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WORLD-WIDE FAMINE to strike in the 1970's — so declares Dr. Raymond Ewell, famous economist. Read the facts in this issue's lead article.

What our READERS SAY

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"Heard your program on the radio and was quite interested in it. I like honest people that are not afraid to speak up for what they believe in. Aren't you afraid that you will be hanged like Jesus for telling the truth?"

Woman from Vernon, British Columbia

• *Only if God allows it.*

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Robert L. B., California

An Atheist Speaks

"I am a hardened atheist and a militant Communist; I have always fought religion because it seemed so pointless. I would often talk to my neighbor, sometimes all night, and one day I began to blaspheme God, even asking Him to make me ill if He existed. Then one morning, I was sick! I am now suffering from ills of all sorts and my doctor does not know what is wrong with me. I wish you could straighten out my life for me. This letter comes from an atheist—but one

who is willing to be convinced."

Atheist, St. Gétail Mont-Mesely,
France

Real Poverty!

"I am very much pleasure to inform you this few words. I am a boy of a poor family, my father is dead and my mother too. No body feeds me even. It is hard for me to earn sixpence a day. But I want to succeed, so I beg you to give me a free book to read."
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"I have been a keen reader of the magazine since December 1963 and every evening in our "study hour" in the class I used to spend 15 to 20 minutes reading it. Now the result of reading this magazine is that it has made me come nearer to Christ than before. I have been telling my fellow students about the second coming of Christ. . . . they have not yet [obtained the money to buy] the stamps to ask for themselves. May you kindly publish this letter."

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Lee H., Wisconsin

• *Yes, you're old enough!*

"Please send me *The PLAIN TRUTH*. I am a boy 9 years old. My neighbor lets me read it and I want to read them myself. They make sense."

Bennie B., Kentucky

True Education—and It's Free!

"I live in a rather rural Mexican
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Personal from the Editor

WHAT ABOUT PATRIOTISM? Is it right, or wrong? A young lady has just asked me that question. She had just recently returned from Ambassador College in England, where she had studied for the past two college years.

"I am an American," she said. "I love this country. Is that wrong? Yet while I was in England I felt I ought not express any feeling of love for my own country. I was afraid it might stir up nationalistic prejudice. Of course, I love England, too, after having lived there for two years."

This young lady wanted to know just how God considers patriotism. Some people seem to think that patriotism is a form of idolatry—and therefore a sin. She was a little confused.

"WHY should it be wrong to have a feeling of love for my own country?" she asked.

"It isn't!" I replied.

Wrong to love your own country? Of course not! Didn't Jesus teach that we should love even our enemies? LOVE isn't wrong!

But why, then, do some seem to think patriotism is idolatry?

The answer lies in asking another question: Just *what do you mean*—PATRIOTISM? Here was a young lady who had an attitude of LOVE for the United States of America. It is her native land. She *ought* to love it! She said she also loved England. Her kind of patriotism is RIGHT—it is GOOD—it is completely in line with the basic LAW OF GOD!

But there is a different *kind* of patriotism which, indeed, *is* wrong in the sight of God.

Let me explain it so ALL can really UNDERSTAND! How do we *know* what is right, and what is wrong? What is the Biblical definition of sin? It is found in I John 2:4: "Sin is the transgression of the LAW." It is referring, of course, to the Law of God.

This is a spiritual law (Rom. 7:14). That law is fulfilled (performed) by LOVE. That law is summed up by the two Great Commandments—LOVE toward God, and LOVE toward humans: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor *as thyself*."

The Law does not allow us to love ourselves as much as GOD. It says one must love God with *all* his heart, soul, and might. To fail is SIN. Surely ALL have sinned! But the Law allows us to love our own selves *as much as* human neighbor. And to love your neighbor *as much as yourself* is about as much as you are capable of loving your neighbor—isn't it?

A year or more ago, in this column, I went to some length defining SELF. There is, first, your *individual* self. That includes your own body and mind. You love *yourself* just about as much as you are capable of loving. But then, there is also your *extended* self. This includes your clothes. Then it enlarges a little further, to include your own family, your home, your car, your possessions. You call them *yours*. They become a part of YOU. Then the extended self expands to include those in your club, your church, your group, your lodge, or even your political party. It expands, still further, to include YOUR COUNTRY.

Now self-love is natural. But to love your *enemy* is NOT natural. When Jesus said we should love even our enemies, the reporter, Matthew, who reported His statement (Matthew 5:43-48), wrote originally in the Greek language. And for the word translated "love" in our English language, Matthew wrote the Greek word "agape"—which actually means the *divine* love which we do not have naturally—but which GOD may impart by the gift of His Holy Spirit.

We are not born with this "agape"—this divine love. We are born selfish. Watch a sweet, lovely little baby. It is

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OUR COVER

The tortured faces of India. Already half-starved, the people of India add to their population millions of new mouths each year. No wonder Dr. Raymond Ewell, an authority on chemical economics, warned recently of a world famine to strike in the 1970's. He called it "the greatest catastrophe in history." Starting in Asia, it will rapidly spread around the world.

altogether *selfish*. It loves *itself*, and has a natural feeling of antagonism toward others. Jesus referred to this *natural love*—with which we are born—the “love” of human nature. He said, “Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy” (Mat. 5:43).

But, you see, this natural human nature love looks on those outside its extended self as its enemy.

When we are thinking and speaking of *national* considerations, human nature is patriotic toward one's own country—because it then becomes part of his extended SELF. And so there is a feeling of antagonism against another country, when brought into comparison with his own. Actually, it is a form of HATE.

The world's CIVILIZATION is actually *founded* on that kind of carnal attitude. It is the natural attitude of *competition*.

Take sports, for example. American colleges and universities, most of them, engage in intercollegiate athletics. College “A” has a football team. So college “A” and its team becomes part of the extended SELF of that college's students. But the football team of college “B” is regarded as its ENEMY. The natural attitude is one of wanting to BEAT college “B.” It is a *form* (you may call it a mild form) of HATE. It is a feeling of definite antagonism toward the football team of college “B.”

A good example of the competitive spirit in this collective SELF may be seen right now, in the political campaigns. Under “works of the flesh” described as the *opposite* of the “fruit of this Spirit,” in Galatians 5, we find these (Moffatt translation): “Now the deeds of the flesh [SINS] are quite obvious, such as sexual vice, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, magic, quarrels, dissension, jealousy, temper, *rivalry*, *factions*, *party-spirit*, envy, murder, drinking bouts, revelry, and the like; I tell you beforehand as I have told you already, that people who indulge in such practices will never inherit the Realm [Kingdom] of God.” (Gal. 5:19-21.)

Among these SINS, imposing the CAPITAL PUNISHMENT of eternal death, are rivalry, factions, party-spirit.

What do we see in national politics?

The Democratic Party is full of PARTY-SPIRIT—and so is the Republican Party. An election is coming up in Britain, and we find that same PARTY-SPIRIT in both the Tories and the Labor Party.

What do we see in the American Presidential campaign? Do we see RIVALRY? Do we see FACTIONS? Do we see a spirit of discrimination against the opposite party, or candidates?

What do we see—or hear—today, in campaign speeches asking for the votes of the people? Do we see real lofty STATESMANSHIP of high caliber, based on wisdom and right judgment? Or do we see mud-slinging attempting to undermine the opponent's reputation, reminiscent of the Keystone movie comedies, where they threw pies in one another's faces? Do we see anything *except* rivalry, factionism, party-spirit? Love for *my* party, and hate for *yours*?

WHY do so many love to see a prize-fight today? Two men square off in the ring. If one can so harm, pummel, beat, and injure his opponent that he knocks him senseless, *he is the winner*—the HERO—he gets the plaudits of the people!

The general idea in competition is not alone to GET, to WIN, to ACQUIRE, for the SELF. It is also to hurt, injure, harm, take *from* the other party—whether the other be an individual, a team, a political party, or a nation. It is the spirit of DISCRIMINATION!

Look at competition in business. I knew two retail clothing merchants. Their rival stores were directly across the street from one another. During business hours they would glare at one another with venomous hatred. Outside of business hours they would go to the synagogue arm in arm like loving brothers. The spirit of the synagogue, it seems, was love. But the spirit of business is competition—with its element of hate.

Years ago—before my conversion, I hasten to add—I heard of a bank in the northwestern part of Iowa, who had just built a new bank building. Across the street was a rival bank. They built one just twice as big—as much to make the rival look small, as to make them look big. I took the train to this town, showed the officers of the larger bank a full page advertisement I had

designed for a bank journal. They looked at it, decided it would not profit them, and said “No.”

“Well that's too bad,” I said, “because this is an *exclusive* proposition. If *you* take it, the bank across the street can't get it.”

They quickly changed the “No” to a “YES!” Reason? Not to help themselves—but to spite their competitor! I assure you I would never sell such an ad on that basis today.

This illustrates the principle of patriotism.

The patriotism which loves its own country, and hates, or feels a prejudice against, other countries, is a violation of God's Law—and therefore it is WRONG—it is SIN!

But the young lady who asked me this question did not have *that* kind of “patriotism.” She also loved England. Her patriotism was not competitive. It was not founded on hate, but on LOVE.

Now *if*, by the term “Russia” we mean the Russian *people*, I could truthfully say I love Russia! I love the Russian PEOPLE—but I do *not* love their Communist SYSTEM. I HATE communism!

Let's get it straight. GOD loves this WORLD'S PEOPLE so much He *gave* His only begotten Son for them. Christ loved sinners so much that He *died* for them. But God HATES SIN! God's hatred of SIN expresses His LOVE for the sinner—because SIN is the sinner's enemy, seeking to destroy him!

The patriotism that LOVES your own country, but *without discrimination against* OTHER nations, IS A RIGHT PATRIOTISM. Remember, God is NOT a *respector of persons*. GOD DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE. Let not the whites feel or express *discrimination* against blacks—or the blacks against the whites. Let not Americans feel or express *discrimination against* British, nor British against Americans.

Let's divorce HATE from LOVE! That is God's Law. That is the WAY to peace and happiness. We may hate a wrong THING, but not our neighbor!

But can patriotism ever be idolatry?

Yes, it can and often is. Idolatry is having another god before the one true God. And what is your GOD? What-

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How Would Jesus Vote for PRESIDENT?

Christ's Message was concerned with the government of nations. Christians are those who follow Christ. Here's what He would do.

by Herbert W. Armstrong

THE PRESIDENTIAL campaign is on full blast. The issue of survival of the nation will fall squarely on the shoulders of the next President.

World war threatens to explode in Cyprus and Southeast Asia. Frightful atomic war! War that means annihilation of civilization. America this minute is in grave danger. The issue is a matter of government!

Christ Was Interested in GOVERNMENT

Few realize it, because they do not hear it today, but the GOSPEL OF CHRIST—the Gospel Jesus brought from God and preached—was a message about *government!*

Yes, Jesus was interested in government. His Message was about a government to RULE THE WORLD, and bring us WORLD PEACE!

In this momentous presidential year, what would Jesus Christ do about this election if He were here as a native-born American?

Would He vote for Goldwater? Would He use His influence to keep the Johnson administration at the helm in this world crisis?

Many of you undoubtedly have read the famous book, *In His Steps*, by Dr. Charles M. Sheldon. It has been one of the all-time best-sellers. It is the story of an entire congregation which set out to do, in all circumstances daily, just as Jesus would do—to "follow His steps," as we are admonished by Peter. My only criticism of the book is that its characters, like most people who think they follow Jesus, acted as they *supposed* Jesus would act instead of studying the Bible to find out how He did act.

The Apostle Paul said: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live;

yet not I, but *Christ liveth in me*" (Gal. 2:20). He admonished, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 2:5). *A person is not really a Christian unless he follows Christ—acts as Christ would act—unless Christ is living His life in him.*

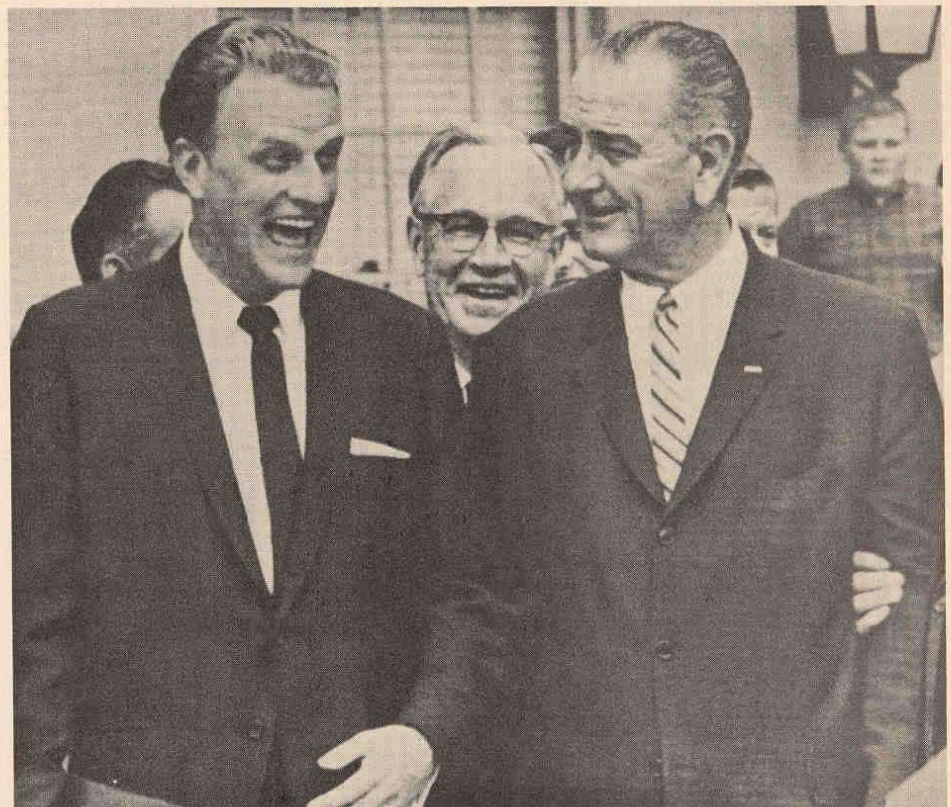
What would Jesus do in this crucial election?

To understand what Jesus would do we must take a quick flash-back of the governments of this world from its foundation until now. This is necessary for a true perspective. We are prone to view politics, government, and world events from the standpoint of this present world.

How It All Started

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth (Gen. 1:1). In rulership over this earth God sent a cherub who sealed up the sum total of perfection, wisdom, and beauty. His throne was in Eden. He was ruler over a peaceful world populated by beings superior to humans—spirit beings called angels (Ezek. 28:12-15).

But as this brilliant shining "Star of the Dawn"—Lucifer—contemplated his glory, pride lifted him up, ambition seized him, and suddenly he became dissatisfied with a rulership limited to one single planet. He became jealous of



Wide World Photo

Jesus' message was about government! But today's religious and political figures know almost nothing of the kind of government Jesus represented! In this photo Evangelist Billy Graham and President Johnson share a joke about today's world.



Wide World Photo

Smiling Senator Hubert Humphrey, hand-picked by President Johnson to be the Democratic Vice-Presidential candidate in the crucial 1964 election.



Wide World Photo

The conservative Republican team. Left, Representative William E. Miller of New York, a Roman Catholic, is Vice-Presidential candidate. Right, Senator Goldwater, a grandson of Jewish immigrant from Russia.

God, set his heart to rival the Eternal Creator Himself, and left this planet in a war of conquest, in which a third of his angels followed him, attempting to conquer and rule the universe (Isa. 14: 12-15; Rev. 12:4).

But he was cast back down to earth in defeat, disqualified even as earth ruler, *tho not to be dethroned until a successor is both qualified and inaugurated into office.*

Just as the sins of the antediluvian world brought physical destruction to the earth by a flood; just as the fornication of Sodom and Gomorrah brought physical destruction and chaos to those cities by fire; just as the sins of the present evil world have doomed it to physical destruction once again by fire, so the sins of the angels caused the face of the earth to suffer great violence, and it *became* chaotic, in confusion, waste and empty (Gen. 1:2).

First Chance at World Rule

Then in six days God Almighty brought order out of chaos, created the present vegetable and animal life, and created upon earth a new race, the race of human mortals. Adam was given rule over the lower species—animals. Lucifer, a cherub, had been given rule over angels. But, while man was made a

little lower in status than angels, he was made in the image of God with possibilities, thru conversion, of being born of God, and *changed* into immortal spirit beings, higher in order than angels.

In the Garden of Eden was the Tree of Life—symbolic of the Holy Spirit of God Himself, by which Adam could have been raised to this higher immortal and divine level.

First, Adam was given opportunity to qualify as WORLD RULER. He could have become successor to the former Lucifer, now re-named Satan (meaning Adversary, Rival, Aggressor). Adam was put to the test to determine whether he would obey God and prove able to RULE with God's Laws.

In the fateful test with Satan, Adam disobeyed God, accepted the rule of Satan over him—yielded to human pride, lust and greed. Thus he placed himself and his children under the rule of Satan. He failed to overthrow Satan. He failed to prove he could obey God and carry out God's government over those God should have placed under him.

Had Adam obeyed God and proved able to defeat Satan in this test, he could have partaken of the "Tree of LIFE"—he would have been begotten

of GOD, later BORN of God, *changed* from mortal human to immortal and divine God, of the very family—the KINGDOM—of GOD! All earth's mortals, as his children, would have been under his rule. He would have become world ruler forever!

But Adam placed himself and his children UNDER THE RULE OF SATAN.

Adam was driven from the Garden of Eden lest he take of the tree of life, and gain immortality (Gen. 3:22). Thus he never received immortality, which is the *gift* of God by and thru His Holy Spirit.

Satan thus retained his rulership, thru invisible sway of influence, temptation, and deception, over the world.

How Our Present System Started

Just how Satan manipulated human mortals in the ways of government on earth during the first 1600 or 1700 years, there is no historic record. We know merely that with very few exceptions, humans under Satan's invisible sway followed the course of human passions, the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and God destroyed all but eight souls by the Flood.

Noah and his descendents should have learned their lesson, but they didn't. Satan found in one of the great-

grandsons of Noah, Nimrod, the grandson of Ham, a very able and powerful man who could be "used" politically. Thru Satan's influence, instilling great ambition thru greed and pride, this Nimrod organized the people into a system of human government, by which man ruled over man contrary to the principles established by God. Such government never could be good or bring blessings to humanity, but the Eternal purposed to permit man to learn that lesson by hard experience. We are learning it still, and haven't learned it yet.

Now notice how the present world's society became organized.

Nimrod organized the present world's first government—the city of BABYLON. Later he organized Nineveh and other cities. He instituted the system of regimentation, whereby one or a few at the top, by directing their efforts, profit from the sweat and labor of others.

Thus the BABYLONISH system of government was started. Soon there were many cities, each ruled by a king. Then an ambitious king, swayed by Satan's philosophy, seeking more worlds to conquer, organized a portion of his manpower into a fighting force and by aggression ruled over adjoining cities. Thus nations were born, and then Empires.

This BABYLONISH principle of government, intertwined with economic

manipulation, has ruled the world ever since. It has ruled under various forms—whether called oligarchy, monarchy, dictatorship, autocracy, democracy, communism or Naziism—but it's the same old BABYLONISH PRINCIPLE under slightly different modes of administration.

And this is the origin of what we call CIVILIZATION. *Its forms of administration* have undergone change in the constant struggle and turmoil—in the rise and fall of empires, of cultures, of rival modes of political, economic, religious, or social administration. But its basic principle has remained the same—the principle of competition and strife based upon greed and vanity.

Regardless of the form in which it appears here or there, it is a system based upon exploitation of the people, aggression, regimentation, delusion and deception. And the entire system is founded on the idea of huddling people together in crowded cities.

Since it is the system of strife and competition, each of the four phases of this civilization—political, economic, religious, and social—has striven constantly to dominate and rule. In ancient Rome the politicians ruled over the Church, Business, and Society. Then after 554 A.D., the Church ruled over the State, Business, and Society. In America, where we are supposed to rule ourselves, it has been a constant struggle for dominance between Big Busi-

ness and the politicians. In Russia today a small group of godless atheistic Marxists have set up a political Dictatorship manipulated by stirring up class hatreds, inducing the laboring class to feel down-trodden enough to put in the saddle this Dictatorship pretending to rule for the benefit of this one class.

But regardless of the particular form of administration, this CIVILIZATION which holds the entire world in its organized grip today is the same old BABYLONISH SYSTEM started at the original BABYLON by Nimrod!

"Babylon" means CONFUSION. Competition and strife have produced confusion in the world. *And God is not the author of confusion* (I Cor. 14:33).

Should Christians Strive to Make This a BETTER WORLD?

Now we come to the reason for needing a true perspective.

Most churchmen today, viewing everything from the perspective of THIS WORLD TODAY, blindly assume this is God's world. They see certain forces of evil in it, and these they feel they must oppose. They see the Christian duty to be that of working to make this a better world.

That concept is a wrong viewpoint altogether.

This is *not* a world of God's making. *This is SATAN'S world!* Satan is the invisible god of this world. He is the author of its organization, its basic philosophies, its systems of government, business, society—yes, AND RELIGIONS!

This thing we boast of as CIVILIZATION is, in actual fact, Satan's handiwork, not God's! Strange as it may seem, that is true!

All nations—not just the heathen powers, but all nations, including ours, are DECEIVED, swayed, led, by Satan (Rev. 12:9; 18:3; 20:2-3). The Bible speaks of this world as "this present EVIL WORLD" (Gal. 1:4).

Why Christ Came!

Into such a world, in His own due time, God sent forth His own Son, born of the human virgin Mary.

WHY did Jesus come? To get into politics, to strive against the forces of evil in this world, to make this a



Wide World Photo

Representative Adam Clayton Powell of New York speaks at NAACP rally in Atlantic City, where Democratic Convention was held. Purpose was to exert political pressure on Party decisions.

better world for humanity to live in?

WHAT was His Message? Certainly NOT a Gospel merely about Himself—a Gospel of merely accepting Him, and then, as part of this world, helping to make it better!

When Jesus reached the approximate age of thirty He was baptized, and anointed with the Holy Spirit as the Christ. But before He preached a word—before He could even enter upon His ministry, He, like the first Adam, had to meet Satan in the greatest contest in all eternity!

It was a contest for the rulership of all the earth. Jesus Christ met and conquered Satan by the Word of God. Satan, like his ministers today, quoted Scripture, but he twisted and perverted its meaning. Christ quoted Scripture, accepted it to mean what it says, overcame Satan by *obeying* it! Jesus withstood Satan's temptations, rejected his deceptions, refused to obey him, conquered him by *obeying* GOD! Then He *commanded* Satan, "Get thee hence!"—and the devil obeyed and slunk away!

Then and there Jesus Christ *qualified* to succeed Satan as RULER OVER ALL THE EARTH! But the time had not yet come for Him to be inaugurated into office. First, He had to return to the throne of God and receive God's official authorization.

God had allotted ONE MILLENNIAL WEEK—that is, a period of seven thousand-year "days"—for the accomplishment of His divine PURPOSE in humanity on this earth. That divine Purpose is the creation of righteous spiritual Sons of God. God allotted the first *six* of these thousand-year periods for Satan's labor of deceiving the human race—six thousand years in which mankind is permitted, if he chooses, to suffer from the "labor" of sin. When the first Adam failed to depose Satan, God extended the duration of Satan's dominion over the earth for six thousand years. This was necessary for the accomplishment of God's great Purpose.

Then, as "in six days God made the heaven and the earth, and the seventh day He rested and was refreshed," even so in the seventh millennium humanity is to "rest" from sin, those



Wide World Photo

Founder of the ultra-conservative John Birch Society, Robert Welch, has been called "intemperate and unwise" by Goldwater, GOP Presidential nominee.

converted are to enter into God's spiritual rest;—and in this coming millennium Satan shall not do *any work*—that is, his work of deceiving the world!

Then Jesus will return to earth, this time in all His power and Glory as KING of kings, and LORD of lords.

But, in God's great Plan, He has purposed that Christ shall rule by and thru many saints then made immortal. They shall form the world-ruling kingdom—the KINGDOM OF GOD—which Kingdom shall rule over all the mortal nations on earth. Time had to be allowed for their conversion.

Jesus Preached GOVERNMENT

So, after meeting and conquering Satan, Jesus devoted three and a half years to teaching His Gospel to His Disciples.

His Gospel—the only true Gospel of Jesus Christ—is not what most people think today. Few have heard it, today!

It was, and is, a Gospel of good government! The word "gospel" means "good news." And what Jesus preached—the Message He brought to mankind from God—was the good news of the coming GOVERNMENT OF GOD—the coming world-ruling government *which shall overthrow, blast out of existence, and rule in place of every present government on earth!*

Yes, Jesus Christ said to Pilate that He was born to be a King! He, Himself, is coming again as WORLD KING!

And His Gospel was merely, as one might say, His *political platform* for His Kingdom. He revealed the way to enter it as one of its immortal citizens—the way of salvation. He revealed its laws.

What Jesus taught was that this present world, with its governments, its religions, its economics, its society, is *an evil world*—it is Satan's world—it is a world *in competition against*, and AT WAR AGAINST, HIS COMING KINGDOM—THE WORLD TOMORROW!

Did Jesus Come to Make This a BETTER WORLD?

No, *Jesus did not enter into THIS WORLD'S politics!* He called His Disciples *out* of this present evil world—out of all its customs and philosophies and ways—to a life of SEPARATION from the world.

Jesus said to His disciples, "Follow Me!" And one cannot follow Him and also follow this present world! He did not mean for Christians to go out of the world, physically. He knew they must live in it, but He taught that they should not be *of* it. In his final prayer for His disciples, Jesus said to His Father, "I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not *of* the world, even as I am not of the world" (John 17: 15-16).

To His called ministers Jesus commanded: "Go ye *into*"—not away from—"all the world, and *preach the Gospel.*" He did not say go into the world and become part of it, striving to make it a better world. He said go into it and "preach the Gospel." And His Gospel is the Good News of a *different* world altogether—of a coming world to be ruled over entirely not by these present various world governments then reformed, but by HIS KINGDOM which shall blast forever out of existence every government that operates today!

"AMBASSADORS for Christ"

Thus Jesus' disciples live *in* this present evil world as though they were

foreigners, here merely as the guests of the nation where they reside, as AMBASSADORS for Christ and His coming Kingdom, here as representatives of His coming Kingdom, *not* of any of this world's governments.

As the Word of God reveals in II Cor. 5:17-20, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away. . . . Now then we are *ambassadors for Christ.*"

The United States sends an ambassador to the Kremlin. He resides for the time in Moscow, Russia. The Christian in the United States is in the same relative position as the American ambassador in Russia. He is not a Communist. He does not regard the Soviet as his government, and he knows well it is a government mortally opposed to his government. He does not serve the Soviet government, nor enter into its politics, nor devote his time in Moscow to trying to eradicate the evils he sees in their system, or to making their state a better state, or to entering into their politics, or voting, or entering their army or fighting for their cause.

Yet, he subjects himself to all their rules and regulations that in any way concern him or his life while there. If they drive automobiles on the left side of the street, he conforms to their regulations. He does not oppose them, he is SUBJECT to them while there, endeavoring to cause them to like him so as to better represent the interests of

his government, the United States.

Jesus taught His disciples to render unto Caesar the things that *are* Caesar's. Specifically he was referring to payment of taxes. If the government levies taxes, pay them. The Bible teaching for the Christian is to be SUBJECT to the powers that be in this world, but, on the other hand, Christians shall *obey God* rather than man.

The true Christian will so conduct himself as to be highly regarded by the powers of government where he lives. He will be regarded by them as a good citizen. He will appreciate the privileges, advantages, and opportunities extended. He will regard himself as the *paying guest* of the country where he resides, and he will act with due courtesy, submission to its rules and regulations insofar as they do not conflict with the commands of God, and submission to their *penalty* where they do.

But the true Christian is one who *follows Christ*, and Christ did not vote! Jesus did not try to reform Caesar. He did not try to make this a better world. Rather, He preached the doctrine of a radically different world to come—and He called His followers out of all participation in this present evil world, and to allegiance to His KINGDOM which is to come.

Citizenship in Heaven

But *His World* is the World *Tomorrow!* His Kingdom, He told Pilate, is

not of this world—that is, of this AGE, this present time. This is Satan's world and Christ did not come to reform Satan, or improve Satan's handiwork, but to save His followers *from* Satan and his system.

Since God's Kingdom is not literally set up as yet, the true Christian's citizenship is now reserved in heaven (I Peter 1:4, Eph. 2:19).

Christians are called to be separate from the world (II Cor. 6:17), and all its affiliations, whether social, political, economic or religious. They are not to live by the philosophies, customs and ways of this world, but by EVERY WORD OF GOD (Luke 4:4). Jesus taught us *not* to live by traditions of the present civilization, but by God's laws (Mark 7:7-9), and He taught here that those who disobey this teaching *WORSHIP HIM IN VAIN*. Yes, thousands call themselves Christians, think they are converted, believe in Christ, worship Him, but *worship Him in vain*, following the course of this world and its customs and ways, instead of the commandments of God! (Mark 7:7-9.)

Jesus said for the Christian to seek *first the KINGDOM OF GOD* (Matt. 6:33), and He also said we cannot give allegiance to and serve *two* kingdoms (verse 24).

How and When Christians Are to Help Run Government

In the prophecy of Daniel 7, and especially in verses 17-18, and 21-22, and 27, we find revealed how and when Christians are to take part in the running of the government.

In this prophecy Daniel is shown the empires of this world from his day until the Kingdom of God. First was the Chaldean Empire, to be followed by the Persian, the Grecian, the Roman. There is now to be one more resurrection of the Roman Empire—a United States of Europe now presently forming.

But finally, at Christ's *second* coming, "the saints of the Most High shall take the Kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever."

These present governments are to run their course "UNTIL the . . . time came that the saints possessed the king-



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Struggle in U.S. politics involves RACE. Here, demonstrators support "Freedom Democratic Party," mostly Negro, against all-white Democratic delegation from Mississippi.

dom." That time has not yet come. Until then Christians are to obey God and be subject to the powers that be.

When Jesus comes again, it is proclaimed: "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and HE shall reign for ever and ever" (Rev. 11:15). Then it is, as Jesus has said, "He that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: and he shall rule them" (Rev. 2:26-27). The smashing of the present governments of the world is pictured in Daniel 2:34-35, 44.

Then Satan shall be shorn of power to rule the world (Rev. 20:1-4). His qualified successor, Christ, shall then be inaugurated into office. Then begins the Sabbath Millennium of Christ's reign—when He shall set His hand again to save Israel and the world.

WHY the World's Greatest Church "Is Fallen"

In the prophecy of Revelation 17 is pictured the greatest church in this world—a *professing* Christian church, ruling over many nations, but she is called in Bible language "the great whore"—a most ugly name!

But you will notice, verse 5, she is shown to be a MOTHER church. She has many daughters, who, even tho they have come out of her in "protest" naming themselves from the word "protest," nevertheless are labeled by God's prophecy as "harlots."

And what caused the terrible sins of these great, popular churches—who have DECEIVED ALL OCCIDENTAL NATIONS? (Verse 2 and 18:3.) What was her fornication?

Notice it—verse 2: "With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication." The "Beast" on which she sits represents the GOVERNMENTS OF THIS WORLD.

The true CHURCH is the affianced Bride of CHRIST. She is to be married to Christ in a Spiritual Marriage AT HIS SECOND COMING! (Rev. 19:7.) Then the true "CHURCH of God" will become the "KINGDOM of God," to rule the earth. But Jesus said, "My Kingdom is not of this world." He taught His disciples to keep themselves unspotted from the world—to separate



Wide World Photo

American Nazi Party demonstrators were arrested by police outside Democratic Convention.

from it.

But this great counterfeit Church, instead of becoming "engaged" to the true Christ, and keeping herself true to Him as coming world ruler, formed an illicit union with the *governments of this world*—entered into this world's politics—sought to DOMINATE this world's governments, took an active part in its affairs! Thus she committed spiritual "fornication"—illicit union prior to marriage.

The Roman church united Church and State, actually ruled over the state, which is Satan's kingdom, for more than a thousand years! The popular churches of Christendom nearly all take active, vigorous part in this world's affairs and its politics. Most churches will now be instructing their members HOW TO VOTE in this presidential election. They are part and parcel of THIS WORLD, and they serve only THE GOD OF THIS WORLD, Satan the devil. *They are deceived!* They do not even know they are doing wrong—they ARE DECEIVED!

This entire system—religion taking part in politics—is labeled "BABYLON" (Rev. 17:5).

"But," some who follow 'Anglo-Israel' teaching will object, "we Americans are ISRAEL. Since we are nationally the race of ISRAEL, ought we not to take active part in our nation's affairs?"

We are ISRAEL, yes—but Israel to-

day is not living under God's divine form of government, which is THEOCRACY, but under a *form* of the BABYLONISH SYSTEM.

The governments which have constituted the various stages of the Roman Empire which is "Babylon" have called their particular form of this system "Fascism." We call ours the "republican" form, or, erroneously, "Democracy." But it is a MAN-MADE form of administration of the BABYLONISH SYSTEM.

ISRAEL—the United States, Britain, the "Democracies" of northwestern Europe—modern Israel is IN BABYLON TODAY, just as prophecy states (Jer. 50:1, 4-6, 8; Isa. 48:1, 12-20, etc.). It is because of this—*because our sins are increasing*—because we have made alliances with heathen powers instead of relying upon our God—that the Eternal warns us our nations are soon to be invaded and conquered, in order to bring our people back to God (Isa. 47:1-6; Jer. 30:7-16, 24; Micah 5:8-11; Ezek. 3:1, 4-7, 17; 5:12-14; 6:11-14).

Yes, ISRAEL IS IN A "BABYLONISH" system today, and GOD CALLS US OUT! (Rev. 18:4, Jer. 50:8; 51:6-9.)

Jesus Would Not Take Part

What, then, would Jesus do in this time of presidential election? He would WARN our people Israel: "COME OUT of her (Babylon), my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and *that ye receive not of her plagues!*" The plagues of God are soon to fall upon BABYLON and all who choose to remain a part of "Babylon." JESUS CALLS YOU OUT!

What would Jesus do? HE WOULD BE TOO BUSY PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS OF HIS OWN COMING WORLD-RULING KINGDOM, and the way of salvation, to take any part whatsoever in the politics of this present evil world, or in any man-made form of government that is DOOMED very soon to be destroyed and replaced by the Theocratic government of THE KINGDOM OF GOD!

Our mission is, as Ambassadors of Christ—as advance emissaries of HIS KINGDOM—to WARN Israel of her plight and present danger, to proclaim to all nations the Good News of THE KINGDOM OF GOD!

Personal from the Editor

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ever you look to as your supreme authority—whatever you serve and obey as supreme—whatever you worship with devotion—is your GOD.

There is a Biblical explanation of turning patriotism into idolatry. In the Book of Revelation, the Roman Empire is symbolically pictured as a "Beast." God pictures Empires here, and in Daniel's prophecy, by the wild animals whose natures are those of these kingdoms. Speaking of the Roman Empire—and, in the dual sense, of the resurrected Empire just now beginning to emerge out of the Common Market in Europe—we read: "And they worshipped the dragon [Satan] which gave power unto the Beast: and they worshipped the Beast, saying, Who is like unto the Beast? who is able to make war with him?" (Rev. 13:4.)

Their patriotism became WORSHIP. They WORSHIPPED this Beast. HOW? By 'saying, Who is like unto the Beast? who is able to make war with him?' By extolling their country, competitively with other countries, as so great none other would dare stand up in war against it.

Have you ever heard anyone brag of *your* country: "Why, we could lick any other country with one hand tied behind our backs!" That is WORSHIP! That becomes IDOLATRY! It extolls *your* country in a manner derogatory of others. It expresses hate toward others as well as love for yours.

It is NOT wrong to LOVE your own country—or even your own SELF! But God's LAW says it *is* wrong to love your SELF *more than* your neighbor. It says you shall love your neighbor AS yourself.

It is NOT idolatry to be patriotic—to LOVE your country—as long as you *do not discriminate* against others.

The United States is *my* native land. I LOVE this country! But I love Jesus Christ as my Saviour *more!* I love Almighty God the Father *more!* And I love also the PEOPLE of other countries.

God Himself is PERFECT, and He

commands us to be perfect, even as He is perfect. God is no respecter of persons! HE DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE! We must learn to be LIKE HIM!

Did you notice that dissension, jealousy, rivalry, factions, and party-spirit, are attitudes that are sure to keep you OUT of God's Kingdom—if you harbor them? Are you SURE you have rooted out all this partisan feeling—this spirit of rivalry—of favoring one *at the expense of* the other—from your mind?

If you haven't, you'd better go to work on it—FAST! There isn't much time left. And unless you do get all such attitudes rooted out of your active nature BEFORE the end, you'll be doomed to the lake of fire! Better not take it lightly. The stakes are ETERNAL LIFE!

WILL YOU STARVE?

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get my FACTS?

First—from the same source as anyone: newscasts and newspapers. Secondly, from the world's finest and most up-to-date news magazines. But MOST important, from sources that are in many ways *even superior* to THESE!

Here at Ambassador College, in Pasadena, California, we have our own *wire service*, ticking away 24 hours a day and night! At our Ambassador College News Bureau several full-time men are carefully sifting through the most respected news sources from around the world! They receive *inside* information in the form of private business letters which go only to huge corporations; economists' reports; printed reports from government agencies; newspapers and periodicals from other nations (and our multi-lingual department translates them all). Each week, the head of that department, Mr. Gene Hogberg, whose articles have appeared in *The PLAIN TRUTH*, distributes a weekly *news report*. These weekly reports represent only the *most vitally important* points of news which relate directly to the PROPHECIES of the Bible, and the most significant events occurring in our time. In addition to these *weekly* reports, certain SPECIAL reports are com-

piled from time to time.

As the months and years go by, all of the hundreds of thousands of clippings, papers, letters, articles, or photo-stats of microfilms of them, are carefully stored and filed.

At these extensive "central files" of information, it is possible for our News Bureau staff to gather the most pertinent information on a subject such as drought and weather conditions for the past *decades!*

But what I want you readers to understand is that *all this* is STILL only a PART of the news data at our fingertips!

Hundreds of thousands of letters per year come flooding into our Headquarters office at Pasadena, through Box 111. And multiple THOUSANDS of these come from farmers in every state of the union, every territory, and every part of this vast, sprawling, broad earth!

Farmers are concerned about their farms. They talk about the weather. They talk about their crops. When they hear me make certain statements on the radio concerning weather, or mention the prophecies to which I refer in this article, MANY will write in their own PERSONAL EXPERIENCES!

We receive literally HUNDREDS of letters *every single week* from Maine to Florida, and from Washington to Southern California, telling us of the *local* conditions in their areas.

It would take you literally MONTHS to read them all! But if you COULD, as our staff does, and has—your hair would stand on end—your breath would come short—your face would take on a grayish pallor—your flesh would stand up in goose bumps—and you would begin to KNOW, *as you have never known before*, the really SERIOUS conditions of our lands—*just as they really are!*

When I began this article, I asked Mr. Hogberg for a file on the most current conditions. Here are just a few of the facts he gave me.

Current Conditions

The United States Government has designated as disaster areas 306 counties in fourteen states! Continued *drought* in key growing areas has meant