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**CRACKS  
IN THE  
ATLANTIC  
ALLIANCE**

**D**O YOU see a bright future ahead? For you? For humanity?

Personally, I do — and if you can join me in saying that, you are one in a hundred thousand!

Where is any *good news* today? Where is any future to be found in nations developing nuclear weapons which can erase all human, animal and plant life from the earth? Where is any hope to be found in the wretchedness, ignorance, poverty, squalor and filth in which more than half the world's population lives? Where is any joyous anticipation to be found in prosperous "have" nations where sources of drinking water — the rivers and lakes — are being polluted and the air we breathe is being befouled, the soil is worn out and contaminated and the foods are being robbed of nutrition in food factories; where homes and families are being broken up, crime is rapidly increasing, racial problems and violence are erupting, and sickness and mental disturbances multiplying?

Where is happiness today? Sixty years ago, driving along country roads in Iowa, I saw and heard farmers plowing behind teams of horses, singing happily as they walked. Today, the farmers ride tractors — but where did the singing and the happiness go?

Where do we find encouraging reassurance for tomorrow on university campuses where the leaders of tomorrow are consigning morality to the limbo of an outmoded past, where suicides are on the increase, and where unproved doctrines are being absorbed by impressionable minds?

Where do we find inspiration in the assertions of world leaders and the "great," warning us that we must adjust to a future of growing problems and dangers where there are NO SOLUTIONS?

Well, for those of the above prevailing concepts, the future must indeed appear discouragingly bleak — if they take a look at it instead of kidding themselves into the assump-

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### Hope for the Future

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tion that by ignoring the dangers they will somehow go away.

There is a CAUSE for every effect.

There is a CAUSE for the state of the world today. And there has to be a CAUSE that will produce the peaceful and happy world tomorrow. There had to be a first cause for the very existence of matter, of life, of forces and energies. But today, it is considered "intellectual" to be willingly IGNORANT of that. I have said before that in the first two centuries of the so-called Christian era, it was popular to embrace gnosticism — meaning, "we know." But today, it is popular to embrace agnosticism — meaning, "we don't know — we are ignorant." Today, ignorance is embraced and labeled "knowledge."

Is it IGNORANCE to recognize the facts of the great first cause who reveals the true cause of all of today's ills? Is it wise, intellectual and knowledgeable to be deliberately ignorant of basic facts and truth?

There are two main ways of life — two basic principles — two fundamental philosophies. One is the way of GIVING, the other of GETTING. One is LOVE, the other LUST. One believes it is more blessed to give than to receive. The other insists that acquiring, taking, accumulating, in the way of competition, leads to progress and happiness.

The one way is God-centered, the other is SELF-centered. The one accepts the Golden Rule, the other says, "Do it to others before they do it to you." The one is the way of the

divine nature; the other, the way of human nature. The one is the way of humility; the other, of vanity.

This world — all civilization — this world's society — is based on the hostile, competitive, SELF-centered way. It has produced every wail of human woe. It is the way that now threatens the extinction of humanity.

This all means one thing. Man, imbued with human nature, is utterly UNABLE to solve his problems. He can only worsen problems and create new ones. By the "knowledge" and efforts of man, this world is doomed and hopeless.

Is there, then, nothing to live for? Is there no hope for the future? Not within the knowledge, the skills and abilities of this world's great minds. Of self-professed "great" men, God says, "Professing themselves to be wise, they have become fools!"

But there emphatically is a bright future ahead! The world tomorrow — which *The PLAIN TRUTH* proclaims — will bring world peace, universal prosperity, universal right education, universal good health.

This coming utopia does not depend on the planning or doing of men. It will be produced *in spite of men*.

The greatest event of all history will be the coming of the *living* Jesus Christ again to earth. But this time, he is not coming as the gentle young man from Nazareth, bringing the announcement that led to his flogging and death at the hands of angry men. Jesus Christ rose from

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the dead. He went to the throne of the government of the vast universe to be GLORIFIED, and coronated as supreme RULER over the entire earth. When he returns, the world will know something of the meaning of "the power and the glory!"

His eyes will flash like flames of fire. His face will not be pale white. It will be like the sun shining in FULL STRENGTH. He will come with all the POWER that created the universe! He is coming to crush every government

of men, as if to grind them into powder! He is coming as the King of kings, ruling over ALL NATIONS.

He is coming to *change human nature!* He is coming to enforce the WAY of outgoing concern, or love, of giving, serving, sharing, helping, instead of grasping, taking and self-centeredness. He is coming to abolish war, competition, strife and violence. He is coming to inaugurate a universal, right education. He is coming to clean up this filthy earth. He is coming to restore the government of God as the all-powerful world government.

Yes, I see a very bright future — just ahead!

It's the only GOOD NEWS in the world today! □

cerning the celebration which preceded that eruption by a short time. I understand that the governor of the island was an atheist of the first degree, one could say of the worst degree, and that he had a parade staged as a travesty against the Church, that a sow was crucified and paraded through the streets in mockery of the Church. It was not long after this event that Mt. Pelée erupted. It would seem that there is a real lesson in that experience for the generation of the 1970's, as Mr. Dankenbring suggests.

C. R. H.,  
Upland, California

### Panama Canal

The Panama Canal is Panama's land, and should therefore belong to her. The United States has no right in Panama, on the isthmus or anywhere else in Latin America. We Americans seem to feel that we can buy anything we want. But freedom has no price. Panama for the Panamanians. . . .

Mark B.,  
St. Louis, Missouri

I was a soldier in Panama and rode through the canal just twenty minutes ahead of a large landslide. . . . I also saw the first boat through, so I'm a witness to this great adventure.

Ward S.,  
Wayland, Michigan

My first memory of the Panama Canal is associated with the working scale model at the zone in the Panama Pacific International Exposition in 1915 on the San Francisco Marina. In the same year, the *National Geographic* magazine had many articles and a special book on the whole story of the canal, much of my very first serious reading. I also remember square-rigger sailing ships, Cape Horn "lime-juicers" at Port Costa, which carried Welsh coal and Scotch whiskey out-bound, with a return cargo of California grain to Liverpool. These faded away with the completion of the canal, and the great war to end wars which made the world safe for democracy. After the first world war, Britannia again ruled the waves with power-driven vessels which made effective use of both the Panama and Suez canals. Till nearly two decades after the second world war, there was little improvement in cargo handling technology — slow winching in and out of holds and manual stacking, piece by piece, hard hand labor by great gangs of burly longshoremen.

This all changed. You should visit the Port of Oakland. Containers are taking it all, except for bulk cargo, and the tanker trade. The break bulk general cargo ship will soon be an anachronism rusting away on red lead row, thanks to the great Australian invention, the all-conquering container. With containers, you can do anything in cargo handling: unload and load out once around the clock, transfer to and from rail flat car, truck or barge, whichever is most convenient and economical. An old woman or an aboriginal may be trained to handle the giant cranes or the securing tackle. Container stuffing is at the source unloading by consignee at his place of business and almost complete security from pilfering in between.

Kendric F.,  
Walnut Creek, California

## What Our Readers Say

### The Energy Crisis

This letter is in regard to an article published by your magazine by Jerry Gentry entitled: "A New Look at the Energy Crisis" (July-August 1973 edition).

On page 4 of the magazine in the upper left-hand corner is a picture of the downtown Las Vegas gambling area, and reference is made to that picture indicating a tremendous amount of electrical power is utilized in lighting up the gambling areas in Las Vegas.

For the record, you should be apprised that of the total electricity produced by Nevada Power Company in Clark County (population 300,000), the hotel industry, which is our primary industry, uses 9.9%. Of that figure, it is estimated that less than 1% of all the power used by the hotel industry is directly related to the lighting of signs.

I would hope that you would correct this impression of electrical waste, which in my opinion, the picture heretofore mentioned subtly suggested.

Daniel J. Demers,  
Assemblyman  
Las Vegas, Nevada

• Thanks for the specific percentages. That one percent spent to attract gamblers and pleasure seekers would surely be appreciated by many a small community around the world.

### Creation-Evolution Controversy

The recent contribution to the June 1973 issue of *The PLAIN TRUTH* entitled, "Why the New Creation-Evolution Controversy?" was well done. One of the things that has

bugged me over the years is that whenever there is a science-religion controversy, such as the one recently before the state board of education, those representing religion generally demonstrate all the characteristics of juvenile scholarship with a little emotionalism thrown in. A recent debate that was held in several locations in the West (CSU, Sacramento for one) showed the unbelievable shallowness of those purporting to uphold creation viewpoints. Furthermore, those scientific scholars who have deep religious convictions were not on the scene when their contributions would have been most effective.

Thank you for your rational contribution in the recent issue. You stated things rather well. One question intrigues me, however. Why did you omit one of our most powerful arguments — that of the second law of thermodynamics? If my understanding of the application of this law is properly founded, it says essentially that heat flows from a higher concentration to a lower concentration, and, by implication, from a higher organization to a lower. This is the reverse of evolution. The world is running down like the sun, not the other way around. Complex forms deteriorate into simpler forms by natural process. Only an intelligence can work it the other way. It cannot happen by itself.

I would like to have your views if you can spare the time.

J. Robert M.,  
Sacramento, California

• The second law of thermodynamics will be dealt with as a separate article in a forthcoming issue.

### Mt. Pelée's Eruption

I have been interested in many of the articles published in your magazine. Of special interest to me was the article concerning the eruption of Mt. Pelée on the island of Martinique in 1902. I wondered if Mr. Dankenbring had no information con-