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John XXIII
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"A copy of your magazine, *The PLAIN TRUTH*, came into my hands recently and I am intensely interested. As far as I know, none of the orthodox churches print anything of its kind. The matters you discuss are things of which no one should be ignorant. It is the kind of magazine for which I have long been looking."

Woman
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Woman
Queensland, Australia

• If each person requested his *own* free subscription, then you could all keep your own copies for re-reading later! Read the following letter as a sample.

Better Than *Reader's Digest*

"Certainly I want to continue *The PLAIN TRUTH*. Whatever I am doing when a copy comes has to wait till I've read it through. Later, I go back with my Bible—study and check and try to think it through. Many things are not what I've been taught. I have changed my beliefs on many things. I have the *Reader's Digest*, *LOOK* and others, but nothing can approach the way you tie it all together. You have sent the magazine for two years and every copy is filed in a notebook with the year noted. Every copy is dated and the lead articles listed on the front so teaching on any subject is quickly available."

Florence, Kentucky

Cross Cattle

"In your article on cattle you give Red Polls as a natural breed, but the World Book gives them as a cross between Horned Norfolk and Polled Suffolk. I'm not trying to just find one little statement wrong, but wondered if we've looked at it wrong."

Spring City, Tennessee

• Calling cattle two breeds just because they are in two different counties is a little misleading. The ancient cattle of Norfolk and Suffolk counties in England, from which Red Polls descended, were *not* two breeds, but were all of one general type, except that some were horned and some polled, just as Herefords are today. Red Polls descended from the polled stock of both counties. They are not crossbreeds. Their hardiness, gentleness, and good production of *quality meat and milk* are strong arguments for their purity. God had good reason for stressing the need for purity in *every* aspect of our lives. Purity is good for us. It brings forth good fruits.

In The Dark

"The reference to Dexter cattle in Mr. Robinson's article on the 'Crisis In Farming' proved very interesting to me. I have inquired of everyone around here that I thought might know where they could be seen, or purchased, and all were more in the dark than I. This morning I called the State Experiment Station. The man said 'Dexters are from the coast of Europe, a small breed, grown mainly as a curiosity in the U.S.' There are no breeders of them in the Northwest that he knows of; they have a genetic health problem, he said."

Mrs. L.
Puyallup, Washington

• Dexters are from County Kerry and the Berehaven peninsula in County Cork, in Ireland. In the U.S. they are used primarily as family milk cows, but also as commercial dairy cows, as foster mothers for adopting calves of other dairy breeds, and—because of their ex-

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Personal from the Editor

SOME of the teachings in the Bible are a little hard for the average thinking mind to understand.

James tells us to count it all joy when trials, ordeals, reverses, beset us. *Troubles* a JOY? That's pretty hard to accept, isn't it? And, for the average person, a lot harder to put into practice.

Few find any pleasure, let alone JOY, in the obstacles and troubles they encounter. Yet this Biblical teaching says we ought so to count them. There is a *reason*, although *few* understand it.

In one of the Psalms you'll read that the righteous are going to have to bear *many* afflictions. But, it promises, the Eternal will deliver us out of them all—*if* we believe and trust Him!

Again, it is through *much tribulation* that we must enter the Kingdom of God. WHY? There's a reason!

Now consider another Biblical teaching hard for some to understand.

Several months ago I wrote an article, now available in booklet form, "*What Do You Mean—BORN AGAIN?*" In the fifth chapter of Ephesians you find a husband-wife relationship pictured as corresponding to Christ and the Church. Scriptural teaching assures us that, at His coming, Christ is going to *marry* the Church. Also the Scriptures teach that the Church will, at His coming, be *born* of God, by a resurrection of all who have died, and the instantaneous conversion from mortal to immortal of those then living (I Corinthians 15:50-53).

So one man reasons: Could a full-grown MAN marry an infant girl baby, just born? If those in the Church are to be just then *born* of God, how can they marry Christ before they grow up?

This, too, seems difficult for some to comprehend. Yet the answer to James' teaching—the UNDERSTANDING of what James really means, is also the answer to this seeming inconsistency.

There is a third seeming inconsistency, hard for some to understand. Some months ago in this column I explained

how, contrary to the thinking of many, a Christian may—and too often does—actually commit sin *after* he is converted. He *should not*, of course. But too often he does, and still remains a Christian. The true explanation of James' teaching, first mentioned above, is also the explanation of this experience.

So let's understand!

WHY were we born, in the first place? What is the real PURPOSE of human life? God Almighty the Creator is reproducing Himself! As truly as we mortal humans have been given power to reproduce ourselves—to bring forth progeny in our own image, born with our very nature—even so the Great God is bringing forth sons in *His* image, born with His very divine nature!

The very PURPOSE of our existence is that we be begotten as God's children, and become BORN of Him.

And human reproduction is the very type of spiritual reproduction. What God created at the time described in the first chapter of Genesis was a *physical* creation. You'll find nothing spiritual there. In physical man, made of the dust of the ground, God created the MATERIAL *with which* He may mould, shape, form, and create the SPIRITUAL being. He pictures us as the clay, Himself as the Potter—forming us into the spiritual image of *His* designing.

Now human reproduction, I say, pictures spiritual reproduction. Each human, since Adam and Eve, started from a tiny egg, called an ovum, the size of a pinpoint. It was produced in the body of the mother. The egg is *incomplete*, of itself. It has a life of only about 48 hours, according to some authorities. Unless fertilized by the life-giving sperm cell from the human father within that limited lifetime, it dies.

Each human, spiritually speaking, is like an egg. The average human lifetime is said to be 70 years. Adam was created *incomplete*, and each of us was BORN INCOMPLETE—that is, we were

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A close-up of the late Pope John XXIII, outside the Church of Canadian Martyrs in Rome shortly before his fatal illness. The peoples of the world wait to see what significant changes his successor will make.

made to *need* the Holy Spirit of God. And unless, within our limited lifespan of some 70 years, we are begotten of God—by His Spirit which is HIS IMMORTAL DIVINE LIFE—entering to impart eternal life to us, we shall die—and that shall be the end—except that God has appointed a resurrection of all who have lived, and, for those who reject His gift of eternal life, the final second death in the lake of fire.

But, in the case of the human ovum, once fertilized as a begotten human, the egg—now called an embryo—is kept within the body of the mother, and is nourished and fed material food through her and protected by her. And there it must grow, being fed physically through the mother, large enough to be born. After a number of weeks, the embryo is called a fetus, and at birth it is a human baby.

In like manner, the Bible calls the CHURCH the “mother of us all.” That is, the mother of Christians—those begotten of God. It is the function of the Church to protect and feed, spiritually, on the spiritual food of GOD’S WORD, those begotten children of God, so that we may GROW SPIRITUALLY, in the divine character, ready to be born.

Surely this is a wonderful comparison. Yet types and antitypes are not always alike in every detail.

When a physical baby is born, it is not ready for marriage. When the spiritual child of GOD is *born* he will be fully mature for the spiritual marriage. How can this be? This is what one thinking man could not see.

The unborn human fetus is only growing *physically*. At birth, the human baby knows nothing. He is helpless. He must be taught. He must learn. He is born merely with a mind *capable* of learning, knowing, thinking. He is not yet of mature size physically *or* mentally. Many do marry who are still entirely immature spiritually and/or emotionally. But we do assume that one has reasonable maturity physically and mentally before marriage. In the human, this development takes place in the human state *after* the human birth.

Therefore, the human baby is not ready for marriage at birth.

But the spirit-born are different!

Just as the fertilized ovum—the em-

bryo which becomes the fetus—must grow *physically* from material food, so the spirit-begotten child of God must grow *spiritually* before he can be born. *But there is a difference!*

The fetus does not attain to complete physical *maturity* before birth, and has no mental maturity. But, in the spiritual rebirth, one must attain reasonable spiritual maturity *before* he is spirit-born.

Now what *is* spiritual growth? Just as the physical embryo-fetus must *grow* physically large enough to be BORN, so the Spirit-begotten Christian must *grow spiritually* or he will never be *born* of God. But spiritual growth is CHARACTER-DEVELOPMENT.

The Spirit-begotten starts out with a MIND from the beginning. God *is* perfect character—divine, spiritual character. God is also LOVE. And perfect spiritual character is THE WAY of LOVE! Such a character is the attainment of the ability, in a separate independent entity of free moral agency, to be able to discern right from wrong—the true values from the false—truth from error—the right way from the wrong; and then to make the right CHOICE or DECISION, even against self-desire, impulse or temptation; plus the WILL and self-discipline to resist the wrong and to DO the right.

No human, with human nature, has the power—alone by himself—to do this. But God has made the spiritual power and help man lacks *available*. Man must desire to *know*—must hunger and thirst for truth; man must make his own decision, exercise his own will, even against the pulls of his nature. But without the help of GOD—without spiritual POWER from God—man is utterly unable.

That is why truly converted Christians sometimes actually *do sin*. They are like the Apostle Paul, as he describes himself in Romans 7. With his mind he *wanted* to go the way of God’s law, yet he found himself unable. Another law—human nature—warred within him against the good resolutions of his mind. But the sequel to Romans 7 is Romans 8—the Holy Spirit chapter. WHO, Paul cried out, could save him from this body of death he struggled against in vain? The answer is,

GOD, through His Holy Spirit.

A true Christian doesn’t want to sin—should not. But sometimes he finds himself caught in the vise of habit, or overwhelmed by temptation or by circumstances from which he is unable to free himself. Surely, had such a one been *continually* praying, keeping himself *close to God*, and detached from the world or its lures or the temptations of the flesh, he probably would have had sufficient divine help to have prevented the sinning. But *only Jesus Christ* ever did keep that close to God!

God looks on the heart. In such a case, the Christian does not sin maliciously, with malice aforethought. He is merely caught in the vortex of a temptation which sucks him helplessly down into the sin. Then he is terribly sorry. He is disgusted with himself. He repents. He goes to work to overcome. He may not succeed, due to human weakness, at once. But he remains determined and, finally, does, with God’s help, overcome completely. Many a true Christian has had such a struggle over a particular human weakness and temptation, and after even several setbacks, finally, through God’s power, won the victory and fought his way free.

God looks on the heart. God FORGIVES in such cases. The living Christ, our High Priest, has compassion, is filled with mercy—as long as the attitude is right, the *desire* of the inner man is to conquer the flesh and overcome the temptation and be FREE from it entirely. In the end, it is GOD who gives the victory. But, in such a struggle, the Christian DEVELOPS CHARACTER.

Now character, I have said many times, is something God does not create automatically. It is *developed*, against the opposing pulls of human nature, with the decisions and wills and struggles of the individual, and through EXPERIENCE.

The development of that CHARACTER is the very PURPOSE of our being alive. Also the development of that character, unlike the purely physical growth of the unborn baby, actually is growth toward SPIRITUAL MATURITY, right now in the *begettal* stage prior to spirit

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The Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong

The first year of College—and how opposition developed from within.

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AFTER all, would you say it was a college that finally swung open its door to students the 8th of October, 1947? There were only four students!

There were no dormitories—no place for students to be in residence on the original little “campus” of 1¾ acres. We had some books and encyclopedias on shelves in the one room that served as music room, assembly room, library, study room and lounge—but no real college library. There was no gymnasium, no track or athletic field.

WHY Smallest Beginning

I suppose many people would laugh at the idea of dignifying that by the name “college.” But there is a reason why it *had* to begin that small.

When the Great God, Creator and Ruler of the vast universe, does something by Himself, He demonstrates His supreme power by doing it in an awe-inspiring stupendous manner. But when it is actually GOD who is doing something through humans, it must start the smallest. Like the grain of mustard seed, the smallest of herbs, which grows to become the largest, God’s works through humans must start the smallest—but they grow, and grow, and grow, until they become the biggest!

Had Ambassador College started big, with several hundred or a few thousand students, a great campus filled with large college buildings—an administration building, classroom buildings, laboratories, music conservatory, large ornate auditorium, gymnasium, a fine quarter-mile track and football field, a large library building with 200,000 volumes, dormitories, dining halls—everything complete, then I could certainly have no faith in accepting it as GOD’s college.

Ambassador started in a building that had been a private residence. True, it had been built in an architectural design

more institutional than residential, in appearance. But it had been a residence. Then there was the garage. As I mentioned before, it had been originally stables—way back in the years B. C.—before cars. It had later been converted into a 4-car garage, with apartments upstairs and apartment rooms at both ends.

We had turned some of the living rooms into business offices, and the central garage space into our general mailing room for the radio work. Our small printing shop, with a Davidson duplicating machine, occupied the rear ground-floor room. We called this building the Administration building. Since then it has undergone successive remodelings, and still serves as the Administration building. But, as I write, preliminary plans are on the architect’s drawing boards for a modern new 3-story Administration Building. We long ago completely outgrew this small building.

And, again, I have explained before that God’s number for *organized beginnings* is TWELVE. His original beginnings always start with ONE MAN. God started the human family with the one man, Adam. His nation Israel started from the one man, Abraham. That nation’s government and leadership started with the one man, Moses. The Church of God and GOD’S WORK started with the one man, Jesus Christ.

But God’s own nation on earth had its *organized beginning* through the TWELVE tribes. The Church had its *organized beginning* with TWELVE apostles.

God started the original planning and founding of His college through myself. I had no help from our Church in Eugene. Rather, I met disapproval and criticism. But, on that morning of October 8, 1947, the actual *organized beginning* of the college numbered TWELVE persons in total—four students, eight faculty members, myself included. The property had been purchased, as previously explained, TWELVE years

after the start of the work.

No Dorms

We had no facilities for housing students. Our own son, Richard David (Dick), lived with us in our new home (new to us, that is). Betty Bates had rented a room out in the east end of Pasadena, some five miles from the college. She used the city bus service for transportation. The other two students, Raymond Cole and Herman Hoeh, rented a room together some 2½ miles from the college. They used less expensive transportation—shoe-leather. They managed to prepare their own food, somehow, in their room.

Those pioneer students had to “rough it” in a way I am sure our students of today do not realize. They certainly did not live in luxury. We did manage to employ these pioneer students for part-time work, at \$40 per month. But they had to pay \$31.50 room-rent—per *each!* In order to have enough to eat, they often picked lamb’s-quarter—in place of spinach—where it grew along certain sparsely settled streets and in vacant lots, then prepared it after returning home from school.

Herman Hoeh received weekly packages of food from his parents to help out. Raymond Cole sometimes had a meal with his sister, who was employed in our office. And, many times, they simply went hungry. They were more hungry for an education than for physical food.

Yet they never mentioned any of this, and I have only learned of it myself very recently.

They heard talk from others about “when this thing folds up.” But there was no thought of the college “folding up” in their minds—even as there wasn’t in mine. They had faith. They were there for a *purpose!* It was a mighty serious purpose! It was the one goal of their lives, and they concentrated

on it and worked at it with all their energies! That is why these men, all three, became top-ranking ministers in the greatest activity on earth today!

The part-time work these pioneer students did was janitor work.

Opposition From Within

Previously I have mentioned the opposition faced in getting the college started. There had been plans, plots, and schemes to stop the broadcast work before it started, and to kill it after it started. There were "temptations" to drop it—offers of something "better"—financially. Only these didn't really tempt me. There had been apparently insurmountable obstacles to hurdle over.

But there now was opposition, whether intentional from those who brought it or not, from within the faculty.

Remember, I had set out to found a NEW KIND of college—GOD'S college. Not a Bible school. Not a "religious" school. A straight liberal arts co-educational institution—but BASED on God's revealed knowledge.

But where was I to find teachers and college professors, at the university level, who taught courses on the very FOUNDATION of God's revealed knowledge? Such instructors simply did not exist. I had to start with those reared and schooled in this world's type of education.

And I have explained before how educators, long ago—from the days of Nimrod and Semiramis—from the days of Plato who founded the curricular system—from the days of the University of Paris which started the present universities in the 12th century—had not retained GOD in their knowledge. The world had inherited education, not from God's teachings, but from PAGANISM.

Since I could do no other, I was forced to choose instructors trained in the prevailing system of education. But I sought those of outstanding qualifications and adequate degrees. I wanted the best!

There was the woman professor of English. She had at least two Ph. Ds.—some eight degrees altogether. This surely sounded like the best. She had taught many years in India. I did not know, when Mr. Dillon and I employed

her, that she was filled and saturated with Hindu philosophies, occultism, and eastern beliefs. She highly respected insects—especially butterflies.

Professor Mauler-Hiennecey frequently jested with her.

"Well," he would say, "what have you decided this morning you are going to be in your next life—a butterfly, bed bug, or beetle?"

Soon I found that our English professor was introducing all kinds of Hindu or Indian expressions and philosophies into her teaching. Now it so happened that the 18-year-old Herman Hoeh had begun, prior to coming to college, to delve into occultism. It had pricked his curiosity. And he had a scholarly mind with a good degree of intellectual curiosity. This interest in the direction of occultism disturbed me greatly.

I realized at once that this young man was a very important potential, but still immature and inclined to get off balance on some tangent, unless taught the necessity of sound balance. I went immediately to work on this problem. I now had to combat both his intellectual interest, and the influence of our new English professor.

I had a very serious talk with Mr. Hoeh. I did not try to refute or even discredit occultism or mystic Indian teachings. I was afraid this might drive him to it the more. Instead I reasoned that it was better to take up one field of study at a time. I tried to show him that what I was going to teach him at Ambassador College was BASIC knowledge—that, to lay his researches into the occult fields on the shelf for the time being, and acquire this FOUNDATION of knowledge would be the proper *preparation* preliminary to his study of the mystic fields.

In other words, I did not ask him *not* to delve into this thought, but tried to persuade him to arrange a time-order system in his study.

"And since you have now enrolled at Ambassador College," I reasoned, "why not put this first, now you are here, and then take that up *later*?"

He agreed. And thus, instead of getting off balance prior to full mental maturity, I was able to steer Herman Hoeh on the track of intellectual BALANCE and sound-mindedness. He had

been gifted with an extraordinarily intellectual mind. Now it was being anchored to the course of sound balance and right UNDERSTANDING. And *what an asset it has become to God's Work!*

As time went on, it became evident to both Raymond Cole and Herman Hoeh that our English professor was not at all in harmony with the real objectives of Ambassador College. She expressed later in the year that she still felt there was some hope for Mr. Hoeh, but she had given Mr. Cole up as hopeless. However, Mr. Hoeh stuck loyally to his agreement to pursue his studies into the Bible under me first. So he proved hopeless, too, for her.

Along about March in that school year, Mr. Hoeh and Mr. Cole came to me together about this instructor. Mr. Hoeh reported that she had told him she was *sent* to Ambassador College by invisible forces in the east, for the purpose of *destroying* the college before it could get fairly started—and that she had said that if she could have just six more weeks' time, "there won't be a grease-spot left of this college."

So that was one of the oppositions from within, at the outset of the college.

Later on in the year we learned that Professor Mauler-Hiennecey did not really believe in God, but had strong agnostic views. Actually this did not appear on the surface for three or four years, but caused some trouble later on. However, he was a lovable old fellow, and a very fine French teacher, as well as a good instructor in Spanish. Under him my son Dick learned to speak French without even an accent. When he went to France, in 1952, he was accepted often as a native Frenchman.

We found M. Mauler-Hiennecey to be the kind of fellow who would give you the shirt off his back—but despise you if you took it! Yet he was pleasant, friendly, kind-hearted. He was with us several years, but finally resigned to prevent dismissal after his atheistic teaching began to emerge in class, and after warning from me, had introduced it again in a burst of anger. But then, he was then getting pretty old. We did love him, and he rendered service for some six years.

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of power, and of love, and of a SOUND MIND."

Today's world is a fearful, frustrated, deceived, mixed-up world. But those who have God's Spirit are not fearful or mixed-up. They have received God's *sound, sane mind* through receiving His Holy Spirit! The only real sanity in this world today is the sanity or soundness of mind which God imparts through His Spirit! Without the guidance of the Spirit of God, man is led into error, confusion and endless tangents; and gullibly believes and practices many senseless customs and ways of men!

The "civilized" world is not as civilized and cultured as it is deceived into believing! Its customs, practices, traditions and ways are steeped in paganism just as much as are the ways of the heathen in the remotest parts of Africa or Australia!

God Wishes You To Have "Fullness of Joy!"

The reason God tells us not to love this world or this civilization which rules during this age, is that it is going headlong down the road of unhappiness, sickness and misery—toward total annihilation and ultimate death! God wants us to repent, and turn from our sins, so that we won't be destroyed with this present world and its wicked, forward ways.

Of course not everything in this present world is wrong. God requires or expects us to give up that which is bad for us—which is contrary to His Word, or His revealed laws.

God Almighty created the beauty that we see everywhere around us. He created the five senses, and through these senses He wants us to receive enjoyment and pleasure to the fullest, but only in a *truly* civilized manner. He wishes us to live an abundant life (John 10:10). We are told that "*In thy [God's] presence is FULLNESS OF JOY; at THY RIGHT HAND THERE ARE PLEASURES FOR EVERMORE*" (Psa. 16:11).

And in I Timothy 6:17 we are informed that *it is* GOD "WHO GIVETH US RICHLY ALL THINGS TO ENJOY." Yes, God wants us to enjoy all things—*but in a right way!*

What, then, is true art, culture—

civilization? It is God's WAY of life! God's Word gives the only true guide or yardstick by which we can know (Matt. 4:4)!

"Finally, brethren, *whatsoever things are TRUE, whatsoever things are PURE, whatsoever things are LOVELY, whatsoever things are of GOOD REPORT; if there be any VIRTUE, and if there be any PRAISE, THINK ON THESE THINGS*" (Phil. 4:8).

Personal from the Editor

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BIRTH—in this present mortal human life.

Notice how the "mother of us all," the Church, is to protect and *feed* those in it, until they reach spiritual MATURITY. In I Corinthians 12 you'll read how God gives spiritual gifts for various administrations, or functions of service. In Ephesians 4:11-14, Christ has given special spiritual abilities or talents to certain ones in a chain of authority under Him in the Church—and notice for what PURPOSE:

"And His (Christ's) gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, for the equipment of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for building up the body of Christ (the Church), UNTIL we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, *to mature manhood*, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."

In other words, *to full spiritual maturity!*

Now WHY should we count the troubles and problems and temptations that beset us as all JOY?

Simply because we *cannot* hurdle these obstacles successfully in our own power. They drive us to seek help from God. To go to God for the wisdom to know *what* to do, and the power to be able to do it, requires FAITH. This is a *living* faith. It is ALIVE. It is active.

When we meet such trials, we often do not know what to do. We lack the WISDOM to make the right decision. So

open your Bible to the first chapter of James. Notice verse 5.

If you lack wisdom, in such trials, GO TO GOD for it! But ask IN FAITH—no wavering—no doubting. *Be SURE* God will not fail, but will give you this wisdom. Depend upon Him for it. If you waver, you are like a wave in the ocean—tossed back and forth—going nowhere! So, instead of wavering, BE STEADFAST. And if you don't get the answer immediately from God, have PATIENCE. Don't give up. Trust Him.

Now notice verses 2-3: "Count it all JOY, my brethren, when you meet various trials, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness" (Revised Standard version). These trials force you to your knees. You must have FAITH to meet them. They *test* your faith. They *develop* spiritual CHARACTER!

In the King James version, it says the trying of your faith produces patience. It produces that kind of patience that is steadfastness. THAT IS CHARACTER!

Sure, it may be unpleasant for a while. But, Paul assures us that if we suffer with Christ, we shall REIGN with Him—and the GLORY *to be* revealed in us is so incomparably greater than anything we now are, that this promised future for eternity is something to REJOICE over!

Yes, count it all JOY! Even if unpleasant. It is maturing you, *now*, for the marriage to Christ. The CHURCH of God shall be BORN the KINGDOM OF GOD! The Kingdom of God will not be composed of spiritual know-nothings and infants.

When we are born again—born of God—resurrected in spirit bodies, those bodies will not be small, like a human physical infant which must *grow* to full physical size. We shall *look* as we do now, so far as form and shape and features are concerned. But the resurrected body will be a *different* body—composed of SPIRIT instead of flesh and blood (I Cor. 15:35-44).

The original twelve apostles were Christ's *witnesses*. That is, they were actual eye-witnesses that Jesus rose from the dead—that the living resurrected Christ was the *same* Jesus who had been crucified. They were with Him forty days after His resurrection. But nobody

will be foolish enough to suggest that when Christ was BORN very Son of God by the resurrection (Romans 1:4) that He was resurrected in a tiny infant's body composed of spirit. He was resurrected FULL GROWN, as He had been when crucified. How did the apostles know He was the same Jesus? Because they knew what Jesus had looked like—and in His born-again resurrected body He looked the same, except He now was composed of *spirit* instead of matter!

The resurrected Christ was PERFECT—He was very God! But He did not grow up into perfection *after* He was resurrected. It was during His human lifetime, setting us the example, that He was made perfect as you read in Hebrews 2:10 and 5:8-9).

Thus it is plain that we must develop spiritual character, growing to spiritual adulthood, *during this life*—not after our resurrection in GLORY! This is the *spiritual* growth, of which the *physical* growth of the unborn child, from tiny embryo to a size and weight of some six to eight pounds at birth, is a type. The physical growth of the unborn human is a growth of physical size and weight. The *spiritual* growth of the begotten but yet unborn *spiritual* child of God is a growth in spiritual CHARACTER, not of physical volume, size or weight. The human baby merely grows large enough to be born prior to birth—NOT TO PHYSICAL OR MENTAL MATURITY. But he *does* grow. And this physical growth is the TYPE of the spiritual growth by feeding on the Word of God, and prayer, and Christian fellowship, and participation in the Work of God in the life of the begotten child of God.

The *difference* is merely the difference between matter and spirit. One is a material growth. Material growth is measured by volume, size, weight. The other is spiritual growth, measured by character development.

Jesus was BORN very Son of God by His resurrection (Romans 1:4). He was born fully *mature*. He was born in a spirit body, which was manifested to His apostles in the same apparent size and shape as when He died. When He appears on earth the second time, in His

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"And When you see the ABOMINATION . . ."

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these prophecies more fully, and also the alarming portent of what is just around the corner, you need to write in immediately for the booklets "The Key to the Book of Revelation," and "The Book of Revelation Unveiled At Last!" The booklet on the KEY to the book of Revelation shows how *these events*, as Christ outlined in the 24th chapter of Matthew, actually *interpret* and enlarge upon the events John saw IN VISION in the 6th chapter of the book of Revelation!

Then, after describing this terrible time of religious persecution—when even brothers, fathers and sons, and members of *families* would begin to horribly persecute one another—Jesus pointed to the one BIGGEST and most *vital* important event of all!

Why important? Because this *one great event* was to be the SIGN for God's true people to FLEE—in order to *escape* the great tribulation which was to befall all those who had not been watching! *If there is any one major world event you need to thoroughly understand—this is it!*

The Abomination of Desolation

This GREAT event is one which is beginning to develop *right now*—before your very eyes!

Jesus gave a stern warning. He said, "Whoso readeth, let him understand!" (Matt. 24:15).

This interjected warning—sternly positioned in this seemingly "vague" reference to a great world event, is too clear to ignore! Jesus meant this *great event*, which your Bible calls a great "ABOMINATION"—an abomination which is going to make *desolate*—is *too significant* to ignore!

Let's notice it! "When you therefore shall SEE the *abomination of desolation*, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the HOLY PLACE (whoso readeth, let him understand:) THEN let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains . . ."

Matthew records a great abomination,

which was to "make desolate," which would be standing in the "HOLY PLACE!"

In Luke's account, Luke describes, "And when you shall see *Jerusalem compassed with armies*, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh!"

So, once again, the warning is dual!

Matthew's account, inspired of God's Holy Spirit, includes the "spiritual" event which is to take place—the great "religious" event which will actually stand in what is called the HOLY PLACE!

Luke's account, JUST as inspired of God's Spirit, talks of a *military* action—Jerusalem surrounded with armies!

What does it mean? Few seem to know! Theologians of past centuries have tried to assign this GREAT event to the standards of Roman Soldiers occupying Jerusalem, the desecration of the Temple by the Zealots, who seized it, and made it into a stronghold just before the armies of Titus attacked, or the attempt of Emperor Caligula to have his own statue set up in the Temple and worshipped!

But NONE of these events happened as a CULMINATION OF SUPER-WORLD EVENTS AS CHRIST FORETOLD!

The sacking of Jerusalem and the Temple WAS a PARTIAL fulfillment of this great DUAL prophecy—but only a forerunning TYPE of the really AWE-SOMELY GREAT event Jesus said was to come!

Scholars have not understood the absolute AUTHORITY of Scripture—the absolute ACCURACY of it! Just as with nearly ALL prophecy—this major Prophecy of Christ is DUAL!

This great warning is for US—NOW!

First, then, *where* is this event to occur?

Jesus said to watch for JERUSALEM being surrounded by ARMIES, and to watch for a great ABOMINATION in God's sight being set up in the "Holy Place!"

Could anything be clearer? The ancient Tabernacle, and then the Temple, were partitioned into *two* rooms, be-

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will not be deceived by the tremendous MIRACLES he will perform (Matt. 24:24).

Jesus warned, "whoso readeth—LET HIM UNDERSTAND!"

YOU have been warned!

Autobiography

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But in Dr. Taylor I felt we had a sympathetic Christian believer. Dr. Taylor, in spite of his illustrious academic record which included faculty membership at such institutions as Harvard, M.I.T., Cornell, and Wheaton, strongly professed Christianity.

But how his Christianity ran counter to ours, and actually proved a most serious problem of opposition, yet finally resolving into a very happy and pleasant relationship until his death, will have to be withheld until next month's installment.

Letters

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treme gentleness—as children's 4-H Club projects. Only in extremely rare cases does a Dexter have a health problem, genetic or otherwise—because Dexter breeders and their associations have long known the value of good breeding principles and the dangers involved in careless inbreeding and line breeding. Some have admittedly disliked Dexters because of their small size, which probably accounts for rumors, intended to create disfavor, which have been believed and even reported by supposedly reliable sources. Noted cattle authorities who deal with the facts of all breeds usually put no stock in such unfounded, misleading rumors.

Fertilizer Economy

"I enjoy your PLAIN TRUTH; however, being a cattleman and College Agricultural graduate, I disagree with your agriculture articles. The man you have writing that does not know economics. If chemical fertilizers were used in China you would not have so much starvation."

Bill P.

Kissimmee, Florida

- What is this about economics, Bill?

And the productivity of Chinese farms? The agricultural accomplishments of the pre-Communist Chinese—who used organic fertilizers and no chemicals—are amazing. An American agriculture professor travelled extensively in the Orient and made an astonishingly detailed analysis of every aspect of their farm economics and techniques. Here is what he had to say about their efficiency as compared to ours: "When we reflect upon the depleted fertility of our own older farm lands, comparatively few of which have seen a century's service and upon the enormous quantity of mineral fertilizers which are being applied annually to them in order to secure paying yields, it becomes evident that the time is here when profound consideration should be given to the practices the Mongolian race has maintained through many centuries, which permit it to be said of China that one-sixth of an acre of good land is ample for the maintenance of one person." (Page 192 of *Farmers of Forty Centuries* by F. H. King, D.Sc., formerly Professor of Agricultural Physics in the University of Wisconsin, and Chief of Division of Soil Management, U.S. Department of Agriculture.) Continuing on pages 225-226 we read: "There were twelve in this man's family, which he maintained on . . . 2.5 acres, together with . . . a cow and small donkey, besides feeding two pigs. This is the rate of 192 people, 16 cows, 16 donkeys and 32 pigs on a forty-acre farm." If Chinese could not produce any better than we can—if their land supported no more population than ours does—they would all have starved to death centuries ago.

Good Start

"I have just finished reading the second installment of your farming articles. I would like to do everything according to God's plan. I am just getting started raising sheep and now am determined to raise only pure bred."

Mr. W.

Hart, Michigan

Struck

"I always enjoy reading *The PLAIN TRUTH* but those articles on the farming situation in the world today really struck me. You see, I was supposed to have learned something those four years

I was in Agriculture College, and now I see it would have been better not to have learned anything at all concerning agriculture (farming in particular). Thank you for opening my eyes."

Mr. S.

Durham, North Carolina

Dislikes "Store" Eggs

"We are ranchers in the sandhills of Nebraska and were very much interested in your farming articles. We have a small flock of chickens and never pressure them for more eggs. We take eggs to our parents in town because they can't stand to eat 'store' eggs."

Paxton, Nebraska

Literary Critic

"I find where *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine is second class mail. I see where it says 'second class postage has been paid at Pasadena, California.' I don't want to be getting second class magazines. Please stop mine."

Theron W.

Ozark, Arkansas

- The *quality* of the magazine has *nothing to do* with the "class" assigned by the Postal authorities. "Time," "Life" and "U.S. News" are all sent as "second class mail." If you were to order a Bible through the mails, it would come to you as **FOURTH CLASS** mail. Do you still want to cancel?

Hell-Bound?

"I am an Iranian citizen studying in America and for the most part people have been nice to me. The only thing that causes me to resent Americans is the way they react to my religion. A certain preacher, for example, told me I was 'hell-bound.' One night while listening to radio station KAAY in Little Rock, Arkansas, I heard my first interesting religious program—*The WORLD TOMORROW*. It was very different. Your rationalism and logic were appealing as were your direct statements. Do you, like many others, think all Moslems will go to hell? I would appreciate a response from you."

Abdolreza M.

Arkansas

- The Creator God is not interested in burning people—but *is* interested in

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Commerce Directory of Business and Industry.) If you have good qualifications the lab director may hire you even if there is no opening at the moment. He must look ahead to future needs. Show initiative, drive. Put forth this effort. Prospective employers are impressed by initiative.

Most job-seekers stop with the interview, when many a job could be secured by a follow-through.

Keep going back. Some employers make it a policy to hire a man only after his second or third visit. They want a man who is persistent.

Sometimes a thank-you note to the interviewer for the time he gave you, or a telephone call in a week or so may remind your prospective employer what a good man you are and may win the job for you.

Look Ahead

Once you get the job, keep alert to what's going on in your organization. Know how you are doing and what your boss thinks of you. You should usually know how long your job is going to last.

If you see that the end of your present job is in sight, IMMEDIATELY begin laying the groundwork to find another job.

In today's tight labor market, don't ever quit your job unless you already have somewhere else to go. It's far easier to find another job while you still have one than when you don't.

Don't ever turn an offer down flat because it doesn't meet your every requirement. Be willing if necessary to accept a position that requires traveling, or be willing to take company training for a new job.

If you are in a small town where there aren't any jobs available, then you must be willing to go to a larger city where there are jobs. You may well have no other choice.

The unskilled often find it difficult to find jobs. Remember you are never too young or too old to learn a trade.

The ALL-IMPORTANT Rule

You can diligently follow every step in your search to find a job and still fail if you don't take the most important step of all.

Most of you readers of *The PLAIN TRUTH* know there are Seven Laws of

Success. (If you haven't read the free booklet, "The Seven Laws of Success," you need to write for it immediately.) When you read this booklet you will see that even though you expend your every last ounce of effort in hunting for a job, you may still need to ask for DIVINE guidance, enlightenment, and help to guarantee you will find just the right job.

Go to God in prayer. Tell Him about your problem. Ask Him to guide you.

If you are having trouble finding a job, examine your life, see where you are cutting yourself off from God's help by disobeying Him.

Success can be yours. God promises, "Whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight" (I John 3:22).

We know that it is God's will for us to prosper. The Apostle John was inspired to write, "Beloved, I wish above

all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth" (III John 2).

Then you must put *your financial house in order*. Too many people who have good jobs still can't seem to make ends meet.

There is a vital key to unlocking the door to financial success. This key most people have lost. You can discover it in our free booklet "Ending Your Financial Worries."

You can get and hold a good job if you work at it. You can enjoy your work, too.

Do your part in hunting for a job. Trust God. Then pray earnestly and ask Him in FAITH for His PROMISED help in finding employment.

God promises you: "The LORD knoweth the days of the upright . . . They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine *they shall be satisfied*" (Ps. 37:18-19).

What our READERS SAY

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saving them! Write for our free article on the subject of hell.

A Tip to Farmers

"A tip for the farmers and others who must work late and can't hear *The WORLD TOMORROW* program. They could buy a transistor radio with an earphone and listen while working. It works fine."

L. S.

Goodrich, North Dakota

Amazed

"Please send me your magazine. A buddy of mine at work has been letting me read his PLAIN TRUTH for a number of months. I do not agree with a lot of things you say concerning basic Christian doctrines; however, I am following your articles on the Common Market and recently, in your April issue, your article on 'The New Germany.' Much to my amazement, the other night while reading the newspaper I saw an article where Governor Rockefeller has recommended the very thing that was revealed in your article—giving the Atomic and Hydrogen bombs, guided

missiles, nuclear submarines, and the whole nuclear weaponry to Germany."

Ralph J.

New Castle, Delaware

• Have you been looking up the Scriptures, and trying to *prove* even the doctrinal articles?

Happy Accident

"I have just read *The PLAIN TRUTH* quite by accident. I found it in the dust bin and although two other members of this home take or receive this wonderful book I have today seen and read it for the first time. I will be very grateful if you will put me on your mailing list."

Reader from

Mt. Albert, New Zealand

Personal from the Editor

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spirit glorified body, we shall be resurrected, or instantaneously changed, to a body that will be *like Him* (I John 3:2)—*full grown—adult!*

At that instant, our present mortal physical *vile* bodies will be *changed* like unto His glorified body. *But* our vile carnal *characters* will not be suddenly and instantly changed. Our *character* must be changed, and developed to spiritual adulthood *now*, during *this* life. Otherwise we simply shall not be then born of God!

But all who are then born of God will be born full adult spiritual beings! Yes, ready for the marriage to Christ!

If we *now* overcome, we shall reign with Christ (Rev. 3:21; 2:26-27). We shall be married to Him! We shall be *born* SPIRITUALLY MATURE. This development to spiritual maturity is precisely what *is* spiritual GROWTH sufficient to be born.

But, once *born* of God—born spiritually MATURE—do we then *stop* spiritual growing? I ask, once a human grows up to human maturity, does he then STOP growing? Physically, yes—but mentally, morally, spiritually, emotionally he *should* continue to grow and develop as long as he lives. Perhaps many humans don't. But we all *should*. I reached this physical maturity many years ago. But I still learn new things continually.

If you are meeting problems and trials, don't be discouraged. Take them to CHRIST for wisdom and power and help. Have FAITH. And count it all JOY! And *never* quit or give up! Have perseverance!

FALSE PROPHET

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there not to be concerned about the coming of Jesus Christ by either spirit or word of any *fake letter* that might be passed around claiming to come from him (II Thess. 2:1-2). Then he warned: "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that MAN OF SIN be revealed, the son of perdition; who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God" (Verses 3-4).

Here the Apostle Paul warned that after his death and after the death of the original apostles of Christ, there would

be a great APOSTASY from the truth. A man of sin—or as the literal Greek means, LAWLESSNESS—was to rise up and sit in a temple showing himself as GOD by his titles and claims. Here is a man, then, who OPPOSES the laws and commandments of the true God, while at the same time sitting in the temple and calling himself GOD—and *allowing himself to be worshipped as God!*

Paul stated: "For the *mystery* of LAWLESSNESS [correct Greek rendering] doth already work: only he who now hinders will hinder, until he be taken out of the way" (Verse 7). The *false prophet*, then, is part of a whole SYSTEM of LAWLESSNESS—a religious teaching like the ancient pagan "mysteries" which were filled with ceremony and ritualism but DENIED God's law and authority.

Paul showed that this *false system* was slowly building up even in his lifetime. Paul knew that soon it was to come on the scene and DECEIVE the world: "And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and SIGNS and LYING WONDERS" (Verses 8-9).

Notice that the great FALSE PROPHET eventually rising up out of this *lawless system* will be living at the TIME OF THE END—at Christ's second coming! For, Paul said, Christ shall DESTROY him "with the brightness of his coming" (Verse 8).

And this *false prophet* is again *identified* as one who performs—through SATAN'S power—great *signs* and LYING WONDERS!

Do you BELIEVE what God's Word truly states?

Most will not. For this coming *false prophet* misleads them with signs and lying wonders, "and with all DECEIVABLENESS of *unrighteousness* in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved" (Verse 10). These people apparently WANT to be deceived—they WANT to follow human traditions and vanities which seem interesting and exciting and allow them to DO AS THEY PLEASE.

God says that they have not received the "love of the truth" that they might

be saved. They do not really LOVE and STUDY God's Word, the Bible. For God's Word is *truth* (John 17:17).

Learn to STUDY and UNDERSTAND Your Bible

The *deceived masses* of our supposedly "educated" twentieth century refuse to BOTHER THEMSELVES to really STUDY the Bible and to UNDERSTAND God's law and the purpose of human existence!

Therefore, when the political, military and religious pressure gets TOO STRONG—even the wavering ones among them will fall into line and learn to "BELIEVE" in the great FALSE PROPHET described in this chapter and in the book of Revelation! They will allow themselves to be ASTONISHED and AWED at his FALSE MIRACLES done through the power of DEMON SPIRITS!

Your Bible reveals that this man is going to have a *hypnotic effect upon MILLIONS*. Like Adolph Hitler, his eyes may have a strange, *blazing, piercing* quality—with a DEMON in control part of the time!

This soon-coming false prophet is going to ally himself with the Fuehrer or super-dictator over a revived Holy Roman Empire. He will use its military and secret police powers to CRUSH God's people and any other dissidents as long as God permits. There will be a terrible time of PERSECUTION upon God's people before Christ intervenes!

But FALSE MIRACLES will be performed—and *millions* of people will come to WORSHIP this *false prophet* and idolize him as GOD! They will think that a *millennium* has been set up on earth under his auspices. They will *bow and scrape, obey* and WORSHIP him and his *false system* of LAWLESSNESS.

This man is ALIVE somewhere on earth today—*probably in Europe!* The time of his revealing is SOON—for he will be destroyed by Jesus Christ at His coming! His *headquarters* will be in Europe—and perhaps later in Jerusalem, Palestine—as head of a coming *Holy Roman Empire!*

World events are *speeding up* to hasten the appearance of this man *in the very NEAR FUTURE!* It is *later than you think!*

"He that hath ears to hear, let him hear!"