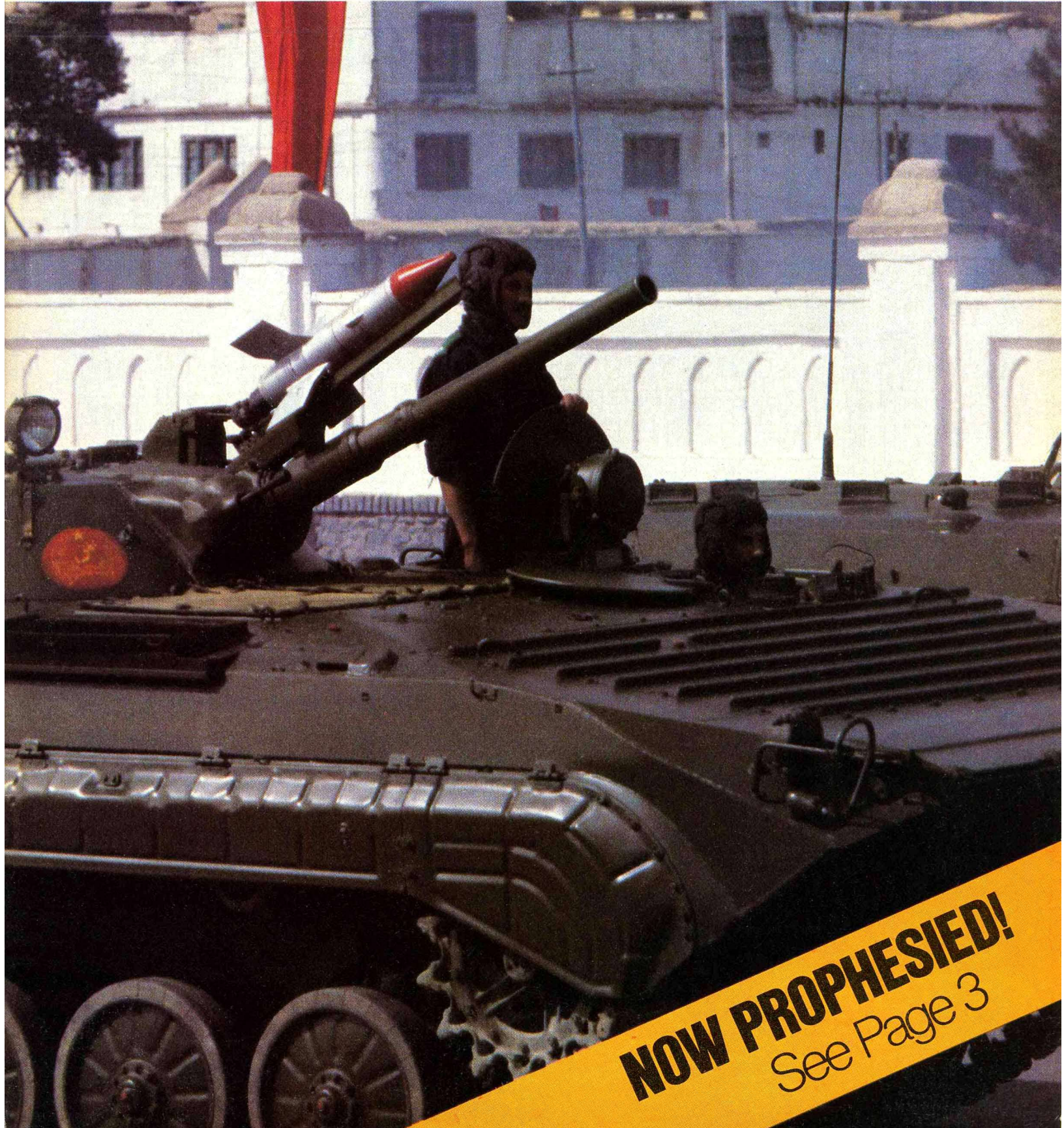


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The Key to Human Survival

IF YOU and I were discussing the matter of what subject I should write about in this month's Personal, you might say, seriously, "Mr. Armstrong, in view of the deadly seriousness and the *urgency* of this time, I think you should write on the most urgent problem in all our lives right now—the question of *whether*, and *how*, we may survive!"

I would agree. The one **BIG QUESTION** in all our lives, right now, is that of human **SURVIVAL!**

But I hasten to add, survival *alone* IS NOT ENOUGH! We must have survival in **PEACE**, in happiness, in joy, in prosperity and plenty, and in abundant well-being for **ALL!**

And that's a pretty big order! If anyone has the answer, for the sake of humanity he'd better speak out! I am prepared to give the **ANSWER**—and it is going to be **PLAIN SPEAKING**, without pulling any punches! It's *time* for **PLAIN SPEAKING!** You are *betting your life* on someone coming up, in time, with the right answer!

To get to the crux of the problem immediately, realize first that these existing conditions and evils are merely the **EFFECT!** For every effect, there has to be a **CAUSE.** Our problem of immediate urgency is to find the **CAUSE**, not only of present evil conditions, but also of what is the not-being-used **CAUSE** of peace, happiness, and abundant well-being!

If we are going to learn that **CAUSE**, we need first to ask: What has made **MAN** as he is? How did humanity come to be on this earth? Or, going back even further, how did the earth, itself, come to *be*?

That may seem like going a long way back. But this futile search for **PEACE** goes a long way back—as far as history goes—or farther. Man's troubles, evils, and wars extend back to the beginning—or prior to the beginning—of history. To find the right answer, we need to go back even to **PRE-history!** That takes us even to the question of **ORIGINS**—of **BEGINNINGS!** And we shall come to the right answer quicker by beginning at the beginning!

Many scientists have devoted their lifetimes to researching and studying this question. Many scholarly

books have been written setting forth the results of these lifetime studies, purporting to tell the story of the origin of the earth and of mankind upon it. Yet is it not significant that their studies, theories, and hypotheses *fail to tell us* **WHY** man is as he is, or **HOW** he got that way, **WHY** man seems always to be befuddled with unsolvable problems, **WHY** he is always in trouble, **WHY** humanity is harassed with so many evils, and **WHY** these evils are fast increasing?

This is no light matter. Ignoring humanity's present dilemma will not cause it to go away. Human **SURVIVAL** hangs in the balance! We need the *right* answer—and we need it **NOW!**

And we can know!

The fruits of the speculative assertions of science have not been peace, happiness, universal prosperity, and abundant well-being. The world, instead, is **SUFFERING!** It is very sick!

To come to a knowledge of the **RIGHT ANSWER**, we need to understand what is wrong with the scientific method. **WHY** have the findings of modern science **NOT** produced peace and universal happiness? What has been wrong with the scientific method?

The world has had science, of a kind, for a very long time. But what we know as **MODERN SCIENCE** began its dramatic rise roughly 170 years ago. Even then, the new knowledge in the fields of science and technology developed very slowly at first.

Until this advent of modern science, the world had gone along for thousands of years virtually on an even keel—with no material progress to speak of. It was primarily an agricultural world, using primitive farming methods. The cast-iron plough was not invented until 1797. The disc plough was not invented until 1896, when I myself was alive and a growing boy! The first harvester came in 1836.

Abraham Lincoln once explained how mechanical and industrial progress could not develop until the invention of printing, about 1450 by Johannes Gutenberg in Germany. Even so, there was not much development in printing until the beginning of the 19th

century. Suddenly, German inventors emigrated to Great Britain to patent their inventions in paper making and the rotary press, which immensely increased productivity in printing.

Think of it! Through those long millennia the world was virtually without means of transportation or communication! Transportation on land was by foot, mule, horse, camel, elephant or in vehicles drawn by these animals. By sea, it was by slow-moving sailboat. Fulton didn't invent the steamboat until 1803. And the telephone, to provide communication, did not arrive until 1876. The telephone was in its infancy when I was a boy.

In my own lifetime, we have whipped past the machine age, the jet age, the nuclear age, and the space age. Much of the acceleration of inventions was stimulated first by the printing press, which made possible a greater diffusion of knowledge and exchange of ideas, and then by more rapid means of transportation—the steam engine, the steamboat, the automobile, the airplane. And finally, the telephone, telegraph, radio, TV.

But what was the original impetus?

With the emergence of "modern science" around the beginning of the 19th century, scientists assured the world that man had progressed to the point where he then could dispense with the superstitious crutch of religion and belief in God. Now humanity could rely on the *new* messiah—modern science.

"Given sufficient knowledge," said the scientists, "we shall solve all of humanity's problems and cure all the world's ills."

To replace religion and belief in God, scientists and educators had substituted the doctrine of evolution. The tools modern science used in the production of this new KNOWLEDGE were a stepped-up use of those man had employed since the dawn of history—rejection of revelation as a source of knowledge and the use of observation, experimentation, and human reason.

So the production of KNOWLEDGE increased at a constantly accelerating pace. The world's total fund of knowledge virtually *doubled* in the one decade of the 1960s!

But, paradoxically, as knowledge has increased, *so have humanity's* problems, troubles and evils, at almost an equal rate of acceleration!

What's wrong with the dictum that knowledge is the sole need for solutions? We are face to face with the stern FACT that increasing evils have escalated alongside increasing knowledge! That is not to say that the increased knowledge *caused* the growing evils. It does mean that the knowledge produced *did not cure* existing evils, *or prevent new evils!*

The ANSWER becomes plain. There was *something wrong* with the knowledge being produced, or else the needed MISSING DIMENSION in knowledge was not being discovered.

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manity's ills cured, I add this: Solutions come from the *right* knowledge that supplies the *right* answer—the true CAUSE of both the evils and the CAUSE that would produce peace and joy and every GOOD result; and, secondly, solutions come from the application of that knowledge. For I have always said that knowledge is of value only to the extent that it is *used!*

In this feverish development of knowledge production, scholars in universities have been placing great emphasis on *academic freedom*. Academic freedom is defined as the independent judgment allowed teachers, scholars, scientists, and students in the pursuit of knowledge.

Science as a whole and higher education have exercised the academic freedom to postulate a creation without a Creator. They have engaged in the activity of knowledge production with total rejection

of any possibility of the miraculous, the supernatural, the existence of God—or anything outside the realm of the material. They have utterly rejected revelation as a source of basic knowledge!

When I engaged in research on the theory of evolution, I studied Darwin, Haeckel, Huxley, Vogt, Chamberlain, and other exponents of the theory. But also I looked at the other side of the question. But I would venture to say that most of those whose higher education has been acquired during the past half century have been taught and have accepted without question the evolutionary theory, *not having examined with any seriousness* the biblical evidences of special creation. The world's "best seller" has been dismissed *without a hearing*.

Is it not human to err?

Could it be *possible* for the most highly educated minds to have been intellectually misled or deceived? Could they, viewing only *one side* of the question, be infallible, entirely above making mistakes? For many years now, I have observed that errors almost always come when a person starts with a false basic premise—carelessly assumed as self-evident and taken for granted without question—and then builds on that false basic hypothesis.

Suppose we now appropriate the academic freedom to question that which educators have dismissed without examination.

Is it possible for us to find the EXPLANATION of why MAN is as he is, WHY the world is filled with evils? Is it possible for us to discover the CAUSE of all human suffering, anguish, unhappiness, and inequality? Is it possible to find the CAUSE that would produce peace, happiness, abundance, and prosperity—the CAUSE which world leaders have apparently overlooked? Is it possible to find the key to human survival?

The answer to the preceding questions is "YES!" Yes, it is possible to answer these basic questions that have haunted man as long as he has existed. Yes, there is an answer to these questions that deal with man's very survival. If you want ANSWERS to these questions, write for our booklet *Why Were You Born*. It's free for the asking. □

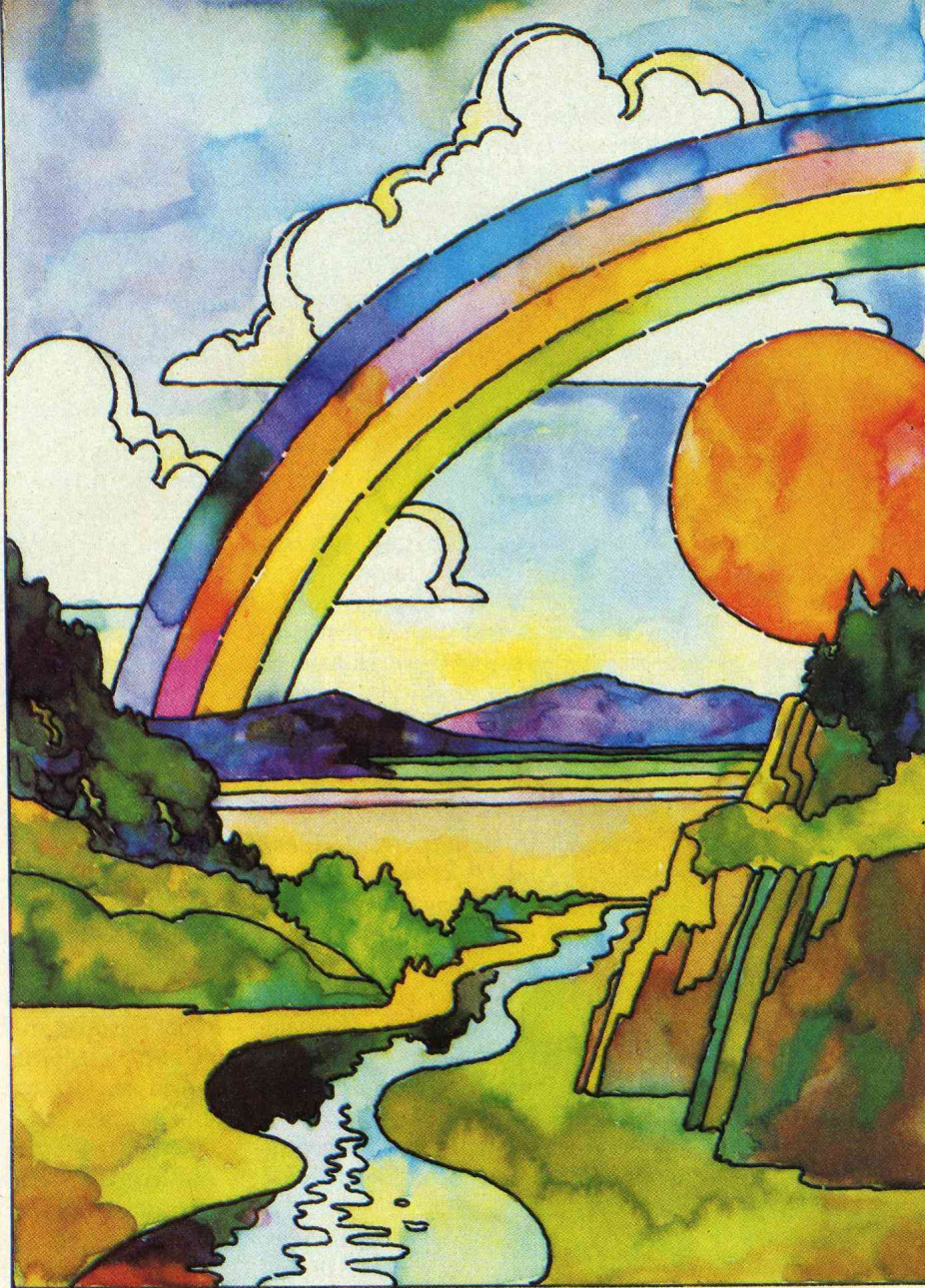


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WHAT IS NOW PROPHESED!

Will the next two decades bring human extinction—or the dawn of a new world of peace and incredible achievement?

by Herbert W. Armstrong

SUDDENLY this world has become different! It was never like this before. Look at the change in the last 80 years—then LOOK at the change in the last 10. What will *another* 10 years be like?

When I was a boy, our family transportation was a horse and bug-

gy. Horse-drawn streetcars had just been replaced. Telephones were rare, hanging on walls. Only a few downtown streets in cities were paved. Automobiles were a curiosity—we called them horseless carriages. They were steered with a stick instead of a steering wheel.

Gaslights dimly illuminated city streets. A man, riding horseback, rode past with a lighting stick to turn them on at dusk and again to turn them off at dawn. Our home was dimly lighted by kerosene lamps.

No man had ever flown. Orville Wright's first 12-second, 120-foot

flight did not occur until after I was 4½ months into my 12th year. Television was unheard-of. Compare this with the startling advances of the last few decades. And with the mounting racial strife in Africa, mass demonstrations in Iran, riots, looting and mass VIOLENCE worldwide. And threat of all-out world-girdling NUCLEAR WAR.

And now, as we enter the decade of the 1980s, Russia is on the march through Afghanistan, calling up massive reserves with vast armies mounting on borders of Iran, spearheading south to control the Indian Ocean, threatening Western Europe.

Suddenly, as we enter the 1980s, it's an entirely new world.

Again I ask: WHAT will this world be like in *another* 10 years?

What Scientists Prophecy

Numerous world-famous scientists and economists see a stern picture of the future. They see—today—the masses of illiterates in India, Africa—more than half the world's population in the depths of ignorance, poverty, squalor and degradation; the population explosion and the coming food war; the breakdown of family life—the very BASIS of a progressive and thriving society; the spiraling increase in crime; the fast-spreading breakdown of law and order.

All this they see, and tell us humanity's one great problem, now, is the QUESTION OF SURVIVAL.

Ask these sober scientists and economists HOW LONG we may continue in this present trend. Some will guess, perhaps 10 more years—others think less than 10—some give us a little more. But that's only relative. It's still a question of SURVIVAL!

There Is Good News Ahead

But humanity WILL SURVIVE! There is GOOD NEWS for the future. It is reported by a major news source most people—and most scientists and economists—have utterly overlooked.

There is a master plan already worked out. And it will bring to this earth PEACE! There is a master plan to solve the vast problems of illiteracy, starvation, poverty and squalor. It entails vast agrarian reforms, eco-

nomie reforms, reforms in governments, and *practical* plans to bring about disarmament and world peace.

Many scientists and world leaders know, in general, what it will take to bring this solution. Today, many far-seeing leaders put their fingers on the one great change that can now save humanity alive. What they don't know is how to implement it.

With one voice, these men say the solution now demands a WORLD GOVERNMENT.

There is one thing wrong with this solution. That world supergovernment would have to be given the power of a world police force to enforce its laws, and it would have to maintain the ONLY military force in the world—all nations would have to surrender their armies, navies and air forces to this one SUPERSTATE.

In a word, *every* nation would have to surrender its national sovereignty absolutely. And WHAT MAN could be accepted by all as WORLD RULER? It would, mind you, be a world POLICE STATE. Would the Soviet Union give up its struggle to harness the whole world with communism and accept an American capitalist as their world ruler? No, I'm afraid not in a thousand years!

Would the United States accept a North Vietnamese or a North Korean? NEVER!

There is only one way the nations could get together on a world supergovernment.

Within nations, each individual has to be willing to give up his personal sovereignty. He must submit to the laws of his government or suffer the consequences. Of course, individuals in all countries are given certain personal liberties, not prohibited by law.

So it must be with NATIONS—if there is to be a world supergovernment—if humanity is to survive! If there is to be this world supergovernment all individual nations must first give up their private selfish goals, their dreams of world conquest—of spreading *their* particular kind of government around the world.

One important news magazine said this can happen only if there is "a strong Hand from someplace" that would intervene.

So there is the world's dilemma.

Many leaders are agreed the world's only hope is a world supergovernment. At the same time, they confess frankly that world supergovernment is absolutely unfeasible and utterly IMPOSSIBLE!

And where does that leave you? Does that leave you with nothing but gloom and doom for the future?

Two Alternatives—and Only Two

You *have* to face it—either there is now no HOPE—either all humanity soon will be erased from this earth—or there does exist that "strong Hand from someplace" with supernatural power to INTERVENE in world affairs—to literally take control from the human great powers of this world and to SAVE humanity from itself!

You need to *wake up*—and to realize this means YOUR LIFE—and the lives of your children, your family, your friends and neighbors. The one great problem facing every one of us is HUMAN SURVIVAL. And the only alternative to extinction—SOON—is world government!

I sat in the press gallery in the Opera House at the San Francisco, (Calif.) Conference in 1945, when world leaders were drawing up the charter for the United Nations. There I heard the leading statesmen of the world warning that this United Nations they were forming was "THE WORLD'S LAST HOPE." One hour, in plenary sessions, they were uttering this solemn warning; the next hour in group conferences with leaders from other nations they were fighting for their own special advantage.

The United Nations has proved NOT to be that super-government.

This Is Real—It Involves You

Hiding your eyes from the existing facts won't save your world for you—and YOU alive in it! This directly concerns the life of every reader of *The Plain Truth*—and the countless other millions who *ought* to be reading it.

This is REAL! It's HERE! There isn't much more time! It's now far later than you think. And—yes, I realize it—this is the ONLY VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS of today's desperate situation that dares to SPEAK OUT!

THIS YOU MUST FACE. There are
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Part Two:

A Voice Cries Out Amid Religious Confusion

How could the world have become so mixed up? Out of this spiritual wilderness, a voice cries out in clarity and power, with the reassuring truth of the world's only and sure hope!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

Editor's note: We are printing here, serially, the new book by Herbert W. Armstrong with the same title as this article. The book will appear in bookstores later this year.

Chapter 2

HOW THE SEVEN TRUTHS WERE REVEALED

HOW IN THIS age of religious confusion could one come to know these seven basic truths that decry this world-gripping conglomeration of beliefs?

Why are people in Thailand Buddhist, those in the Arab world Islamic? Primarily, of course, because they and those around them grew up being taught, and automatically accepting, those faiths. To expect one of them to discover the TRUTH (hidden from them and also contrary to the teachings of child-

hood and maturity which engulfed them) would seem to be expecting the impossible.

Why do most people believe the things they believe? Few, indeed, ever stop to ask themselves in retrospect how they came to accept the beliefs that have found lodgment in their minds.

The Source of TRUTH

You probably have seen pictures of the statue "The Thinker." A man sitting alone, leaning forward, elbows on his knees, his hand supporting his head. There, supposedly, he sits in deep thought, hour after hour, day after day—just thinking!

Supposedly that statue depicts the manner in which some of the religions of the world came into being.

But "the Thinker" had nothing to think *from!* No foundation for his thinking. No facts on which to base his conjectures.

The human mind is not equipped to manufacture truth with no basis for that truth!

However, few, it seems, really *think!*

Most people accept carelessly what they are taught from childhood. And, coming into maturity, they accept that which they have repeatedly heard, read, or been taught. They continue to go along, usually without question, with their peers. Most people do not realize it, but they have carelessly *assumed* what they believe without question or proof. Yet they will defend vigorously and emotionally their convictions. It has become human nature for people to flow with the stream—to go along with the crowd—to believe and perform like their peers around them.

Further, most people stubbornly refuse to believe what they are unwilling to believe. There's an old saying, "He who is convinced against his will is of the same opinion still."

I was no different. Of myself, and of my own volition, I would never have discovered these GREAT TRUTHS.

But then, the prophet Moses never would have discovered the truths he wrote—the first five books of the Bible. It required a miraculous act of

GOD, in the incident of the burning bush, to open his mind and to reveal to him the things of GOD. Even on being confronted by the very voice of God, Moses protested. But God's command was irresistible and Moses yielded.

The apostle Paul, centuries later, never would have come to know or reveal for us God's TRUTHS of his own will. He was "breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord" (Acts 9:1). But the living Jesus struck him down blind, brought him to his senses and instructed him both in knowledge and in what Christ determined he should do. Christ in Person revealed to him many of the TRUTHS you will read here.

How, then, did I come to understand the precious knowledge of the TRUTH? Certainly not "on my own," or because I sought it or because of any virtues above other humans. But Jesus Christ struck me down in a manner quite different from the apostle Paul's experience, yet nonetheless painful and effective.

Such basic TRUTHS are *revealed*, not thought out in any human mind. They come from God, not man! And in all biblically recorded cases, the initiative was God's!

And let me add, at this point, that the sentence above is the crux of the whole matter. The world is full of religions which originated in the imagination, reasoning and speculating of certain humans. But they had no true basis to reason from. The TRUTH IS REVEALED from GOD!

But, does not everybody have access to biblical truth? Yes, people *suppose* the churches teach what is revealed in the Bible.

So I give you, now, a brief synopsis of the experience by which Jesus Christ struck me down, so to speak, and revealed ASTOUNDING TRUTHS! Biblical truths *not* believed or taught by the churches!

The Awakening—Spark of Ambition Ignited

I was born of ordinary but stable and upright parents, with an ancestry in the Quaker faith. I have my genealogy all the way back to Edward the First of England, and a line extending back to King David of ancient Israel. My forebears emigrated from

England to Pennsylvania with William Penn, a hundred years before the United States became a nation.

I had been reared from earliest childhood in the Quaker faith, but religious interest in those formative years was passive.

At age 18 I virtually dropped all interest in religion, and ceased attending church. I had, at 18, put myself through an intensive self-analysis, coupled with a survey of the occupations and professions to determine where I belonged—to avoid being the proverbial square peg in the round hole.

Even at that age I had observed that most people were simply victims of circumstance. Few had ever planned intelligently their future lives. Many or most had stumbled into whatever job they found open. They did not choose where, in what part of the country or the world, they should live. They had been buffeted about by circumstance. Those who went to college chose whatever course or profession that appealed to them at the time.

But when I was yet only 16, a summer-vacation employer had, by praise for work well done and general encouragement, aroused the fire of ambition within me. Ambition is not only the desire for accomplishment, it includes the will to *pay the price!*

This self-analysis at age 18 led me into the advertising profession and a business life. I studied diligently, "burning the midnight oil" instead of seeking youthful pleasures.

I became unusually successful. I worked hard, had a reputation as a "hustler." I studied diligently, worked toward self-improvement. All this, of course, developed great self-confidence, which was later to be replaced by a different kind of confidence—FAITH in Christ.

I selected the jobs where I would learn, and "sold myself" to my employers, choosing fields that threw me into contact with successful men.

In 1915 I established my own business as a publishers' representative in Chicago, Illinois. I managed to represent the nine leading bank journals of the United States—journals read by chief officers of banks. I did business with the presidents of many of the nation's largest indus-

trial corporations in the Middle West. I attended state and national bankers' conventions, got to know many of the leading bankers of South LaSalle Street and Wall Street, New York. I was making an income, below 30 years of age, equivalent to approximately \$175,000 per year measured by today's dollar value.

Business Disintegrates

Then came the devastating flash depression of 1920. It was not long-lived, but disastrous for the year. My big advertising accounts were in the farm tractor and implement and other manufacturing fields, rather than the metropolitan banks. All my big-commission clients, including such corporations as Goodyear Tire & Rubber, J.I. Case, Moline Plow, Emmerson-Brantingham and Dalton Adding Machine, went into receivers' hands. One nationally known corporation president of my acquaintance committed suicide. Through no fault of my own, my business was swept out from under my feet by forces beyond my control.

Out of Portland, Oregon, where I had moved with my family, I established an advertising service for laundry owners. The laundry industry was 11th in the country in dollar volume of business, yet the most backward. I teamed with an efficiency expert, in my judgment top in the nation in his field. I took on only clients who allowed us to put their businesses on a new efficiency basis—both in the quality of laundering service and in business methods, which I supervised. I had to be able to make promises in the advertising that my clients would fulfill.

But in 1926 a national advertising agency based in the east sold the Laundry Owner's National Association a bill of goods—to put big-space advertising in the national women's magazines. The association had power to obligate every member to a commitment for this magazine advertising equal to approximately 85 percent of the justifiable advertising expenditure each local laundry could make. I knew nothing of this until it was a closed deal. I had been doubling and trebling the business volume of each of my clients. My business was growing. Again a highly

successful business was swept out from under my feet through causes over which I had no control.

But there was a reason—God was taking away my advertising business.

Disturbing Dual Challenges

Then, in the fall of 1926, at age 34, it seemed that the roof had caved in and I was crushed! I was assailed by very disturbing dual challenges.

My wife, after nine years of happy marriage, began keeping the seventh-day Sabbath instead of Sunday!

I was aghast! I was angry. To me that was religious fanaticism! What would business contacts think? But she claimed to have found this teaching in the Bible.

All the arguments came instantly to mind. They were of no avail.

"But the Bible says," I protested, "Thou shalt observe SUNDAY!"

"Can you show that to me in the Bible?" she asked.

"Well, no," I replied. "I don't know much about the Bible. My interests and studies have been in the area of business. But all these churches can't be wrong—they take their beliefs from the Bible, and they all observe Sunday."

"If," she smiled sincerely—but to me exasperatingly—"you can show me where the Bible commands Sunday observance, I'll go back to it."

There was no dodging the challenge. My marriage depended on it!

Coincidentally, a sister-in-law, newly married and fresh out of college, hurled at me a second humiliating challenge.

"Herbert Armstrong," she accused contemptuously, "you are just plain ignorant! Everybody who has any education *knows* human life has come by evolution."

I was proud. I had not neglected study and education. I thought I knew the facts about evolution, and I didn't believe in it. But now I had to admit I had never pursued a thorough, in-depth research of the question.

Following on the heels of my wife's "fanaticism," this challenge was humiliating. This double jolt to my pride hit me immediately after the second time my business had been destroyed. The effect was devastating. It was utterly frustrating. Nev-

ertheless I was determined to prove both my wife and sister-in-law wrong.

The dual challenge drove me into a determined almost night-and-day research. That intensive study continued for six months before I found the proved answer. Yet the study has never ceased to this day.

Both challenges focused on a common starting point—the book of Genesis in the Bible—although that was only the beginning.

These challenges came at a period in life when I had ample time on my hands. I plunged with intense concentration into the study.

Researching the Bible and Darwin

I did not begin the research in Genesis. First I delved thoroughly into the works of Darwin, Lyell, Haeckel, Huxley, Spencer, Vogt, Chamberlin and More, and even into the earlier works of Lamarck and his theory of "use and disuse," which preceded Darwin's "survival of the fittest" hypothesis.

Immediately those writings appeared convincing. (They necessarily are, to have won virtual universal acceptance in the world of higher education.) I readily understood how the field of education had been gripped in the clutch of the evolutionary concept.

Evolution is the atheist's attempted explanation of the presence of a creation without the preexistence of a Creator.

This initial stage of my research rudely shook my faith in the existence of God. It brought me to realization that I had *assumed* the reality of God, because from childhood I had heard, and therefore assumed, it. For a while my head was literally swimming. Was all I had ever believed mere myth and error, after all? Now I was determined to know the TRUTH! My mind was being cleaned out from ideas and beliefs previously taken for granted.

Of all the writings on evolution, Dr. More alone had culled out many discrepancies in the theory. Yet he, too, went along with the doctrine overall.

But now I had, first of all, to prove or disprove the existence of God. It was no casual or superficial study. I continued in this research as if my

life depended upon it—as, in actual fact, it did, as well as my marriage. I also studied books on the other side of the question.

Suffice it to say here that I did find irrefutable PROOF of the existence of God the Creator—and I found proof positive of the fallacy of the evolutionary theory. The overwhelming array of college brainwashed minds to the contrary notwithstanding. I had the satisfaction of winning the admission of one PhD thoroughly steeped in evolutionary thought—who had spent many years in graduate work at the University of Chicago and at Columbia—that I had definitely chopped down the trunk of the evolutionary tree. Like Dr. More though, she had been so thoroughly brainwashed in evolution she had to continue in what she had acknowledged was PROOF of its falsity.

Also I had the enjoyment of being able to cause my sister-in-law to "eat those words" branding me as "ignorant." All of which was mere vanity on my part, which I had not yet eradicated.

I had proved the reality of THE GREAT MAJESTIC GOD! But my wife's challenge was still tormenting my mind. Already, in the evolutionary research, I had studied Genesis.

I knew each of the world's religions had its own sacred writings. Once God's reality was proved, I had expected to continue in the pursuit of comparative religions to see if any such sacred writings proved authoritative. Through which of these—if any—did GOD speak to mankind?

Since I had to research the Sabbath question anyway, and already I had delved into Genesis, I decided to continue my study in the Bible.

A Doctrine at a Time

I came across, early, the passage in Romans 6:23: "The wages of sin is death . . ." I stopped, amazed. "Wages" is what one is paid for what one has done. Here I was staring at a statement diametrically opposite to my Sunday school teaching (prior to age 18).

"Why," I exclaimed, "how can that be? I was taught in church that the wages of sin is EVERLASTING LIFE in an eternally burning hell."

Another shock came on reading

the last part of the same verse: "but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

"But," I questioned in disillusionment, "I thought I already had eternal life—I am, or I have—an immortal soul. Why should I need it as a gift?"

I researched the word *soul* by means of a Bible concordance. Twice I found the expression, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezekiel 18:4 and Ezekiel 18:20).

Then I remembered I had read in Genesis 2 how God said to the first humans, "But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt *surely die*."

In Genesis 2:7 I read how God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man (dust—matter) "became a living soul." This stated plainly that a soul is physical—formed from matter. I found that the English word *soul* is translated from the Hebrew *nephesh* and that in Genesis 1 fowl, fish and animals—all three—were *nephesh* as Moses was inspired to write.

Next, I happened to read where Jesus said, "And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man" (John 3:13). I researched the heaven and hell teaching further. I saw where the inspired Peter, on the day he received the Holy Spirit, said, "For David is not ascended into the heavens. . ." (Acts 2:34).

In this in-depth study of the Bible, I had the use of all the biblical helps—concordances, Greek-English and Hebrew-English lexicons, commentaries, Bible dictionaries and religious encyclopedias. The latter three of these, I found, were the works of scholarly but carnal minds. In historical facts and matters of a material and physical nature, they give help in research, but in God's revelation of spiritual knowledge I found them of little help.

I also used, in questionable passages, the Hebrew Old Testament and the Greek New Testament, with the lexicons. And I used every translation or version then, 53 years ago, so far published—especially the

Moffatt, Ferrar Fenton, Smith-Goodspeed, American Revised and the Williams New Testament.

My Experience Utterly Unique

My research was totally different from that of students in a seminary. They absorb what they are taught in the doctrines of their denomination. Education has become a matter of memory training. The child, and the adult student as well, is expected to accept and memorize whatever is taught.

For example, in an elementary grade one of my grandsons was once asked by the teacher, "Who discovered America?"

"The Indians," promptly answered the grandson. The teacher was astonished.

"No, Larry, don't you know that Columbus discovered America?"

"No, Ma'am, the Indians were already here to greet Columbus when he finally arrived."

The lad was given a zero for his answer and severely instructed to always remember that the book says Columbus discovered America!

A pupil, or a student in high school or university, is graded on memorizing and believing what he is taught by the textbook, the teacher, instructor or professor.

In the first dummy copy of the magazine *The Plain Truth*, which I put together in 1927—seven years before the magazine was actually published, I had an artist draw a picture of a schoolroom, with children sitting at the desks, each with a funnel stuck into his or her head. The teacher was pouring out of a pitcher ready-made propaganda into each child's head.

A student enrolled at a Methodist seminary receives Methodist doctrine and teaching into his head. A Catholic student studying in a Catholic seminary is taught Roman Catholic teachings. A student in a Presbyterian seminary is given Presbyterian doctrines. A student in Germany studying history is instructed in one version of World Wars I and II, but a history student in the United States is taught an altogether different version.

But I had been called specially by the living GOD. I was trying to prove the very opposite of what I found

clearly and unmistakably to be what the Bible SAYS! I was taught by Christ what I did not want to believe but what He showed me was TRUE!

Jesus Christ is the *personal* Word of God. He, in person, taught the original 12 apostles and the apostle Paul. The Bible is the SAME Word of God IN PRINT today. Thus it was the same Jesus Christ who taught both the original apostles, beginning A.D. 27, and 1,900 years later, beginning 1927, myself.

And let me add here that my study of God's revelation of truth has never ceased. Later Christ used me in founding three liberal arts colleges—including one in England. Through constant study, teaching and collaboration with spirit-minded faculty members in theological courses, my mind has remained OPEN. And knowledge of God's revealed truth has increased.

But in my initial six-months intensive in-depth study I was undergoing a process of UNlearning—discovering that church teachings had been the diametric opposite of Bible TRUTH!

JOY in Defeat

This is not the place for a lengthy, detailed account of my intensive search in the Bible, bent on proving to *my* satisfaction that "all these churches can't be wrong, for their teachings came from the Bible!" The essential point here is the simple fact that I did find irrefutable PROOF of the divine inspiration and supreme AUTHORITY of the Holy Bible as originally written, as the revealed Word of God. Even all the so-called contradictions evaporated upon unbiased study.

Yet, to my utter dismay and chagrin, I was forced to "eat crow" in regard to my wife's supposed "fanaticism." It was not what I *wanted* to believe *then!* But by that time I had taken a severe beating. I had to accept PROVED truth, contrary to what I had wanted to believe!

And I can say now, with the apostle Paul, "that the gospel which is preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ. . . . But when it pleased God . . . to reveal His Son in me . . . immediately I con-

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nal *Public Law*, that some of the more unrestrained, liberal kinds of discovery we have today amount to nothing more than general search warrants issued to someone to go about "rummaging" through someone else's belongings.

The tragedy is that under our current system, there is really no way to protect your affairs from intrusive prying. All someone has to do is file suit against you and, upon his bald suspicion that you have wronged him, he gets to go rummaging around through your private affairs. Vital human liberty is lost.

Thus, as British Justice Lord Camden declared in 1765, "If suspicion at large should be a ground of search . . . whose house would be safe." The point is, no one's!

God's Way of Discovery

As any reading of the Bible, particularly in the Old Testament, will show, *justice* is an important subject with God. Not surprisingly, God gives us an outline of *His* kind of discovery in His Word.

Numbers 5:11-31 describes what some biblical scholars call the "trial of jealousy." This was a provision in the laws God gave Israel for the situation that has plagued all human justice from the time of Cain and Abel—how does an *innocent* party prove a negative.

Thus, if a husband suspected his wife of adultery and she were innocent, it would of course be practically impossible to prove she *didn't* do it. She could never really remove the taint of suspicion. If such a case came up today, no doubt the wife would have to fill out endless interrogatories asking her where she spent every last hour of her time for the previous several years!

But under God's laws the wife could prove her innocence once and for all in a comparatively short time. Essentially, the husband would pay the equivalent of a filing fee (verse 15), and the wife would take an oath (verse 19) and drink some water (verse 24). Afterwards, her guilt or innocence would be conclusively proved once and for all by what God would make happen to her physical body (verse 27).

God's principle is that justice—the vindication of the innocent and the punishment of the guilty—be swift (Ecclesiastes 8:11). In the world tomorrow, God Himself will supernaturally assure that whatever information is necessary to settle a dispute is available without dragging every last irrelevant detail of someone's life into the open.

The ultimate reform of our legal system must wait until God establishes His government over the whole earth at Christ's return. However, until that happy day, there are a number of things that ought to be done, even in this darkened world. (See II Corinthians 4:4, Ephesians 5:11.)

Specifically, the kind of procedural safeguards for the right to privacy, which are currently afforded even violent criminals in the context of the criminal law, should be extended to civil cases. Courts should require a *very* high level of proof of the relevancy of some particular information before they force its disclosure. Certainly information, which as evidence "wouldn't stand up in court," should be off limits.

Most of all, what is needed is a change of attitude in the judiciary about discovery. Before discovery came into vogue, the idea was that if you were wronged, you already knew about it and had enough information deriving from that very fact to build your case. Today, however, the attitude is that all you have to do is just imagine you have been wronged, and this all by itself will be grounds for you to go "fishing" around someone else's private affairs until you finally find proof you really have been wronged.

No wonder our courts are overcrowded. People are allowed to sue even before they have something to sue about!

In a world that desperately needs safeguards against prying—a world which Bible prophecy demonstrates will become much more totalitarian in character before Christ steps in to establish His government—even small things, like reform of a judicial idea gone sour, would do a great deal of good. □

Voice Cries Out

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ferred not with flesh and blood, neither went I [to a theological seminary, but I was taught by Jesus Christ, the Word of God (in writing)] (Galatians 1:11-12, 15-17)!

That is why I have said the experience I was painfully subjected to in this original intensive study was unique in human life and conduct in our time. I know of no world religious leader who arrived at his teachings in such a manner. This world's religious teachings did not come from GOD! Only God is infallibly correct!

I was brought, by the spring of 1927, to a complete MIND-SWEEPING! My mind had been *swept clean* of previous assumptions and beliefs—I had been brought through a painful experience.

Twice profitable businesses had collapsed, leaving me frustrated.

Then I was brought to acknowledge that whatever religious beliefs I had held were contrary to the truth of God. Not only what I had believed, but also the churches!

I had taken a beating! I had been brought to realize my own nothingness and inadequacy. I had been CONQUERED by the Great Majestic GOD—brought to a real *repentance*—and also brought to a NEW ROCK-BASED SOLID FAITH in Jesus Christ and in God's Word. I had been brought to a complete surrender to God and to HIS WORD.

I was baptized, and the infilling of God's Holy Spirit opened my mind to the JOY UNSPEAKABLE of knowing God and Jesus Christ—of knowing TRUTH—and the warmth of God's divine LOVE!

What I once hated I now loved. I found the greatest and most absorbing joy of my life in *continuing* to dig out those gold nuggets of TRUTH from God's Word. Now came a new enthusiasm in Bible study.

And I was led to find that one and only true Church of God, founded by Jesus Christ on the day of Pentecost, A.D. 31.

I now reveal to the reader SEVEN MAJOR TRUTHS that identify it, and emancipate the reader from today's spiritual wilderness of religious confusion. □

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now two alternatives—and ONLY two.

1) Either the Creator GOD exists, and will *soon*, now, step in and INTERVENE in this world's affairs and SAVE ERRING HUMANITY FROM ITSELF — or:

2) Any one of six existing causes will ERASE HUMANKIND FROM THE EARTH!

The person who is unwilling to consider that the Creator GOD is a real, living, all-wise, all-knowing, all-powerful personal BEING, has only the CERTAINTY of existing world conditions fast closing in upon him!

But for the reader who is willing to listen, I give you not only your ONLY HOPE of survival, I give you your one SURE HOPE.

World's Most Accurate Newscaster

First, notice the published report of the world's number one Newscaster. This newscast was a FORECAST. And it's CERTAIN. I know, very few ever realized that Jesus Christ came as a NEWSman—reporting NEWS for the future. He spoke of 20th-century world conditions—and WORLD GOVERNMENT to come. The world has misunderstood, perverted, maligned His message.

The word *gospel* means GOOD NEWS. And His was news for the FUTURE. He described today's violent chaotic world. In the pivotal prophecy of the New Testament of the world's best selling Book, He graphically described the international chaos into which the world is rapidly plunging right now. He said the violence would explode into a world trouble so great, that unless God intervened, no human would remain alive.

Yet, He promised, the All-powerful God would intervene supernaturally to cut short this world chaos (Matthew 24:21-22).

NEWS—Past, Present, Future

No book has so great a sale as the Holy Bible. And no book ever was so unread, misunderstood, maligned, distorted, misrepresented. Those who profess to use it as the source of their religion promulgate doctrines dia-

metrically opposite from its teachings.

Few know that a whole third, approximately, of that Book is devoted to FUTURE NEWS of world happenings. News of the now soon-coming peaceful and happy WORLD TOMORROW—on through CENTURY 21. It's the BEST NEWS you ever read!

We look, now, at one pivotal NEWS DISPATCH within this volume, which covers dramatically a panorama of the dominating governments, past, immediate present and future.

Advance News Report

You never thought of this panoramic look ahead as a NEWS REPORT? It's time we recognized it for precisely what it is! And it's exciting!

Incredible though it seems—and would-be discreditors to the contrary notwithstanding—the evidence has demonstrated conclusively that this world-news report was written between 500 and 600 years before Christ.

It concerns the king of the Chaldean Empire that ruled the Western world from 609 to 539 B.C. His name was Nebuchadnezzar. His capital was the ancient glamor city and world capital, Babylon. One night this king dreamed a remarkable and frightening dream as reported in Daniel 2. It was one of those rare dreams that remain indelibly impressed on the mind after awaking. He thought it must have meaning.

So Nebuchadnezzar called in all his astrologers, his religious leaders, magicians, his chief advisers, his wisest men. He determined to test their clairvoyant powers.

"It was a terrifying dream, yet it's gone from me," he told them. "I want you to tell me what I dreamed. If you fail, I'll know you are fakes and phonies, and I'll have you all put to death."

But even with their lives at stake, his wisest men could not tell Nebuchadnezzar what he had dreamed.

Now among other nations that had been conquered by this great Chaldean king was the Kingdom of Judah, whose capital city was Jerusalem. These Jews had been taken as captives and transported from their homes in their cities, towns and countryside to the land of the Chaldeans,

where they were made slaves. But four outstandingly brilliant lads had been inducted into important government positions in Babylon. Among them was Daniel.

These four Jewish lads were seized, to be put to death along with the sorcerers, magicians and Chaldean "wise men." Daniel asked for time, promising that he would be able to tell the king his dream and its meaning.

The four Jewish lads prayed to their God for the answer. That night it was revealed to Daniel in a vision.

Report on "What Is to Be"

"Are you able to make known to me the dream and its interpretation?" asked the king when Daniel was ushered into his presence. "No wise men can show to the king the mystery," replied Daniel, "but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and he has made known to you what is to be.

"You saw, O king, and behold, a great image. This image, mighty and of exceeding brightness, stood before you, and its appearance was frightening. The head of this image was of fine gold, its breast and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay.

"As you looked, a stone was cut out by no human hand, and it smote the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces; then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold all together were broken in pieces, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away . . . But the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth."

But what did it MEAN? Its MEANING was a NEWS forecast leading to the present world turmoil, and its imminent and SURE outcome! It is NEWS that vitally affects the life of every reader of *The Plain Truth*.

"This," continued Daniel, "was the dream; now we will tell the king its interpretation. You, O king, the king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, and the might, and the glory . . . you are the head of gold. After you shall arise another kingdom

inferior to you, and yet a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth."

Here was NEWS of the future. It was news reported in advance. And it happened! After the Chaldean Empire, the Persian Empire arose. It was inferior as a world empire intellectually, morally, and in honor of splendor and glory—as silver is LESS VALUABLE than gold. But, as silver is harder than gold, so was the Persian Empire stronger in military might.

Humanity was deteriorating. The Persian Empire fell before the swift conquering flight of young Alexander the Great, with his Greek and Macedonian army. Alexander expanded his empire farther east and west and south—greater in military strength, more in quantity—greater in area and population ruled—but inferior in quality, as bronze is of less value than silver, yet a harder metal.

Alexander wept, it is said, because he had no more worlds to conquer. He died young. His empire was divided into four divisions, each ruled by one of his four top-ranking generals.

Now continue this most unusual form of NEWS REPORT.

The Roman Empire Came

"And," continued Daniel, "there shall be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron . . ." This was the Roman Empire, which swallowed up all four surviving divisions of Alexander's Greco-Macedonian Empire, and spread out farther besides. It was the strongest military power in world history up to that time. And the two legs symbolized the *two divisions* of the mighty Roman Empire—with the eastern capital at Constantinople (today called Istanbul, Turkey), and the western capital at Rome.

But Daniel continued: "And as the toes of the feet were partly iron and partly clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly brittle, but they will not hold together, just as iron does not mix with clay."

There are three other specific prophecies—FUTURE NEWS REPORTS—one in the seventh chapter of Daniel, one in the 13th and one in the 17th of Revelation, which also depict the future NEWS of this same succession of world empires. Putting all four prophecies together, it becomes

plain that the toes of this image represent a last, final resurrection—or rebirth—of the Roman Empire in our time!

Soon Coming United States of Europe

There is not space for details in this article. (Request our free booklet, *The Book of Revelation Unveiled at Last*.) But the two prophecies in the book of Revelation report clearly—*long in advance*—the fall of the original Roman Empire in A.D. 476, its restoration by Justinian in 554 and its history up to the fall of Napoleon in 1814.

Then Revelation 17:8 shows the partial revival of this empire under Mussolini—after he took Ethiopia, adding it to Italian Somaliland, Eritrea, Libya and Italy—officially naming it "the Roman Empire."

These prophecies depict detailed ADVANCE NEWS of one more, last revival of this empire, yet to occur, by a union of 10 nations in Europe.

This coming "United States of Europe" is the dream of many leaders—not only within Europe, but in Britain and America. The Common Market is only its beginning.

Every indication is that this ADVANCE NEWS will be *current* news. And it will completely STUN THE WORLD! Yet *The Plain Truth* has reported this news in advance for the past 46 years!

Can you envision what that will mean in the world's balance of power?

But these nations will not cling long or loyally together. The 10 toes of Nebuchadnezzar's image pictured this United Europe millennia in advance. They will not cleave together for long, even as iron and miry clay will not.

Then what shall happen?

This prophecy—and others—give you the NEWS long in advance!

Then Finally—WORLD Government

Continue Daniel's explanation to King Nebuchadnezzar.

"And in the days of those kings [these then who are to unite in Europe!] the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed, nor shall its sovereignty be left to another people . . . and it shall

stand forever . . . a great God has made known to the king what shall be hereafter. The dream is certain, and its interpretation sure" (quoted from Daniel 2, Revised Standard Version).

This is just one of several ADVANCE NEWS REPORTS that explicitly affirm there WILL BE a world government that shall bring this war-weary earth PEACE AT LAST.

Not by the help of men or of their human governments—but in spite of them. Other prophecies report, centuries and millennia in advance, almost every detail of today's rapidly worsening conditions.

Humanity WILL SURVIVE! There *will* be a happy WORLD TOMORROW. Mortal humans do have a stern lesson to learn first. Human bungling will bring accelerated world trouble before God-ignoring humanity will be willing to learn. But WE SHALL LEARN!

Few realize that 90 percent of biblical prophecy pertains to OUR TIME, and the time immediately ahead. And approximately a third of the Bible is prophecy! It has been neglected utterly. It has been terribly misunderstood, misrepresented. It is tremendously important! Especially now!

Earlier in this article I said Jesus of Nazareth was the world's greatest NEWSCASTER. Many, deceiving and being deceived, have represented His teaching as a sentimental religious teaching having no relation whatever to this life, this world, its nations, its governments, its society. THAT CONCEPT IS FALSE!

Jesus' "gospel" (and remember gospel *means* good news) was actually His ADVANCE NEWS REPORT of the KINGDOM—the GOVERNMENT—of GOD, soon now to bring us world PEACE. The KINGDOM of GOD is, simply the world-ruling GOVERNMENT of God. It is absolutely *not* a sentimental, ethereal, imaginary something "set up in the hearts of men." It is something REAL! It is SOON COMING!

And Jesus Christ was born to be the KING of that WORLD GOVERNMENT (Luke 1:30-33; John 18:36-37; Revelation 11:15; 19:11-16). As Jesus so promised His disciples that He would return—so, now soon He *will* return to RULE THE WHOLE EARTH and bring us peace at last! □