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Education

"Since I'm a public school teacher, may I commend you on the fine article and basic truths set forth in 'America's Schools - Vacuum in Values."

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> Robert G. V., Belfast, Northern Ireland

"I have recently been told about, and have read the many excellent articles which are written in your most informative magazine. Being a school teacher, I find it not only greatly interesting reading, but of great value as a text for my teaching. I would be appreciative of receiving this magazine, The PLAIN TRUTH, each month if I could possibly be included on your, no doubt, long mailing list."

> L. J. S., Gormandale East, Via Traralgon, Victoria

Unfinished Revolution

"The recent issues of The PLAIN TRUTH contain some of the most realistic photographs of present-day life in Russia that I have ever seen in print. I recently returned from Russia on a business trip. Your articles on Russia are truthful and revealing and in my judgment are a credit to journalistic endeavor."

Stewart C. W., Williamsville, N. Y.

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"I listen to your program nightly and have found much comfort in your words. You have helped me to hold together

a marriage that was about to end in divorce. There are six children's lives involved here, but it all seemed so useless until you made me realize what a divorce would do to them. Please send me your book on child rearing. This seems to be a big part of our trouble because we don't agree on how to discipline the children."

> Mrs. Wesley W., Wichita, Kansas

Hippies

Your booklet on the hippie movement was very informative. As my son is a hippie, I naturally have more than a passing interest. I wish I knew how to help him, as he is not happy. Please send me your other free booklets, The Wonderful World Tomorrow and The Plain Truth About Child Rearing. It may help, as I have two more children at home."

> Mrs. Pauline L., San Jose, California

"I just finished your booklet about Hippies — Hypocrisy and Happiness. It interested me so! After being a so-called hippie for two years, I found myself reading something that I felt was worth finishing. I thank you for your booklet, and honesty in it! Please send me your booklet The Wonderful World Tomorrow - What It Will Be Like."

Jan J., San Jose, Calif.

Those Teen-age Years

"I wanted to congratulate and thank Mr. Rod Beemer and Mr. Richard Gipe for writing the article, 'Young Men and Women' in The PLAIN TRUTH, March issue. It opened my eyes to know how my teen-age years can be filled with the right kind of fun - the kind you like to look back on and remember. I'm now 16 years old and I'm going to fill these years with true happiness, not sorrow!"

Girl, Anoka, Minnesota

"Until recently, I was a typical member of today's teen-age generation. I

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Personal from the Editor

HAVE JUST VISITED twelve different countries. This is written at the English campus of Ambassador College. Farthest point east, on the present trip, was Jerusalem.

What I saw there made me think! I hope it will cause you to think!

The World Tomorrow program is broadcast every night at 8 over the Jordan government station, Radio Amman, in that capital city of Jordan. For some two months there had been set a definite personal meeting between King Hussein and myself. But the most recent border clashes and disturbance of the peace made it impossible. The Jordanian King found it necessary to make hastily planned trips to Cairo, Baghdad, Kuwait, and Saudi-Arabia. Also Jordanian radio officials felt it unwise for any American to even be seen in Amman at the moment.

Prior to the outbreak of the "Six-day War," last June, we had leased and furnished an office and representative's residence in Jerusalem, Jordan. This, of course, was prior to the occupation of Jerusalem by Israeli forces. The United States Embassy at Jerusalem had taken steps to ensure protection of our property during the war. However, now, almost a year later, I felt I should visit our offices there, and at Nicosia, Cyprus, as well as at Düsseldorf and Bonn, Germany, and at Geneva.

I spent about three days in Jerusalem. And I was appalled by what I saw there. It was not my first, but my third visit to Jerusalem. But Jerusalem in many ways is different now. For the first time since 135 A.D., the Jews are in actual possession of the "Holy City." They have respected both Moslem and Christian places of worship — including the famed Moslem Mosque, *Dome of the Rock*, built either on, or immediately adjoining the site of Solomon's Temple.

But the Israelis have made some changes, and they have been excavating near the "Wailing Wall," which was part of the foundation of Herod's Temple.

These excavations are disclosing that the present "old city" of Jerusalem is built on the rubble of a previously destroyed city, and that in turn on the broken-up ruins of a previous city. So it is that after these 19 centuries, the walks and pavement over which Jesus walked are now buried deep down below present surfaces.

The city one sees now is *not* the city of Jesus' day, but one entirely Arab.

As the prophecies reported centuries in advance, Jerusalem has long been "trodden down of the Gentiles," — and is to be "UNTIL the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled" (Luke 21:24). We are *very* near that time.

You have heard of Jerusalem as "the Holy City." But there is nothing holy about its appearance today. It is a confused jumble of dirty old stone and brick, filthy, unkempt, dank and smelly.

The living Christ turned His back on it many centuries ago — although He will yet take this city for His own, sweep away the stench and debris, and build there a city of beauty — to be the CAPITAL of the peaceful, God-ruled WORLD TOMORROW!

Of course I have visited the old walled city before — only somehow I was more impressed this time with its dirty, filthy, confused appearance. But it is regarded as the "Holy City" of three religions — Jewish, Moslem, Christian. In some areas, such as the "Church of the Holy Sepulchre," members of the different religions frequently get into brawls.

To see such an unsightly city, with crooked narrow streets that are alleyways rather than streets or boulevards,

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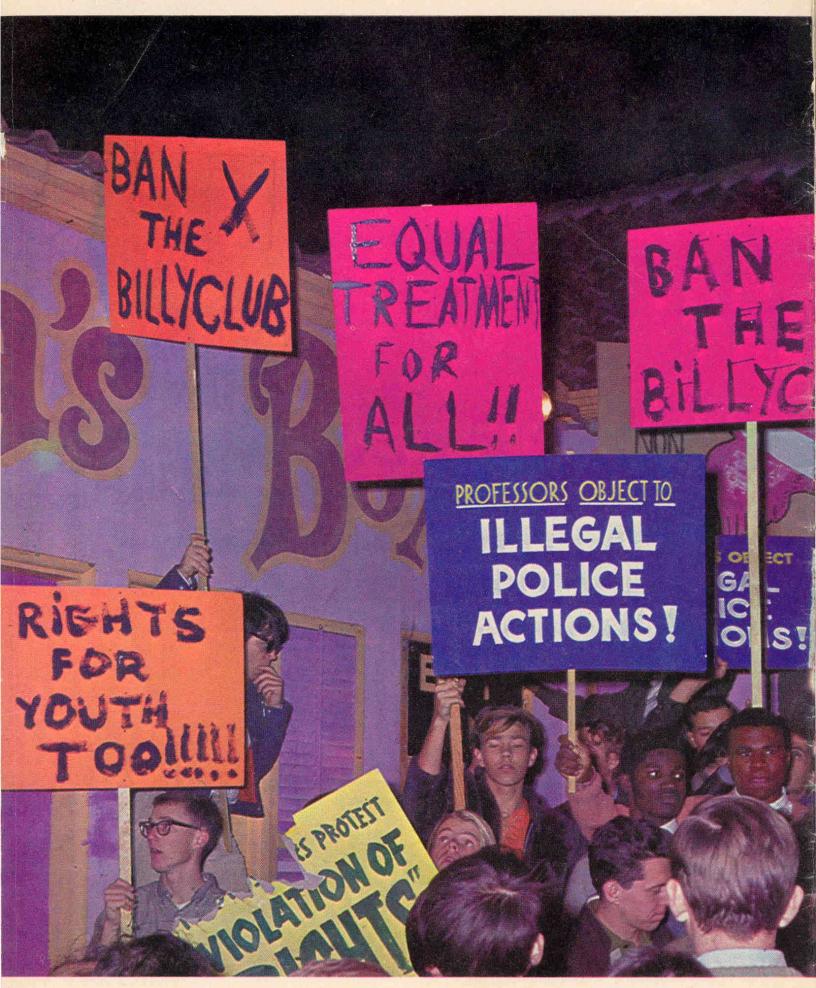
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OUR COVER

Student revolt at Columbia University, New York City, highlights the worldwide revolution sweeping college and university campuses. At Columbia's Low Memorial Library, student demonstrators sit in the library windows and stand on ledges demanding to be heard. Demonstrators totally disrupted the University's educational program, imprisoned several officials in their own offices.



and placed "in hold" (in a "ward" as the Greek implies), until the next day.

They were then asked what their preaching was about. Read their answer — in Acts 4:1 through 12.

Next, the plotting Pharisees agreed among themselves the miracle WAS TRUE—and they could not deny it; and, further, that they would THREATEN the apostles.

Notice! "What shall we do to these men? For that indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them is manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny it. But that it spread no further among the people, let us straitly THREATEN them . . ." (Acts 4:16-17).

This was no "court order." This was not a POLICE action. This was NOT "constituted authority" whatever! They HAD BROKEN NO LAW! Not even the law of the PHARISEES, THEMSELVES!

Notice further! "So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding NOTHING HOW THEY MIGHT PUNISH THEM, because of the people"! (Verse 21.)

No, the Apostles had broken No law. They had broken no law or rule, either of the civil authority, or of the Pharisaical traditions! These were JEALOUS, SELF-IMPORTANT minority leaders of a SECT! They were guilty of taking the law into their own hands, like a group of vigilantes!

THEY were the ones who defied the law! *They* were the ones who broke constituted rules, and defied even their OWN TEACHINGS. But the Apostles DID NONE OF THESE THINGS!

Be SUBJECT to Authority

The writer then closes by saying he will "continue" to OBEY the principles of Jesus.

Perhaps "continue" was a poor choice of words, however sincere this young man may be in his personal convictions.

But assuming his utter sincerity — I will ask, "Will you then obey *THESE* principles of Jesus — exactly as they ARE?" Here they are!

"Let every soul be *subject* unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are

ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation"! (Rom. 13:1-2.)

"If it be possible, AS MUCH AS LIETH IN YOU, live peaceably with all men"! (Read Romans, chapter 12, verse 18.)

"Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers... For so is the will of God, that with Well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: as *free*, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God" (I Peter 2:13-16).

Remember, these commands were originally written to peoples under the ROMAN EMPIRE!

If God requires such obedience of His servants under THOSE conditions—then how much more the quiet, prayerful obedience in a free society of due process? How much MORE would a Christian be expected to remain patient, and quietly OBEDIENT in a nation of majority rule, and of due process?

Of COURSE there are laws which conflict with the higher laws of God.

But NO INDIVIDUAL is big enough to decide for *himself* which laws those are! This must be revealed from Gop!

And, IF a true Christian finds conflict between the civil authority and the higher authority of God, he must be prepared to quietly, meekly SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES for his acceptance of God's laws, rather than man's — and accept whatever penalties the civil authority may impose.

Notice again!

"For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently?" (1 Peter 2:19-20.)

First, student rioters, demonstrators, occupiers of public buildings, and "sitin" participants are being "buffeted" for THEIR OWN FAULTS — not any principle of Christ!

Secondly, they take it ANYTHING BUT PATIENTLY!

TO BREAK a law—and then DEFY the police, and then DEMONSTRATE to DEMAND the officials themselves break the law by freeing lawbreakers— HAS NO PLACE IN THE SACRED SCRIPTURES OF GOD!

It is travesty — however well-intentioned and sincere, to attempt to justify rebellion, hostility, demonstrations, illegal acts, sit-ins, and all such activities, by using the examples of Christ.

We can only hope the young student who wrote the letter really MEANT it when he said he would OBEY THE PRINCIPLES OF JESUS! "Continue"?

Well — no. But there's always a time to begin!

Personal from the Editor

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with strife between contending religions — neither Jew nor Arab nor Christian following the ways of their respective leaders — Moses, Mohammed and Jesus — that is what appalled me.

I was especially impressed with what I called the "ultra-ultra" orthodox Jews. They are the Hasidim sect, "ultra holy." Hasidim means "the pious." They are gaily cavorting all over the "old city," now that it is Jewish-occupied. They are an eastern European

Jewish sect. And they appear in the most outlandish garb. They wear long curls down the sides of their faces, just in front of the ears — with the back of their hair either shaved or cut so short it appeared to have been shaved. They wear long black coats, even in hottest summer weather.

Also, regardless of hot weather, they wear fur hats of the most peculiar shape — wide, round flat tops 12 to 14 inches in diameter, with a sort of cap band underneath fitting on their heads. They wear these at all kinds of ridiculous angles — at one side, or well back on their heads. The fur appeared to be mink. Their trousers appeared to be wound tight around the lower leg,

tucked into their shoes — or else no trousers and long stockings.

They have their own quarter where they live, and if anyone "violates" their Sabbath by driving a car into that quarter, they won't hesitate to do violence on the Sabbath and wreck the car for "Sabbath-breaking." We saw them on a Sabbath morning gaily walking, skipping, cavorting along, "Wailing-Wall" bound. There they wail, leap, dance, nod up and down, and go through various antics.

I was curious to know where this sect of Jews got their strange religious ideas. Was it their peculiar interpretation of the Mosaic regulation for ancient Israel: "Ye shall not round the corners of your heads, neither shalt thou mar the corners of thy beard" (Lev. 19:27)? So I checked in the Jewish Encyclopedia. There I found the answer.

Eastern peoples, especially Chinese, shaved the hair above their foreheads, letting a queue hang down their backs. The Jewish rabbis, therefore, (not Moses - and certainly not ordered by God), adopted a custom, some centuries ago, at the opposite extreme. From Volume VI, page 158, Jewish Encyclopedia, you may read: "A man who curled his hair was regarded as a vain person." Then later, in regard to this eastern custom, "Because such was the custom of the heathen the rabbis forbade the Jews to trim the hair over the forehead, but let it hang down over the temples in curls."

None of these three religions, as one sees them perform in Jerusalem, follows the teachings and ways of its founder.

In Jerusalem this was very much in evidence. The world today is gripped in religious confusion, governmental turmoil, upheaval and revolution, educational decadence, social degeneracy, moral collapse — torn with wars, violence, crime and insanity!

For example. Have you thought that the "Christianity" of our day, with its hundreds of differing and contradicting denominations and sects, is embracing the teachings, and following the customs of Jesus?

HAVE YOU?

If you have, and if you will do a little open-minded, objective, unprejudiced checking, you will experience the surprise of your life!

Do this! Start in the first four books of the New Testament. These record the actual history of the teachings and life of Jesus. Note, one by one, what He taught. In almost every basic teaching, you will find the "Christian" world teaching THE DIAMETRIC OPPOSITE today!

Note, as you go, the CUSTOMS Jesus observed. Peter says He left "us an example, that ye should follow His steps" (I Peter 2:21). But you will be shocked to find that "Christianity" today *condemns* the customs He followed—and will condemn you if you thus follow His steps. And it practices today the customs He and the Bible forbid or condemn!

Two or three times, when I was doing all or most of the speaking on The World Tomorrow broadcast, I went through a daily series of several weeks, reading and expounding, verse by verse, and chapter by chapter, these four books—and the Book of Acts, the history of the original True Church as organized and empowered by Christ. My son Garner Ted has done the same thing.

Today, if you teach the true original teachings of Jesus, you may be found guilty and heavily fined by a human court! A news item in *Time*, the weekly news magazine, some little time ago reported just such a case — with a fine of \$35,000 imposed! *Time* magazine labeled the verdict "extremely ludicrous" — but it happened!

But, as for *The* PLAIN TRUTH, read by more than three million, and *The* World Tomorrow program, now heard by some fifty million people worldwide, we shall continue to proclaim faithfully, AND IN *POWER*, the pure and TRUE Message of Jesus Christ, just as it is in the Bible, without wresting, twisting, or interpreting! And let the chips fall where they may!

As long as the living Christ continues to OPEN DOORS before us — and to KEEP OPEN these doors providing these vast mass audiences — and so long

as He gives us the precious breath of life, we shall continue to THUNDER the truth to the entire world, preparing the way for Christ's promised RETURN—the CHANGING of the world into the PEACEFUL World Tomorrow— and the SAVING of the world, at last!

The plummeting immorality, the escalating violence, the accelerating CHAOS all around us in this SICK SOCIETY trying to hasten its own DOOM, is the POSITIVE EVIDENCE, according to the sure prophecies, that there is ABSOLUTE ASSURED HOPE for a sooncoming SOLUTION to all the world's ills!

O yes! It will get a lot darker before the dawn!

Things will speedily become MUCH WORSE — yet THAT'S THE SURE SIGN! The very fact of this accelerating speeding up of the moral downsurge, the violence-upsurge, as well as the speeding up of air travel and everything in life, literally shouts to us: "IT WON'T BE LONG, NOW!"

This world is flashing ahead at fantastic speed, to its DOOM — and its END — and to Christ's coming, the REAL HOPE OF THE WORLD — and to the HAPPY, PEACEFUL, JOYFUL WORLD TOMORROW!

What our READERS SAY

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thrived on sex films, read pornographic books and discussed sex with my 'friends.' Then I read, I really read, your booklet, The Ten Commandments. (I had been receiving your literature for quite a while, but I read it only halfheartedly, not appreciating its true value.) I read the seventh Commandment about adultery. Boy! Did it put me in my place. Now, thanks to you and your wonderful work, I am starting a new life. I am really getting into my Bible Correspondence Course, and have decided to make God and His Word, the Bible, the centre of my thoughts."

> Edward O., Ashgrove, Queensland