says the walls of water returned, covering and drowning Pharaoh and his army. But can you find that in the ancient history texts? They don't believe what God said!

God shows us the way to world peace — peace between individuals, between groups, between nations. But men do not believe what God says, and so we have no peace.

God shows us the way to peace, happiness, prosperity in abundance and eternal life as his gift. But men, except for the very few, don't believe what God says! Instead, humanity suffers on! □

Ten Great People Discuss One Great Book

Although the authority and authenticity of the Bible is being questioned by some, there were many important and highly respected personages in the past who, though not in the ministry, respected the book, read, studied, and believed it, and based their lives upon it.

George Washington — "It is impossible to rightly govern without God and the Bible."

Napoleon — "The Bible is a living creature with the power that conquers all that oppose it."

Queen Victoria — "That Book accounts for the supremacy of England."

Charles Dickens — "The Bible is the best book ever known or ever will be."

Immanuel Kant — "Every attempt to belittle the Bible is a crime against humanity."

Lord Tennyson — "Bible reading is an education in itself."

Andrew Jackson — "The Bible is the Rock on which our republic rests."

Patrick Henry — "The Bible is worth all the other books that have ever been written."

Daniel Webster — "If there be anything in my style to commend, credit is due to an early love of Scriptures. If we neglect its authority, no one knows how sudden a catastrophe will overwhelm America and bury its glory in profound obscurity."

Theodore Roosevelt — "A thorough knowledge of the Bible is better than a college education."

— Ione Wade

The Power of a Good Example

by Norman Cousins

EDITOR'S NOTE: Plain Truth Editor-in-Chief, Herbert W. Armstrong, has long stressed the importance of quality in all aspects of human life. The character of the campuses of Ambassador College reflects this viewpoint. But does striving for quality pay off for an individual and for those who come into contact with him? Noted author Norman Cousins takes a look at this question.

The moment I stepped into the cab I realized it was different from any other taxi I had ever been in. The floor was covered with a light-colored mohair rug. Brightly colored fall leaves were carefully strewn around the edges. Small reproductions of paintings by Van Gogh and Gauguin were fixed to the inner partition, in the place usually occupied by advertising cards. The windows were spotless.

I complimented the driver, a black man who wore a tie and jacket, then told him I had never ridden in a cleaner or more attractive cab.

"I like to hear my passengers say that," he replied.

I asked about the brightly colored fall leaves. He said that his wife had collected them in Central Park at the height of the fall season.

Then I asked the driver about the art reproductions.

"We bought the pictures at the Metropolitan Museum," he said. "Not very expensive. My passengers comment on the paintings too."

"How long have you been decorating your cab like this?"

"It's not my cab," he said. "It's a company cab. I got the idea about 20 years ago. At that time, I was just a kid of 18. I had a job as a cleanup man for the cab company. Each cab that came in at the end of the day was like a garbage pit. Cigarettes and matches all over the floor. Sticky stuff like peanut butter on the seats or door handles. Sometimes, believe it or not, chewed-up pork chops were stuffed between the seat and the side of the car. Some people would go through their mail in the cab, tear up the letters they didn't want and drop them on the floor."

"I got to thinking about it and figured that if the cab company and the drivers would give people a car worth keeping clean they might be more considerate. Most cabs are so banged up inside and out that people just accept the mess and add to it."

"I explained my theory to the boss, who said I'd have to wait until I was old enough to drive if I wanted to try out my ideas. Well, as soon as I got my hack license, I did just that. I put a lot of extra spit and polish into the cab they gave me to drive. I got a nice light rug and some flowers. After each passenger got out, I checked the cab to make sure that everything was in order for the next rider. When I brought the cab in that first night, there was hardly anything for the cleanup squad to do."

"After about a month of bringing in a spotless cab, the boss reserved the same car for me each day. That was when I put up the reproductions of great paintings."

"I started driving in 1957 and I've never been disappointed by people in all that time. I've never had to pick up a single cigarette butt or match sticks. No peanut butter or ends of ice-cream cones. No garbage. All I've had is pleasant talks with my passengers."

"Like I say, mister, people appreciate beautiful things. If we planted more flowers



Why NOT?

by David Jon Hill

Be Different!

The rut worn by the rat race grows ever deeper. Sameness and routine strangely dominate in an era of dynamic change unprecedented in the history of mankind. Standardization, the assembly line, and modularity are paradoxically the bywords in an era when the capacity for variety has reached an apex for even the commonest of men.

Why not be different?

I'm not talking about being different by putting on the uniform of some turned-off rebel. Instead, be different in a positive, exhilarating and personally satisfying manner, productive both to yourself and society around you.

For starters:

- Put the TV in the garage and get reacquainted with your family. Try it for a whole week. You CAN do it!
- Read a book, *any* book, all the way through. If you want to really be different, make that book the Bible.
- Break a habit, *any* habit. You've been telling yourself you can quit smoking anytime you want. Do it for a month. Then shed the habit permanently.
- Make this week a be-nice-to-your-wife week. Bring her home some flowers, buy her a small gift, take her out to dinner.
- Learn to do something basic with your hands. Take a course in pottery making or basket weaving, learn simple mechanics, do your own handyman repair work around the home.
- Strike up a conversation in an elevator. Next time somebody throws an insult at you in traffic or the cafeteria line, throw them back a big smile and say, "Thanks — I needed that!"
- Just for three days, why not share the fare of Mr. and Mrs. Average World Citizen. Eat just two small bowls of rice, some thin soup, and half a glass of raw milk. Nothing else.
- Most of all, if you want to really be different, find out if there isn't some real purpose to all this chaos we call life.

Turn around and swim upstream against the current of the society around you.

Try it, you'll like it.

Be different.

Why Not?

and trees in the city and made the buildings more attractive, I'd bet more people would be inclined to use the trash baskets around town."

I've been thinking a great deal about this incident. My friend the cabdriver had hit on a great truth. A sense of beauty comes with the gift of life. Most people don't have to be instructed about the fragility and rarity of beauty. They respond to it when they find it. And, if they are made to feel a part of it, they will try to add to it.

My cabdriver was an Emersonian — whether he realized it or not. He wasn't afraid to trust, and so far he has never been disillusioned. I hope he never will be. □ Copyright 1974, Norman Cousins. Distributed by Los Angeles Times Syndicate.

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Wall Street Woes Drive Stockbrokers to Their Knees

New York stockbrokers are praying — literally — for a stronger market.

According to the clergy at Trinity Church and St. Paul's Chapel (two churches in the parish that serve the Wall Street community), there are now many more individuals from the financial community sitting in pews meditating at all hours of the working day. Some 200 worshippers now attend the weekday noon mass at Trinity Church — up from only about 100 a year ago.

Among those frequenting these two historic churches are the brokers and investment bankers who are facing the street's most serious profit squeezes. Profits are down, firms are disappearing and plenty of Wall Streeters are either worried about their jobs or looking for new employment.

Membership of the New York Society of Security Analysis is down to 4,859. It was 5,100 last year. Records show that there is over 5% unemployment among the society's ranks.

But the real figure is much worse as many have taken pay cuts and some are surviving only on commissions. □

The INCREDIBLE HUMAN POTENTIAL...

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years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him, *preaching* the kingdom of God . . ." (Acts 28:30).

Did Paul preach any *other* gospel? To the Galatians he wrote, "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed" (Gal. 1:8-9).

But verses 6 and 7 showed that the Galatians had, already, turned to another gospel. Jesus spoke of his message — the kingdom of God — as the "word" that he spoke. The apostles, as you'll read all through the book of Acts, went everywhere preaching "the word" — meaning the kingdom of God.

The Vast Comprehensiveness of a Full Understanding

I must call the reader's attention again at this point to the fact that a full and *complete* understanding of the message sent by God the Father to all mankind, by his divine messenger Jesus Christ, involves a vast comprehension of God's great purpose, and of events prehistoric, historic, present and future.

I might say it means an overall understanding of *everything!* Once understood, it will seem that man, with his supposedly stupendous fund of knowledge, such as disseminated in the great universities, is, in fact, *infantile!* "It will seem as if man knows, now, almost nothing! For the missing dimension in knowledge is the all-important knowledge!"

So I ask the reader to expect GREAT THINGS to be revealed in this and coming articles.

The "Gospels" Being Preached Today

I have said that you hear many gospel programs today. One uses the slogan, "Preaching Christ to the Nations." One might ask, "Well, what's *WRONG* about preaching ABOUT Christ?" Or, "What's *wrong* about preaching a gospel of grace?" Or "What's *wrong* about proclaiming a message about salvation?"

I have shown you the Scriptures showing they started, even in the first century, preaching about a DIFFERENT Jesus — a Jesus who abolished his Father's commandments — who turned "grace" into license to disobey (II Cor. 11:4, 13-15 and Jude 4). They do not today preach the REAL Jesus, who said, "I have kept my Father's commandments," and that he set us an example that we should keep them also.

If those who claim to preach a gospel of SALVATION understood and proclaimed WHAT salvation really is — whether it is going to a PLACE, being changed into a different CONDITION, or WHAT — or WHERE — and HOW it may be obtained, it might be a part of the true gospel. But *today's "gospel" programs do not* teach what salvation *really* is or how one may receive it. When the blind lead the blind, they all fall into the ditch.

Just What Is the Kingdom of God?

So it's time we come to UNDERSTAND just what is the kingdom of God!

What is a kingdom? The Bible speaks of several kingdoms. The first world empire — the Chaldean Empire often called "Babylon" — was a kingdom. God inspired the prophet Daniel to say to its king, Nebuchadnezzar, ". . . the God of heaven hath given



In Brief

by Stanley R. Rader

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Once again we have found that circumstances do force us to be flexible and ready to change our schedule, no matter how carefully we have tried to plan and control events, as Mr. Armstrong travels throughout the world bringing his message of hope to mankind.

We are wrapping up our first visit to Bombay, a magnificent city where we have made many friends. Upon arrival we were met by Dr. Nagendra Singh of the International Court of Justice at the Hague, who was making one of his own now infrequent visits to Bombay, and on the evening of the 21st, Dr. Singh introduced Mr. Armstrong to more than 400 distinguished guests representing the legislature, judiciary and executive branch of the state government, as well as community leaders from the fields of education, industry and commerce. Mr. Armstrong spoke for more than 30 minutes to a very warm and enthusiastic audience.

But the very next day, after meeting with community leaders concerning our plans for a major campaign in May, we were advised that we would have to move up our schedule because of a variety of factors beyond our control, and March 1 was fixed to culminate a week-long campaign beginning on February 21. This has meant a change in our schedules for March, April and May, but during the next few days we are making the necessary adjustments as we move from Bombay to Cairo and on to Europe.

Everyone here is very much concerned about the situation in the Middle East, as well as the increasing importance of the Indian Ocean, as a consequence of the worldwide oil problem. Mr. Kissinger commented about the potential use of force to avoid strangulation, and, of course, the terrible possibility of a major confrontation between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. should momentum toward the peaceful solution in the Middle East be lost.

As you readers of *Plain Truth* have long recognized, we have devoted significant space for a great many years to the problems of the impending energy crisis, famine and ecology, in addition to all of the other economic, social and moral issues of our time. Each of those three enumerated issues has figured prominently in our discussions with the people here. It brings to mind comments that Prime Minister Indira Gandhi made to Mr. Armstrong several years ago when she said that "all the problems confronting mankind can be found right here in India." One does not have to look very far to find them, but India is trying to overcome them and to help its people, although oftentimes only its failures to overcome are emphasized by the media in other parts of the world. Since our first visit to India we have published numerous articles about its people, as well as its efforts, and we have been complimented by representatives of the government on the richness of our articles and their fairness. With India coming more and more to importance in the eyes of those who heretofore have failed to recognize its pivotal position in the world, we shall be spending more time in India during the next year — here in Bombay, as well as New Delhi, Madras and Calcutta. □

thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory" (Dan. 2:37).

Then there was the Kingdom of Israel — the family descended from Israel, which became one of earth's nations or governments.

The Kingdom of Israel was a forerunner of the kingdom of God. It will be composed of the Spirit-born children of God — the family of God, organized into a governing kingdom.

Therefore the kingdom of God will be dual:

(1) A GOVERNMENT. A government — or kingdom — is composed of four things: (a) a KING, ruling over (b) people, subjects or citizens within (c) a definite jurisdiction of territory, with (d) laws and an organized system of administering them.

(2) A FAMILY (as the Kingdom of Israel was a family of the children of Israel) — in this case the family of God — a family into which humans may be born, which shall be a GOVERNING or RULING family that shall have jurisdiction over ALL NATIONS — that is,

the WHOLE EARTH — and, later, the entire universe.

The Kingdom: A Government

Christ is to be the King of the kingdom of God. He is the *Son* of God, whom he addressed as the Father. When the church, by a resurrection or instantaneous change from mortal to immortal (from physical composition to spirit composition) becomes the spirit-composed children of God, Christ will marry the church which shall become his wife. So we have Father, Son, wife, and children of the Father — all a FAMILY relationship — the divine God family!

Notice, now, some of the prophecies: "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel [which means "God with us"]" (Isa. 7:14).

"For unto us [Israel] a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall

be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of *his* government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his *kingdom*, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this" (Isa. 9:6-7).

The angel Gabriel is a super archangel — a cherub — one of only three mentioned in the Bible. It is recorded, "And in the sixth month [of the pregnancy of Elizabeth] the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused [betrothed] to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. . . . And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there shall be no end" (Luke 1:26-33).

When Jesus was on trial for his life before Pilate, Pilate said unto him, "Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth."

However, Jesus also explained to Pilate that his kingdom — his rulership — was not of this world — this time — this present age.

Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. . . but now is my kingdom not from hence" (John 18:37, 36).

What Christ's Gospel Was All About

I say Christ's gospel — the message he brought from God — was the advance good news of the establishment of the kingdom of God. But just what all does that include?

And why is the kingdom of God necessary?

Just how does it affect and relate directly to your personal and individual life?

Actually, Christ's message of God's coming kingdom is directly concerned with world conditions as they are — with human nature — its source and origin — with world evils, suffering, unhappiness — with world peace. It's concerned with government — with the reason present human governments fail to be the benefactors of their peoples they are supposed to be.

His message hits directly at the very roots of individual personal happiness and at the awesome transcendent potential of each human life. It is concerned with the CAUSES of present conditions that affect every human and with the WAY that will solve all problems.

But it is concerned with far, far more.

It is concerned with God's tremendous, overwhelming, overall purpose as Creator of the entire universe. It's concerned with the entire vast universe, filled with its uncountable galaxies, nebulae, suns, stars, planets, and with God's purpose for them. It's concerned with all the angels — with the fact that one third of all God's created angels turned the wrong way, into SIN from which there can be no redemption, and God's great purpose and plan to prevent such a catastrophe happening to the other two thirds.

Most of these things are never remotely considered in religious teachings in this world. God's message is concerned with overall truth.

What has been covered so far should be considered as merely the introduction to the entire story of Christ's gospel. □