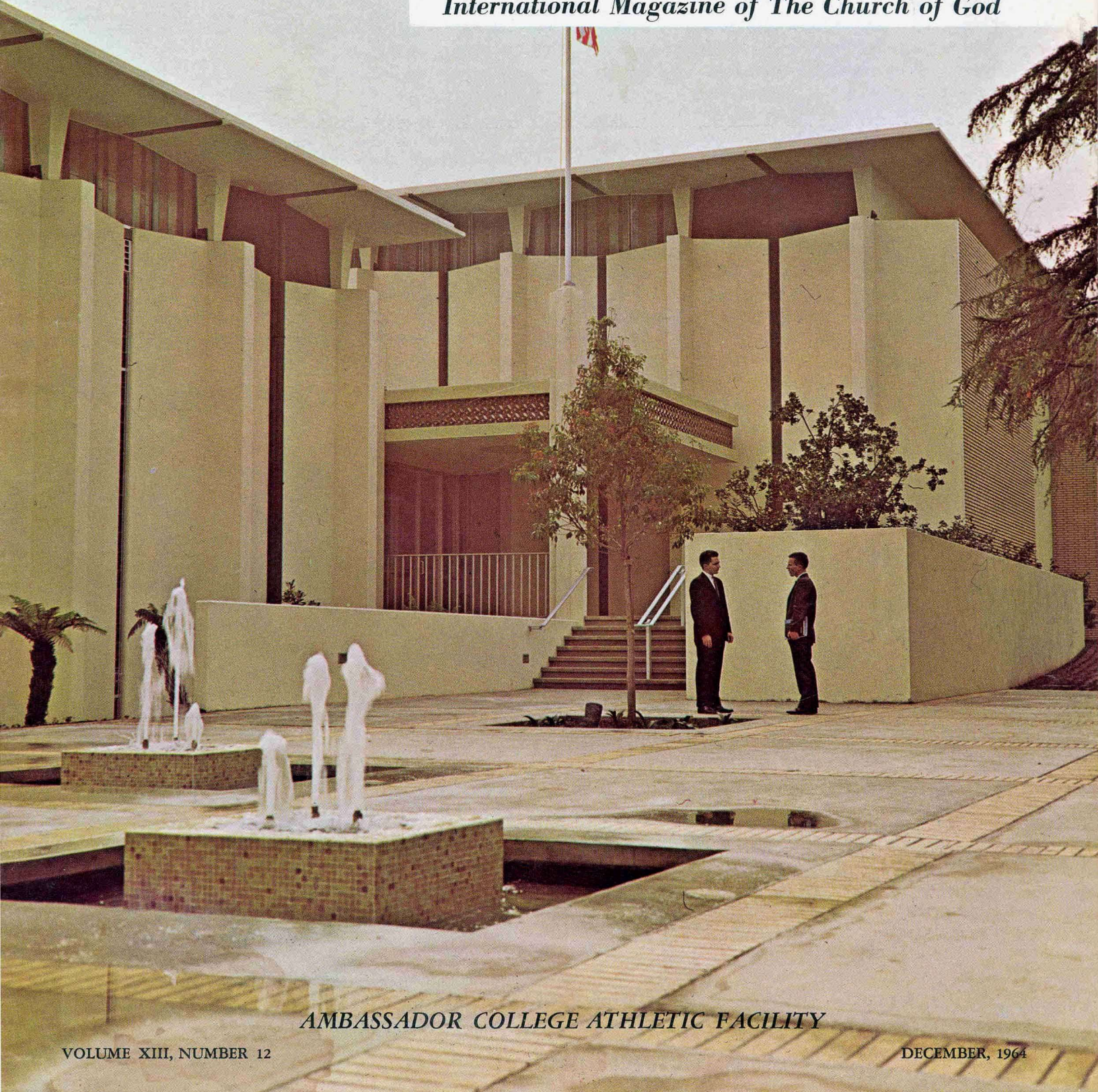


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# Personal from the Editor

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You are probably often asked how the Ten Commandments could be a law of LOVE.

Here is a way of explaining what love means—an explanation which most outsiders probably never heard before!

When the Eternal RULER of the universe first placed man on this planet earth, all was perfect harmony and beauty. There was PEACE. There was PLENTY. There was BEAUTY. There was every need and facility for HAPPINESS.

In order to make POSSIBLE for man continued peaceful, happy, prosperous and joyful existence, the Eternal God designed that all things operate according to fixed, inexorable LAWS. We have the laws of physics and the laws of chemistry.

Then, of necessity, there is the great, fundamental, invisible, SPIRITUAL LAW which regulates man's relationship with his CREATOR, and man's relationship with fellow MAN. The purpose of this inexorable SPIRITUAL law, like all of God's laws, is to make possible man's HAPPINESS—to bring man PEACE and JOY—to make life REALLY worth living!

When this spiritual law is broken,

then varying kinds of unhappiness, fear and worry, strife and war, come in varying degrees AS THE PENALTY.

That great over-all SPIRITUAL law is just simply LOVE! It is LOVE in continual action. It is love manifest and expressed! It is love, first to God the CREATOR, in reverence, adoration, gratitude and OBEDIENCE—(because He is the SUPREME CREATOR-RULER who alone KNOWS what is right for us and has power to give it); and it is love, second, to FELLOW MAN, expressed in peaceableness, co-operation, service. It is a way that travels the very OPPOSITE DIRECTION from greed, vanity, hate, strife and war.

This great SPIRITUAL LAW is a PRINCIPLE—a WAY OF LIFE—it is an ATTITUDE OF MIND AND HEART. It is the correct way to *think*, and to LIVE. It is not merely moral principle—it is divinely-set-in-motion SPIRITUAL LAW, and it operates automatically and inexorably!

*But since man by nature does not know WHAT LOVE IS*, God had to define this *principle of LOVE* by TEN DISTINCT POINTS—the TEN COMMANDMENTS.

The Apostle John explained it this  
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## More About Our Cover...

*Unique in construction, this fine facility is the first of the new buildings to be constructed on Ambassador campus. Though the building was done very speedily, no detail of quality was overlooked. It provides an auditorium for college assemblies and functions and Sabbath services for the Headquarters congregation as well as a fine basketball floor and swimming pool for college athletic events.*



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# What our READERS SAY . . .

## Truth Causes Furor

"Since writing my last letter I have become involved in a difficult situation. Last Sunday I preached a sermon on I John 3:4 and explained to the congregation that the law that John was speaking about was the Ten Commandments. This caused a furor in the church and now quite a number are ready to string me up by the toes. I am still convinced that what you say is right, but I have a couple of questions that I would appreciate you answering."

Secretary of church in  
Queensland, Australia

## Another Special Miracle

"I want to thank the Lord for His healing power. Brother Armstrong sent me an anointed handkerchief. I laid it on my eyes and prayed. The Lord healed my eyes. I can read the booklets now."

Mrs. O. B., North Carolina

## Blessings

"I would like to offer my experience in finding and working in my job to add to the proof that God truly does pour out a blessing that there is not room enough to receive it to the tithe payer. It took me six to eight weeks to find my present job. I was turned away from at least twenty other similar situations, until, I was ready to take whatever pay, whatever conditions availed themselves. At all these jobs I was offered no more than £2 over half what I am receiving in my present job. The working conditions were undesirable in the majority of cases. To all these I had submitted many references and qualifications, but the job I have now fell into my hands without my producing so much as one certificate. My employer is extremely amiable, and the atmosphere is by far the most pleasant I have encountered. To 'top it off' the salary, besides being twice as much as any other similar position would offer, has been increased three times in the eight months I have been employed there, by one-fourth of my

original wage. On the two latter occasions the increase came in the very week I had enclosed an extra offering with my tithe to God's work. God truly has opened the windows of heaven."

Man from Sydney, New South Wales,  
Australia

## Answered Prayers

"The article 'The Man Who Couldn't Afford to Tithe' has influenced me very deeply. I have already read it several times and have decided to give God the tithe regularly every month."

Man from Switzerland

• *Your prayers for God to call and influence people to support His Work are important.*

## Tithing Blessings

"Enclosed please find my tithe and 10 percent of the second tithe. If anyone would have told me I would

be sending money in and especially at these rates last year I would have told them they were crackpots. I really have no trouble in sending you these sums, and my money goes farther, plus we have more than ever before along with the purchase recently of a new home."

Mr. and Mrs. L. M., Ohio

"Four cents of this is tithes for my seven year old son. He picked up cold drink bottles and sold them. I told him two cents were his tithes. He said, 'I'll send three cents.' He picked up more and so his tithes and offering amounts to four cents. I want him to learn God's way of tithing."

Mrs. S. J. R.

## John 3:16

"I am at present receiving 'La PURE VERITE' and your Bible Correspondence Course, the first lesson. I am confused, moved and delighted—all at the same time. Confused—because I can give you nothing in return, since I have been in a wretchedly poor monastery for two and one-half years. Moved by the sin—  
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# Personal from the Editor

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way: "For this is the LOVE of GOD, *that we keep his commandments*: and his commandments are not grievous" (I John 5:3).

"Love," wrote Paul, "is the fulfilling of the law" (Rom. 13:10). Since no one can fulfill the law if he is breaking it, then love must be the KEEPING of the ten points of the law! He who breaks any one is guilty of all (Jas. 2:10), and is therefore NOT loving his neighbor.

The Creator also made man a FREE MORAL AGENT—and for a purpose!—FREE TO DECIDE WHICH WAY OF LIFE HE WOULD FOLLOW! Ever since Adam in the Garden of Eden, man, somehow, has believed that the law of God is wrong and that man is sufficient unto himself. Man has followed the ways of vanity and of GREED ever since.

"Why, PRIDE," man reasons, "and

the desire to GET, to accumulate, to HAVE, is the impelling motive that stimulates EFFORT, produces incentive for endeavor, spurs man on toward PROGRESS!" "COMPETITION," men believe, "is the very LIFE of trade, commerce and business. It spurs men on, leads to greater production, makes for PROGRESS!" That is the philosophy of this world! That is the opposite of LOVE. *That is the opposite of the TEN COMMANDMENTS!*

AND THAT VERY PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE, PUT TO 6,000 YEARS OF PRACTICE, IS THE ONE ROOT CAUSE OF ALL OUR HUMAN WOES!

That philosophy means that man has REBELLED against the rule and the law of God! God rules by His LAW OF LOVE—the TEN COMMANDMENTS. But God, for a great PURPOSE, made man a free moral agent. MAN CHOSE TO REJECT THE RULE AND THE LAW OF GOD, and instead has tried to govern HIMSELF and his fellows. THAT IS MAN'S GREAT MISTAKE! What man needs is to return to obedience to the law of God which alone can restore order out of chaos!