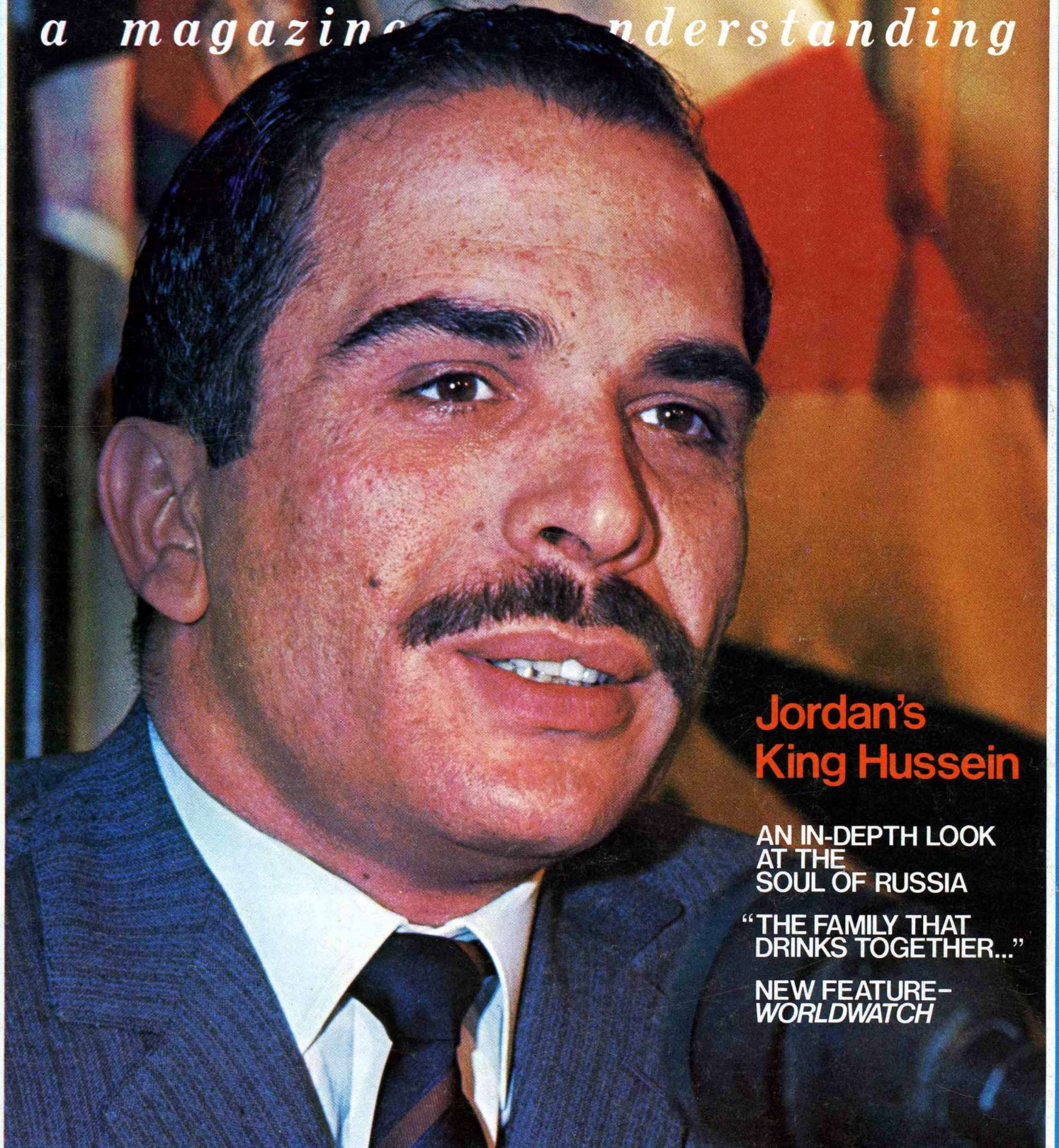


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Jordan's King Hussein

AN IN-DEPTH LOOK
AT THE
SOUL OF RUSSIA

"THE FAMILY THAT
DRINKS TOGETHER..."

NEW FEATURE—
WORLDWATCH

IN THE LAST three or four years I have frequently, on this page, told you of personal meetings with heads of state around the world — kings, emperors, presidents, others high in governments and in higher education.

But WHY?

At first, I did not know, myself. I did not initiate these meetings. Invitations seemed to come coincidentally. And the favor I was given in the eyes of these government leaders was even more astonishing. All my life, from age 19, I have come in personal contact with important men — executives of major business corporations and banks, at first. Although I found those men cordial, there was no *special* warmth and favor, such as I began to experience in meeting these heads of state. I didn't understand it myself.

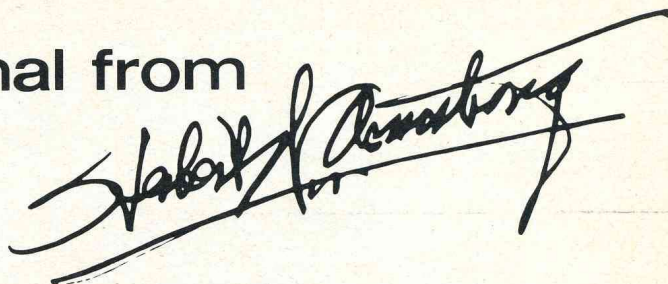
I did know that they were tremendously concerned about their own problems of government and about accelerating evils in this world. All my life I had felt concerned about the social evils and the unhappy state of the lives of most of this world's billions. And I knew I had learned what few seem to know — the CAUSES of the unhappy state of the world, as well as what would, if applied, CAUSE world peace, universal prosperity, happiness and abundant well-being.

These men at the helm of governments are charged with the responsibility for improving their peoples' well-being. And I learned that they really were interested in hearing what I had to say.

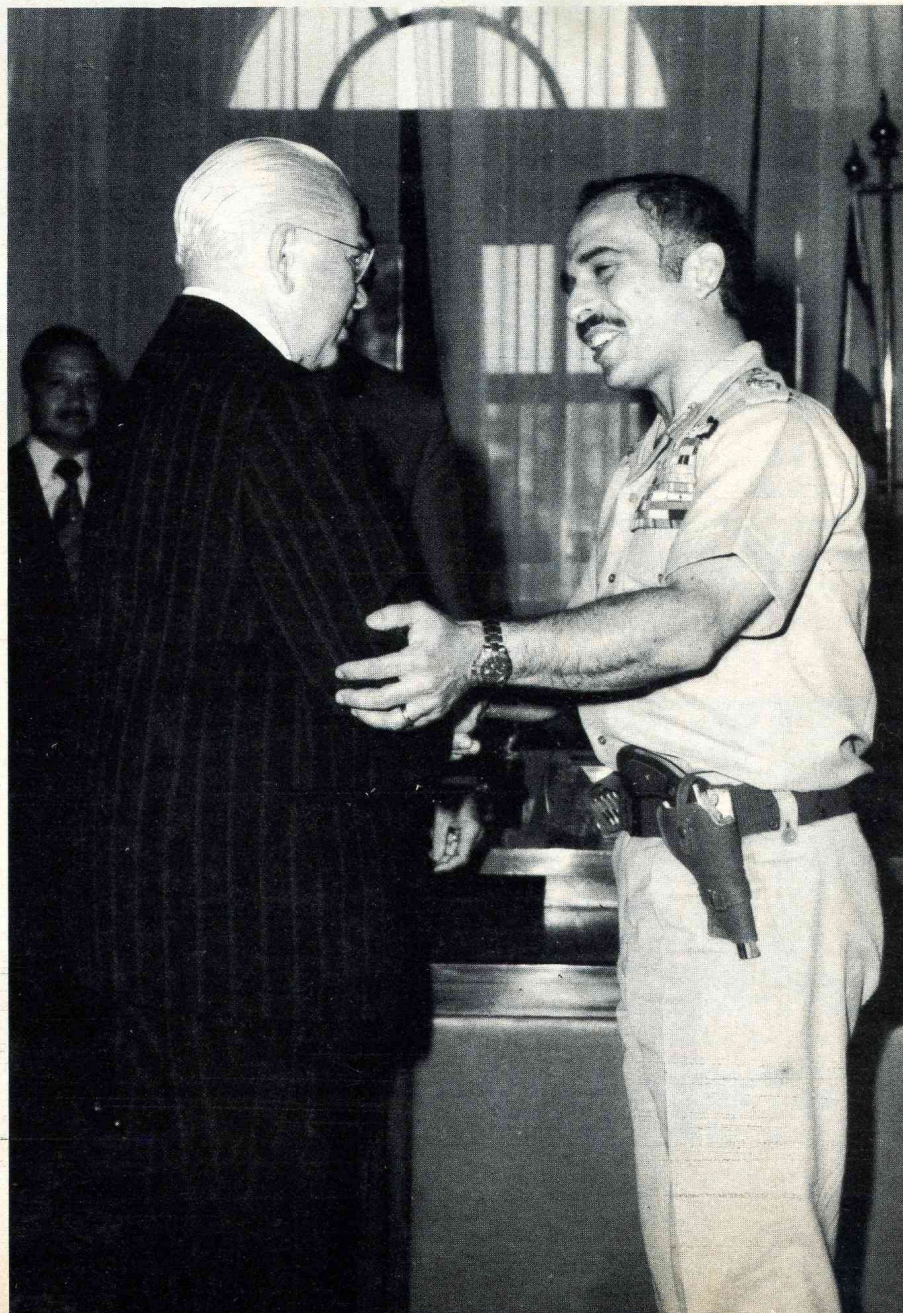
But how should I know? Didn't it seem ridiculously incongruous that I should have discovered the *answers* to humanity's problems, which had
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HIS MAJESTY King Hussein of Jordan and Herbert W. Armstrong, chancellor of Ambassador College and publisher of the Plain Truth magazine, warmly greet each other (see story on page 30). Photos in this article by Hagop Toranian.

Personal from



WHY I TALK WITH HEADS OF STATE ABOUT WORLD EVILS AND WORLD PEACE



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eluded science, religion, education and governments — answers to the seemingly unanswerable?

What I knew was something undiscovered by science, something outside the field of technology, overlooked by religion, untaught by education.

Yes, it would seem one should retort with that age-old cliché, “Just who do you think you are?” They should ask, “Do you set yourself above science, religion, education?”

And I answer, “No, indeed!” I have just been willing to BELIEVE the SOURCE of knowledge and truth. It was all there for any and everyone to know, IF THEY WOULD ONLY HAVE BELIEVED!

Well how did it come about?

Back in 1926 I was challenged! I was challenged on the theory of evolution and on a biblical question. I wasn't religious. I knew virtually nothing of the Bible. I had no interest in it. I did have an interest in Darwin — even back into Lamarck's theory of use and disuse. I delved into those theories anew. I researched Darwin's *Origin of Species*, Huxley, Haeckel, Spencer, Vogt, Chamberlin. They, of course, instilled within me no biblical faith. But I wanted to research both sides. I believed in the slogan, “Get ALL the facts — then decide.”

In that world's best seller, the book which, it seemed, as Bruce Barton said, “nobody knows,” I found astonishing facts. There I found the ANSWERS. It required no extraordinary intellect. It needed only willingness to BELIEVE what is true. There I found, available to all, what science has never discovered, religion has overlooked, education has never taught.

I noticed the incident of the “forbidden fruit.” It portrays the ever-living Creator instructing the man

and the woman he had just created in what they needed to know. It portrayed him revealing basic knowledge — knowledge undiscoverable and unobtainable, except by revelation from the SOURCE. But the first humans *didn't believe!* After all, they had only their Maker's *word* for it! The serpent suggested their Maker was not a reliable source of knowledge.

“You shall not surely die,” he lied, contradicting the Creator's positive statement. When Eve *observed* that the forbidden fruit was good for food, pleasant to the sense of sight, and intellectually challenging, intellectual curiosity seized her, and she decided to make the first “scientific” experiment.

The scientific *method* is observation, experimentation, and reason, but rejection of revelation. She disbelieved, disobeyed, seized the forbidden fruit, and induced her husband to join the experiment. They took to themselves production of the knowledge of what is good and what is evil.

Result of that experiment: They died! And their posterity have been disbelieving, disobeying, relying on themselves for the production of knowledge, *and dying*, ever since!

I noticed how Jesus came, purportedly with a message of factual truth from God. But though some “believed on him,” they didn't believe what he said! I read in the book of John: “As he spake these words, many believed on him. Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, if ye continue in my word [his revealed knowledge], then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:30-31).

They answered him controversially.

Jesus said, “Ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you. . . . and because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not” (John 8:37, 45).

Actually, biblical revelation shows that the God whose teaching was disbelieved by Adam and Eve

was the very same personage who later became Jesus Christ. And the message Jesus brought was the identical teaching he had imparted to the first humans. And after three and a half years of Christ's teaching, there were only 120 disciples (Acts 1:15).

These grew and even multiplied for a while. But then the great persecution set in (Acts 8:1). And soon ensued the “lost century” in the history of the church. When the curtain lifts, about a century later, we behold a church called “Christian,” teaching doctrines which are mostly the very antithesis of Christ's teaching — and his gospel, the Kingdom of God, no longer being proclaimed.

Into this world have sprouted up many religions. But the “missing dimension” in knowledge has appeared in none. That original and basic essential knowledge is still MISSING.

Science has not discovered it. Religions have overlooked it. Education has not taught it.

And what is that missing basic knowledge?

It is the knowledge of WHAT man is, WHY man is, WHERE man is going, and WHAT is the WAY. It is knowledge of the CAUSE of all human ills and evils. It is knowledge of the WAY that would CAUSE world peace — that would produce universal prosperity, happiness, abundant well-being. It did not take any extraordinary intellect to discover it in the biblical revelation. It required only a willingness to BELIEVE.

I decided, back in 1926, that I should give biblical revelation as much credence as the Darwinian theory and the writings of his promoters Haeckel and Huxley. I found in the Bible the facts that explained WHY man is as he is — with intellect so great he can fly to the moon and back, yet utterly unable to solve his own problems or to live at peace with himself and his neighbors here on earth. I found revealed the CAUSES of all our troubles. And I found the WAY that will cause all GOOD.

It all *made sense* to me. So I decided in early 1927 that *I* would make a "scientific experiment." I would put this knowledge into practice. I would make it my *WAY OF LIFE*.

I founded three colleges, in Pasadena, California, in Texas and in England. These colleges taught the "missing dimension." They introduced that *WAY* as the campus *WAY OF LIFE*.

Imprecise theory? Altruistic, un-

workable platitudes? Ask visitors to our campuses!

Forty-seven years of living that way myself and twenty-seven years of students living by *THAT WAY* on campus have *proved* that it does result in *PEACE, HAPPINESS, beauty* of physical environment and *BEAUTY* in human character.

Yes, harassed and troubled heads of state do show interest in what is *CAUSING* all their troubles. Many of their top aides show interest. And

often these personal meetings lead to public appearances before large audiences, who come to hear what has not been proclaimed for 18½ centuries — what is outside the fields of science or traditional religion.

I'm aware that the world doesn't believe it. But, in our time, the world is going to be *compelled* to enjoy *PEACE, universal prosperity, happiness, and abundant well-being!* Humanity won't bring it about. It will be done *to* humanity!

AFTER a delay of seven years, King Hussein of Jordan and I enjoyed our first personal meeting. It was — at least so it seemed to me — just as if we had been life-long friends who had not seen each other for seven very, very long years.

I had read His Majesty's autobiography, and it seemed as if I had always known him. When he learned that I am now working on the final four or five chapters of the second (and final) volume of my own autobiography, he asked if he might not have the very first autographed copy.

I spent a wonderful week in Jordan in late June. Besides a most interesting and enjoyable meeting with His Majesty the king, I had a personal meeting with his younger brother Crown Prince Hassan and a good portion of a day with another brother, Prince Mohammed, who accompanied us on a flight to Aqaba. Also accompanying us to Aqaba was the Jordanian ambassador to Washington, Mr. Salah. He had flown from Washington back to Jordan and welcomed me at the airport as I stepped down from our plane. The ambassador had previously been sent by the Jordanian government to Pasadena to represent Jordan at the opening concerts of the

HIS MAJESTY King Hussein of Jordan (right) and Herbert W. Armstrong (center) exchange gifts at their first meeting. Attending is Stanley R. Rader, Ambassador College general counsel.

AND NOW—ASSISTING THE ARAB WORLD IN THE MOVE TOWARD WORLD PEACE



new Ambassador Auditorium in Pasadena, conducted by Maestro Carlo Giulini last April 7, 8, and 9.

While in Jordan, I spent about a half day at the University of Jordan, with its aggressive and forward-looking president.

There was a reception and dinner in my honor on the garden grounds of the brother of the ambassador, with many leading people there, including Prince Mohammed, brother of His Majesty, and the princess. There also was a large banquet in my honor, hosted by the Minister of Information, Mr. Adnan Abu Oden.

I had a very enjoyable and profitable meeting with the prime minister. A program of cooperation between Ambassador College and the Jordanian government was germinated, which I hope will lead to cooperation with many other governments in the Arab world.

King Hussein is now planning to install a two-million watt radio station at Amman, and I ascertained that time will be available to us on this possibly unprecedented super-powered station.

Incidentally, my meeting with King Hussein was televised on Amman TV, and a few days later, different people in Israel told me they had seen it. So I know that Jordanian TV is seen in Israel.

I have to write these Personal pages several weeks prior to publication. On my June-early July trip, we also visited Israel. Here a "testimonial dinner" with around 100 people was set up for September. This is a type of dinner hosted by one or more officials close to the top of the government, in which I tell the guests what I stand for, what I believe, what are my purposes and motives. These dinners then are followed by a public appearance campaign, attracting audiences of thousands.

I should mention here, also, that a personal meeting with President Sadat of Egypt is scheduled for late July, preceded by a meeting with the Shah of Iran. □

what our readers say

Culture

"Is It Wrong To Be A Cultured Individual?" is a magnificent article. I advised my wife to read it. She did, and later read it slowly to our children, and they were also very impressed and listened intently. I just re-read it. It is marvelous how clearly and simply the author instructs on the right path between two deplorable extremes.

Ernest S.,
Athol, Maine

I have read your article entitled "Is It Wrong to Be a Cultured Individual?" and I offer the following comments: Although I believe I understand the article and comprehend what you are trying to state, the article seems to leave the wrong impression.

Generally speaking, the article leaves one the impression that you equate the possession of good quality material commodities with the word "culture." Strictly speaking, contrary to what your whole article seemed to strongly imply, the mere possession of quality goods or a college education does not make one cultured. Furthermore, some would contend that there are many people who wear cheap clothes, drive cheap used autos and live in cheap houses and are still "cultured." On the other hand, Americans who have a college education, wear good clothes, own expensive cameras and live in \$25,000 to \$80,000 homes often, very, very often, impress foreigners as being crude, crass, vulgar individuals. . . . In Mexico such persons (as I've described) are said to be "educated but uncultured." Furthermore, Mexicans strongly contend many of their compatriots are poor but "cultured."

Following your reasoning to its ultimate conclusion, it seems to say that being poor and cultured are mutually exclusive. This is typical American reasoning which often leads to feelings of American superiority with regard to other countries' cultures. Thank you.

Santos B.,
Dallas, Texas

I came from a poor family. My poor, precious parents believed in working hard but never having more than the bare necessities and never having an enjoyable moment. To their way of thinking, it was wrong. I love them but I can see how wrong they were.

God has given me a husband with a lot of common sense. He has always told me there is nothing wrong in having the finest as long as you don't walk on anyone else to get it and you work honestly. He also came from a poor family and has mostly raised himself since he was 5 years old. But he has had a goal in life. No matter what has come up he has stuck to that goal. Nothing has caused him to give up, and he doesn't mind the work. He's never been so busy but what he doesn't have time to stop and help his fellow man. But he's working to have the finest.

Carolyn C.,
Elk City, Oklahoma

Europe: Catastrophe and Revival

I practically "devour" your literature. I am anxiously waiting for more of the series on Europe. I had no idea the Germans had so much to do with the "Holy" Roman empire, or that it was so riddled with sin. The more one reads history, the more one wonders how God can tolerate us.

Mrs. L.,
Dumas, Texas

We read your article "The German Empire in the Dark Ages" with great interest. We come from The Netherlands and Spain, and we had for some time the wish to know more about the beginning — historical geography — of all the nations of present day Europe.

We just recently started to receive your magazine the *Plain Truth* and several booklets and we are very impressed and thankful for it. We praise you and all the other collaborators for this outstanding work.

Frank and Maria V.,
Littleton, Colorado

Abortion

For the doctors and nurses who find abortions repugnant, the simple solution would seem to be not to take part in them. No one is forcing anyone to do anything against his conscience unlike the effect an anti-abortion Law would have on those who hold pro-abortion beliefs.

I do agree with the doctor that for human life to have value we must have standards of conduct. . . . In my opinion human life does not begin until it is viable. . . . Before that it has the potential for human life much as the sperm and egg individually has the potential for becoming a human life. Before that they are not human life but life. It seems consistent to me that if one values human life he should value all life. But there are those that esteem human life above other forms of life like a dog, snail or insect. . . . I believe that those that are here already have precedence over the unborn and the dead. I believe it to be immoral to bring new babies into the world while so many that are already here are starving and diseased. . . . I believe it criminal to have human beings living in squalor and deprivation, to lack a basic education where learning right values, building character and gaining knowledge are among the basic reasons we are on this earth. . . .

Carol N.,
Anaheim, California

I have been taking your magazine the *Plain Truth* for over a year now. I was sixteen years old when I first began reading your magazine. I am now eighteen years old and still find it as interesting, or perhaps even more so, than when I first started reading it. I want to thank you for making the *Plain Truth* available to people like myself who cannot afford to pay for it.

I always find your magazine very much