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Have You Tried to Convert Others?

Have YOU tried to induce others to read *The Plain Truth*, *The Good News* or tune in to the *World Tomorrow* broadcast? Perhaps your wife — your husband — one of your family — a close relative or friend?

Have YOU tried to get others converted — “saved,” as many express it? Have YOU started to “preach”?

If you have, you have probably stirred controversy, antagonism — lost a friend — or even a wife or husband.

But if you haven't — *DON'T!*

You want to share the truth

I know that many of our readers — yes, *thousands* of you, out of our more than 20 million readers of these magazines — have been led to accept God's TRUTH. You have learned to LOVE your Creator's TRUTH that He reveals — and that we MAKE PLAIN.

The TRUTH becomes the most precious thing in your life. You become excited about it. You are filled with enthusiastic ZEAL over it.

Before, like all unconverted people, you were carnal-minded — SELF-centered, selfish. But *now*, your mind is God-centered. *NOW*, instead of exclusive SELF-concern, you have an enthusiastic, OUTGOING concern for others. Especially those in your own

family — your relatives — your closest friends.

You want to SHARE this wonderful TRUTH. You want *them* to inherit eternal life in the Kingdom of God. You want to save them from perishing.

Your MOTIVES are well-intended. Your ZEAL is splendid — but you may be like a woman I knew who had more zeal than wisdom.

This woman tried by her TALK to “save” her husband and her teenage son. But instead of arguing them into it, she turned them to hostility, resentment, embitterment against God! This woman tried to save her neighbors — almost her whole town. She only turned them all against her.

But, some will ask, didn't Jesus tell us we are the light of the world — and that we must let our light SHINE?

Oh, yes! But did you notice HOW He said we must let our light shine? LISTEN: “You are the light of the world. . . . Let your light so shine before men, that they may SEE your GOOD WORKS” (Matthew 5:14, 16).

NOTICE THAT CAREFULLY! He did NOT say “that they may HEAR your good ARGUMENTS.” He said that they may SEE your GOOD WORKS!

But now WAIT A MINUTE!

Should you never tell anyone about *The World Tomorrow*, or let anyone see *The Plain Truth*? Yes, by all means — but be

CAREFUL *HOW* you do it. To just MENTION the broadcast to a friend and SUGGEST that he or she might find it interesting is fine. I wish you would. BUT don't go too far! Don't URGE, ARGUE or try to TEACH religion.

NEVER PREACH to unconverted people. We don't on *The World Tomorrow* and in *The Plain Truth*. We want to reach the unconverted on *The World Tomorrow*, as well as the converted.

We don't “preach at” people

Did you ever notice that the *World Tomorrow* program makes plain the REAL MEANING of today's world news, and that it REPORTS *tomorrow's* world news *before it happens*? Your friends may be interested in NEWS, but not in religion.

Did you ever notice that *The World Tomorrow* is not like the RELIGIOUS broadcasts on the air? It NEVER starts out with religious hymns, and a voice in a sentimental, syrupy tone saying, “Dear friends in Radioland, I trust that this broadcast will bring a blessing to your hearts — isn't it WONDERFUL to know the Lord?”

Do you know what happens when such religious broadcasts start on a radio or television station? Well, MOST people tuned in snap the dial quickly. They either tune to a different program, or they turn it off. Only the “religious audience” — an infinitesimally small part of the whole radio audience — remains. And

they probably tune in specially because they are regular listeners to that particular program.

But do you know WHY millions of people buy and read such magazines as *Reader's Digest*, *Life*, *People*, *McCall's*, *Ladies' Home Journal*, etc.? These magazines are filled with articles about PEOPLE — about their everyday PROBLEMS — about WORLD CONDITIONS — HUMAN-INTEREST subjects. The MILLIONS are interested in THOSE things.

EVERYBODY is interested in such questions. But only a very small FEW by comparison are interested in a sentimental, emotional RELIGIOUS broadcast that sounds just like a church service.

On *The World Tomorrow* and in *The Plain Truth* we do not drive people away by "PREACHING AT" them. We want ALL people to hear the good news. So we TALK ABOUT THE THINGS ALL PEOPLE WANT TO HEAR! We talk about the VERY questions, problems, conditions and subjects that cause multiple millions to buy and read these other magazines, and the newsmagazines.

But we make these interest-gripping subjects far *more* interesting by injecting *life* and *spark* and *meaning* into them by use of biblical material that ASTONISHES — in a nonreligious-sounding manner — giving the surprising, eye-opening, practical and authoritative ANSWERS to the many increasingly disturbing questions, problems and happenings of OUR DAY.

In this way, we open people's eyes to the real ANSWERS to the *otherwise UN*answerable problems that plague governments, science and people generally.

People are ASTONISHED to learn that such answers are *in* the Bible. They are being told by educators that there are no answers — there are NO SOLUTIONS. Then they hear the ANSWERS on *The World Tomorrow* — answers that MAKE SENSE. It SURPRISES people to learn that the Bible is UP-TO-DATE, dealing with TODAY'S conditions, news, problems.

Then there's a lot in HOW it is done. It is done in the profes-

sional MANNER of a network news analyst, or a network documentary — not in a religious sounding manner.

THAT'S THE REASON *The World Tomorrow* has one of the BIGGEST audiences on most television stations for programs of this category.

So, if you want to induce MORE and MORE people to listen to *The World Tomorrow*, *don't* tell them it is a "religious" broadcast, because it is NOT like any religious broadcast. Tell them it is an exciting NEWS, HUMAN-INTEREST, EDUCATIONAL program that is MORE TALKED ABOUT than any other on the air.

But if you mention religion or the Bible, chances are they won't even start to listen.

The Plain Truth follows the same pattern. It's not like any church or religious paper or magazine. It's a WORLD-NEWS magazine. It's a magazine about PEOPLE — their problems and interests. It's a human-experience magazine.

You might do many of your friends a great service by letting them see your copy of *The Plain Truth*. Don't URGE them to read it. Don't ARGUE them into it or try to talk them into reading it. If it doesn't grab their interest, FORGET IT! If it does, tell them they may have a year's subscription, already paid — NO COST TO THEM — and show them on the inside front cover the mailing address, so they may write in for it. But remember, THEY must request it *for themselves*.

We try to let our light shine by our GOOD ACTIONS, here at God's headquarters at Ambassador College. We do the same at both campuses — here and in Texas. And we are gaining the respect of our communities.

I learned this lesson about letting people see your *good deeds* rather than your good ARGUMENTS many years ago. Following is the story of my own experience of nearly 60 years ago. Don't you make this mistake!

A common mistake

The year 1927 was a very

eventful year in my life. As soon as I swallowed my bitterest pill of rebellion, surrendered to *obey* the mighty God through faith in Jesus Christ, this new Christian WAY became the most happy, joyful experience of my life. Studying the Bible became a passion. I plunged into it with a fierce zeal.

The all-day sessions at the Portland, Ore., Public Library did not stop with my capitulation to the truth following the six months' anger-inspired study to end my wife's "fanaticism."

No longer was it an intensive study driven by anger and determination to have my own way. Now it was an enthusiastic study of eager anticipation, literally *thrilling* to every new discovery of spiritual "light" and biblical truth.

Now a passion swept over me to "get our families saved."

With the best intentions in the world, I set out on a vigorous campaign. To me, it was the loving and intense desire to *share* the wonders and glories of salvation and Bible knowledge with those we felt we loved most. But to most of them, it was an unwanted effort to "cram my crazy religion down their throats."

I did succeed, apparently, in talking one sister-in-law into a certain start. I had to learn later it was a false start. She was baptized either when I was or very shortly afterward. But, as too often happens when a high-pressure salesman talks one into something he or she doesn't really want, she turned against it all shortly afterward.

I had to learn, however, that even though I had believed I was a pretty good salesman in my earlier business experience, I was unable utterly to "cram my religion down my relatives' throats." My efforts only aroused hostility. They said I was "crazy."

This is a universal mistake committed by the newly converted. Especially is this true where a husband or wife yields to God's truth without the other.

It nearly broke up our marriage.
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Who or What Is the Prophetic Beast?

Part Two

Bible prophecy reveals events of our time and world-shaking events soon to change your life. A major world-shaking event is foretold in the symbolic language of a mysterious, world-dominating, wild beast.

By Herbert W. Armstrong

The entire beast of Revelation 17 — the revivals of the Roman Empire — is a part of the seven heads of Revelation 13 and Daniel 7 because it comprises the last seven horns.

Yet this revived Roman Empire is “the eighth” system, differing from the seven before it (Revelation 17:11).

The number of the beast — 666

Where shall we find that mysterious number 666? Does the pope, as some claim, wear it on his crown, identifying him as the beast of Revelation 13? Or must we look for it elsewhere?

Here are all the Bible scriptures speaking directly of this



number: “And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

The Good News is publishing, serially, Editor-in-Chief Herbert W. Armstrong’s newest booklet Who or What Is the Prophetic Beast?

Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six” (Revelation 13:17-18).

“And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God” (Revelation 15:2).

Note these points

From these scriptures, we have the following definite points:

- 1) The beast has a number and may be identified, if we have wisdom, by this number.
- 2) The number is 666.
- 3) We are told to count this number — that is, add it up. The

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same Greek word is used elsewhere only in Luke 14:28: "Count the cost."

4) This number, 666, is the number of the beast. The only Bible interpretation of this symbol, "beast," is a kingdom or the king who rules a kingdom and therefore really is the kingdom (Daniel 7:17-18, 22-24, 27). Therefore this number 666 must be the number of the KINGDOM, or GOVERNMENT, or EMPIRE, as well as that of the king who founds or rules it.

5) The expression "the name of the beast, or the number of his name" makes plain that the number 666 is the number of the name of the kingdom or empire.

6) The expression "it is the number of a man" shows we must also count this number in the name of the king, or ruler, over the kingdom identified as the "beast."

The beast is not the woman

In the 17th chapter of Revelation we find a beast, and a woman — a great, wealthy but fallen woman — who was riding the beast.

The Bible describes the symbol "woman" to mean a church (see II Corinthians 11:2, Revelation 19:7, Ephesians 5:22-27). On the other hand, "beast" is a symbol of a kingdom, or empire.

Let us be consistent. The beast of Revelation 13 is not the woman who rode the beast — the beast is the government, and the woman is a church.

The beast of Revelation 13 is the Roman Empire!

This beast had a deadly wound (Revelation 13:3). That means the beast ceased altogether to exist or function as it had since 31 B.C. Yet its deadly wound was later healed, after which (verse 5) it continued to exist another 1,260 years!

Those who believe a church is the beast say this deadly wound came in 1798. But the church did not cease to function in that year. Napoleon's abuse of the pope in 1798 could in no sense be called a wound to death. And those who teach this do not expect that

church to continue on another 1,260 years.

The founder of Rome

The founder and first king of Rome was Romulus. The Roman Empire was named after him. His name, the name of a man, is the name of the kingdom. Every citizen in the kingdom bears the same name — each is a Roman.

When John wrote this Revelation, telling us to count the num-

Satan has his civil government. He gave it "his power, and his seat, and great authority." He also has organized religion deceiving the world.

ber of the beast, he wrote in Greek, so we should look for this name, and the number 666, in this language recognized in the Bible, not in the Latin.

We are all familiar with the Roman numerals, where letters are used for numbers: I is 1, V is 5, X is 10, etc. But many do not know that the Greek language, the language in which the book of Revelation was written, also uses letters for numbers.

In the Greek, this name was understood in the second century A.D. to have originally been spelled Lateinos. It signifies "Latin man" or "the name of Latium," from which region the Romans derived their origin and their language. This word, too, signifies "Roman."

In the Greek, L is 30, A is 1, T is 300, E is 5, I is 10, N is 50, O is 70, S is 200.

Count these figures. They count to exactly 666!

It is indeed no coincidence that the name of the kingdom, its founder and first king, and of each man in the kingdom, counts to exactly 666!

Certainly the beast stands identified!

And Mussolini, too

But the same number — 666

— was also branded in Latin on the man who dominated the puny sixth head of the symbolic beast.

Mussolini called himself "Il Duce." Italians shouted "Viva Il Duce!" which means "long live the chief." Everywhere in Italy was found the printed sign, "vv il duce."

The "vv" is the abbreviation used for "Viva." A "V" is used instead of the "U" as is very commonly done. While this is a greeting, or title, Mussolini actu-

ally employed "Il Duce" as a name. It is in Latin. Count it.

V is 5, V is 5, I is 1, L is 50, D is 500, V is 5, C is 100, E has no number.

Now count them, and you have exactly 666!

Thus this number 666 is indelibly branded upon the Roman Empire!

But, some will ask, does not this number apply to the pope? Some teach "the words 'Vicarius Filii Dei' are on the pope's triple crown." The pope does, on some occasions, wear a triple crown, but these words are not on it! We should prove all things.

The denomination that teaches this sent Professor C.T. Everson to Rome, where he gained access to and searched the Vatican archives, but he could find no crown or record of such a crown containing these words.

Furthermore, these words are in the Latin, not a Bible language. This is not a name, but a title, and it is the name of the beast, and the number of the name of the man of the beast, we are told to count. Further, this Latin title does not apply to a kingdom, or empire, but alone to a man.

And so the number 666 is branded on the Roman Empire,

on the founder and first king of the Latins, on every Roman, and even on Mussolini.

Could anything be any more conclusive?

The two-horned beast

Satan has his civil government on earth. He gave this government "his power, and his seat, and great authority."

He also has organized religion as his instrumentality in deceiving the world. In II Corinthians 11:14, we find Satan is transformed into an "angel of light." According to Revelation 12:9 and 20:3, he has deceived the whole world.

How?

Paul tells us in II Corinthians 11:13-15. Satan has his ministers who pretend to be the ministers of righteousness, but are actually false apostles, deceitful workers, calling themselves the ministers of Christ! Therefore they claim to be Christian ministers. They are the many, not the few, because all prophecies say it is the many, not the few, who have been deceived.

Satan's main labor for 6,000 years has been the deceiving of the world.

Now turn to the 13th chapter of Revelation, beginning with verse 11: "And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon."

Who — what — is this "beast"?

Some say it will be the United States aligned with the papacy. Some believe it is a federation of Protestant churches. Others declared it the Pan-American Union. Most church organizations ignore this very vital subject completely, or say frankly, "We do not know!"

Why this widespread ignorance, when the answer is so plain? Yes, why indeed?

The Bible interpretation

Remember, first, the Bible interprets its own symbols! When men put their own interpretation on Bible symbols, their conclusions are always false! Notice, af-

ter John saw one beast, which we have proved to be identified as the Roman Empire, he now sees ANOTHER — a different — beast rise up.

We have learned that "beast" is a symbol for a kingdom, or civil government, and the term represents either the kingdom or its leader, as the case may be (Daniel 7:17, 23). So this other beast with the two horns is the prophecy of another kingdom or government.

In these prophecies, God pictures to us the earthly gentile governments as the wild beasts whose characteristics describe them. This two-horned beast appeared as a lamb. But actually it spoke as a dragon — its true characteristic — for "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh" (Matthew 12:34).

What does the word "lamb" symbolize, in the Bible? The answer is, Christ (John 1:29, Revelation 17:14). And "dragon" is a symbol of the devil (Revelation 12:9, 20:2).

So here is some kingdom or government appearing as that of

deceiver, and he has deceived the world into supposing his (Satan's) system of churches is the Kingdom of God.

Now notice carefully Revelation 13:12: "And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him."

The first beast is the Roman Empire. Here is another government pretending to be Christ's government, the Kingdom of God, taking, exercising, using, employing all the power of the first kingdom.

Now when? "He exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed" (verse 12).

So, it was after the deadly wound (of A.D. 476) was healed. It was healed when Justinian brought about the restoration of the Empire in the West in A.D. 554. Consequently this religious government exercised power after A.D. 554 when the Roman Empire was restored.

So here we have pictured a government — a religious gov-

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Jesus Christ, or the Kingdom of God.

Christ did not set up a government (kingdom) at His first appearing on earth. After His resurrection the disciples asked Him if He would at that time restore the Kingdom (Acts 1:6), but He did not.

The Church is not the Kingdom. Because some thought it was, Jesus spoke the parable of Luke 19:11-27 to show that He first must ascend to His Father's throne in heaven to receive the royal power to become King of kings, to set up the world-ruling Kingdom of God. But Satan is a

ernment — appearing as Christ's government, masquerading as the Kingdom of God, actually ruling the civil Roman Empire after A.D. 554.

The teaching in that day was that the Second Coming of Christ is fulfilled in the person of the leaders of the church. The Millennium had begun.

For the entire 1,260 years, the emperors acknowledged the supreme power of religion. The church was organized as a government — as a dual, twofold government (symbolized by its two horns or kingdoms — for "horns" symbolize kingdoms,

also — see Daniel 7:24). It embodied church government, and it also was a state or civil government, always occupying a certain amount of territory over which it, alone, ruled as an independent sovereign state — in addition to actually ruling over the vast civil kingdom called the Holy Roman Empire.

Even today, it is a separate, independent, sovereign state.

Notice, this second beast was to wield power over all the earth, because it was to cause the earth, and them that dwell therein, to worship this first beast “whose deadly wound was healed” — after 554.

In most any encyclopedia, under “Millennium,” you will read the history of this very event — of how the “Holy Roman Empire” was called the “Kingdom of God upon earth.”

They claimed the Millennium had arrived!

Notice Revelation 13:14: “And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast.”

Verse 13 says, “He doeth great wonders.”

So notice these three points:

1) This beast performs great miracles.

2) He performed them “in the sight of” the Holy Roman Empire, or the first beast.

3) With them he deceived all nations.

All nations deceived

Where else in the Bible prophecies do we find these same identical facts?

First, note Revelation 17. Here is pictured a woman. In II Corinthians 11:2, Ephesians 5:22-27 and elsewhere, we learn that “woman” is a symbol for church. This woman is a fallen woman — an apostate church — pictured as ruling over many nations (Revelation 17:1, 15).

In Revelation 17:3, this false church is pictured sitting on a beast “having seven heads and ten horns.” A woman riding a horse guides, controls, the horse. It does her bidding. Notice, verse

18, that this woman is “that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.” Notice, verse 2, the inhabitants of the earth have been deceived by this counterfeit Christianity. Also, Revelation 18:3, she has deceived all nations.

Next, notice II Thessalonians 2:3-4. The day of Christ — and the coming of Christ — shall not come, until there be a falling away, and a “man of sin” be revealed. He exalts himself above all that is called God. As God, he sits in a temple claimed to be the temple of God, showing himself to deceive people into accepting him as God. God is our holy Father. This final man, in a religious office, will claim the same title.

This wicked man is to be destroyed at, and by, Christ’s coming (verse 8).

Notice verses 9-10: “Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs [miracles] and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness.”

Here is an important religious figure who is prophesied to perform miracles and lying wonders, with which he deceives people everywhere.

At Armageddon

This deceiving religious ruler will still be active clear down to Armageddon and the Second Coming of Christ!

In Revelation 16:13-16 are described three foul spirits. They come from the dragon, which is the devil; from the beast, which is the civil Roman ruler; and from the mouth of the false prophet associated with him.

“For,” continues verse 14, “they are the spirits of devils [demons], WORKING MIRACLES, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.” And they are gathered, finally, at Armageddon!

Note it! Yet future, the Roman ruler, as the Roman Empire, is again restored, along with a great religious leader — and all in the

power and influence of the devil! Working miracles!

All prophecies concerning them show these powers doing the same things!

Now notice the last battle of “that great day of God Almighty.” It is in Revelation 19:19-20.

Here is pictured the beast — “and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image.”

Note it! Compare with the two-horned beast of Revelation 13:11-17:

1) Both perform miracles.

2) Both perform them before, or in the sight of, the beast.

3) With them, both the false prophet and two-horned beast deceive them that have the mark of the beast — cause them to receive that mark (Revelation 13:16).

Certainly, then, this two-horned beast, the false prophet, the man of sin and the woman that rode the beast are all picturing a counterfeit Christianity.

Now did the two-horned beast deceive the very ones who have the mark of the beast? He did! Continue in Revelation 13:

“And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth” — how? — “. . . saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: and that no man might buy or sell [trade, earn a living, hold a job], save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name” (verse 14-17).

So, notice: This two-horned beast not only caused people to
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the creatures around them. Although they ate food and breathed air like the animals, there was a great difference.

Adam and Eve were made after the image of God and were destined to live forever, if they so chose. But first they had to qualify. The newly created man and woman needed to be reminded that there is more to life than mere physical pursuits. God set aside the seventh day as holy time for that purpose.

When Adam and Eve listened to Satan and were persuaded by him to choose their own way rather than God's way (Genesis 3:1-6), they cut themselves off from knowledge that could have shown them the way to eternal life. To this day the vast majority of Adam's descendants are totally unaware of the real reason why they exist.

(If you haven't already read it, send for a free copy of our eye-opening book *The Incredible Human Potential*.)

A break from routine

In a materialistic world, spiritual values are elusive. Left to ourselves, most of us would never take time out of our busy schedules to concentrate on spiritual values for a while.

We see this clearly by the way most professing Christians "observe" Sunday. They may go to church, but the rest of the day is spent doing their own pleasure — sports, watching television, going to the beach, working around the house.

Certainly that accomplishes the purpose of providing a physical break from routine, but there is more to a real Sabbath than that. That is why God made the Sabbath a commandment.

"Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your manservant, nor your maidservant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is

in them, and rested the seventh day" (Exodus 20:9-11).

That's not a suggestion — it is an order. God wants us to take seriously His command to keep the Sabbath. It is not just like any other day, to be used in any way you please. Although the Pharisees went overboard and made the Sabbath a burden, our modern world has gone to the opposite extreme.

More than just "a day off"

God kept the first Sabbath with Adam and Eve, and He found it refreshing. Probably He used that time to teach them more about life and how to live it.

God has never changed. He would enjoy spending the next Sabbath with you. He has the time set aside for that purpose.

God is ready to use next Sabbath to teach you, through His Word as you study the Bible, and through His true ministers as you attend services in His Church. He will be with you as you fellowship with His people (Matthew 18:20). He will listen to you as you pray (plenty of time on the Sabbath — so there is no excuse not to, right?). God would find it refreshing to open your mind to more of His truth and to teach you what you need to know so that you can inherit the wonderful eternal life that He is eager to share with you.

But not if you spend the time working, or on the golf course, or fixing the roof, or doing the week's grocery shopping.

If you keep the Sabbath properly, then when the sun sets next Saturday evening and the Sabbath is over, your mind could be tuned to the real purpose of your life. The worries, fears and problems of living in this world will be placed in perspective. You will be ready for another week of accomplishment — of life being lived for its real purpose.

That purpose has never changed. The Sabbath has never changed, and the reason for observing it is the same today as it was in the first century, when Jesus taught, "The Sabbath was made for man" (Mark 2:27). □

PERSONAL

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riage — even though Mrs. Armstrong did NOT attempt to inject her new religious belief into me. In our case the marriage was saved only because I accepted the challenge to study into it myself, confident I could prove she was wrong.

But most mates will not study into it. Most unconverted mates, especially if the converted one tries to talk the other into his or her religion, will break up the home.

In the more than 58 years since my conversion, I have known of dozens and scores of marriages that have ended in divorce *because the newly converted mate tried to talk the unconverted one into accepting it*. In a very few, if any, instances has the unconverted mate been talked into accepting it.

Of all things evil and harmful a newly converted Christian can do, the very WORST is to try to talk your husband or wife into your religion. **WHATEVER** else you do, let me *plead* with every such reader, **NEVER** commit this tragic sin. If you love your husband or wife, *don't do it!* If you love your Savior who died for you and now lives for you, **DON'T DO IT!**

Each one must decide

Remember these scriptures: "No one can come to Me," said Jesus, "unless the Father who sent Me draws him" (John 6:44, 65).

Again, Jesus said: "Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did *not* come to bring peace but a sword. For I have come to 'set a man against his father, daughter against her mother . . .' and 'a man's foes will be those of his own household.' . . . He who loves father or mother [or wife or husband] more than Me is not worthy of Me. . . . And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me" (Matthew 10:34-38). God made every

human being a free moral agent. Thank God He did! No one has power to force on *you* any unwanted religion.

Every individual makes his *own* decision. A religious difference between husband and wife is a serious handicap. The Bible *forbids* a converted person from marrying an unconverted.

But if such difference already exists, do not make matters worse by *talking* religion to your mate. Do all your *talking* to God in prayer.

Let your mate *see* your happy, pleasant, cheerful, joyful, loving WAY of life — not *hear* your arguments or nagging! Allow your mate complete religious latitude and freedom — whether to be converted, religious, irreligious or atheistic!

I am glad I learned that lesson early. I have had to maintain certain business connections with many people, since being plunged into God's work. I must maintain contacts with television people, publishers, professional people. I get along splendidly with them. A big reason is that I never talk religion to them.

I never try to talk *anyone* into accepting Bible truth or being converted. I go *to* the world over the air and in print, and everyone is free to listen or read — or to dial out or not read. No one gets our literature unless he or she personally requests it. We try never to force God's precious truth on anyone. That's GOD'S WAY!

How Paul worked

Do you know how the apostle Paul won individuals to Christ? Not the way people attempt to do it today. He said "I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save *some*" (I Corinthians 9:22).

When he talked to an unconverted Jew, do you suppose he spoke as Christians who think they are "witnessing for Christ"? Do you suppose Paul said to the unconverted Jew: "Have you received Christ as your personal Savior? Oh, *won't* you just kneel with me right here, dear brother, and give your heart to the Lord

right now?" Or, do you suppose he said: "Look here, my Jewish sinner-friend, you're on the way to hell. Your religion is all wrong. Every day you reject Christ as your Savior you are crucifying Him afresh. You are worse than a thief or a murderer. I'm going to keep after you, and pester you with all of my arguments, and drum them into your stubborn ears, and beat them into that stiff, rebellious mind of yours until I *force* you to become a Christian."

No, that is not the way Paul spoke to unconverted Jews. Paul said, "To the Jews I became *as a Jew*" (verse 20). Paul spoke to others *from their point of view!* He talked to a Jew just like *another Jew* — from the *Jewish viewpoint* — showing sympathy and understanding of the *Jews'* way of looking at Christianity. They were — and mostly are today — hostile to the idea of Jesus being the promised Messiah.

Paul did not rouse hostility — he put it down. He got on the inside, so to speak, just as *one of them*, so that they were *sympathetic* toward him, not hostile. He became *as a Jew*, "that I might win Jews." Even so, he gained only a small minority, yet it was a large number.

Perhaps you have had your eyes opened to the fact that sin is the transgression of God's law. Most professing Christians have been taught, and consequently sincerely believe, that "the law is done away." Paul was inspired to write that the carnal mind is hostile to God and to God's law — "It is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be" (Romans 8:7).

If you say to your unconverted mate who is hostile to God's law: "You're just a rebellious *sinner*, and your church is just one of these false worldly churches. You've got to *repent* and obey God's commandments if you are going to be saved" — you have not only aroused hostility, you have yourself *been* hostile, and you probably have broken up your marriage.

How did Paul talk to such peo-

ple? Listen: "And to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews . . . to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some" (I Corinthians 9:20-22).

Don't antagonize others

One of the first principles of successful advertising I learned early in my career is that to get results you must *first* learn the attitude of your reading audience toward whatever product or service you are advertising. You must not antagonize those whom you expect to persuade. You must approach them from *their* point of view — not from *yours*, especially if your viewpoint is contrary to theirs. To win them to *your* point of view, you must approach them from *their* viewpoint. Otherwise you only arouse hostility.

I know that these words are addressed to a very large number who have made this terrible mistake. That is why I have devoted so much space to this point.

If you believe God's truth, and your husband or wife does not, NEVER TALK RELIGION to him or her. If your mate normally thinks and speaks only of material and worldly things, then you must speak of material things to your spouse.

If the *World Tomorrow* broadcast has, probably because of your own aggressiveness in trying to get your mate to listen, become a sore spot, go off to some private room to hear the program. Keep the volume turned down. *Make every effort NOT to antagonize* your husband or wife.

And again, when you *talk* about it, talk to God in prayer. Let your mate see your *good works*, in a manner that he or she will naturally approve.

Avoid every hostility. Be *pleasant*. Keep *cheerful!* Be *happy!* Radiate JOY! Give LOVE and warm affection! Do everything to cause your husband or wife to *like* you! *THAT IS THE CHRISTIAN WAY!* □

Beast

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receive the mark of the beast (compare Revelation 19:20), but also perpetrated the forming of an image that caused the martyrdom of saints. As many as would not worship this image were caused to be killed. This false church did not kill them — she caused them to be killed.

History shows that the civil government martyred millions who were declared “anathema from Christ” or “heretics.”

Compare with the woman who rode the beast in Revelation 17: “And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus” (verse 6). Certainly these are one and the same.

The image of the beast

Now this ecclesiastical organization, which is a twofold government, deceived the people by saying they should make an image of the beast. Note it (Revelation 13:14) — that is how it deceived people.

What is an image? The dictionary says a “likeness,” a “copy, representation, model, semblance, counterpart.” So here is a church saying, “Let us make a model, or counterpart, of the civil Roman government” — for that is what the beast is.

Jesus Christ proclaimed the Kingdom, or government, of God — divine government by will of God and by God’s law — not paganized human government by will of man and man-made laws. His Church includes all Spirit-begotten saints who have and are led by the Holy Spirit. Christ is its only Head, and His Kingdom is not of this world!

Where, then, did human church government derive its present form? “The first pope, in the real sense of the word, was Leo I (440-461 A.D.),” says the *Cyclopedia of Biblical, Theological and Ecclesiastical Literature*, Vol. 7, page 629. To him the form of government of the Roman Empire was the most

marvelous thing on earth. He applied its principles to the church, organized the church into a government, forming the papacy.

This church government is the image of the beast.

Says Myers’ *Ancient History*: “During the reign of Leo I, the Church set up, within the Roman Empire, an ecclesiastical state [government] which, in its constitution and its administrative system, was shaping itself upon the imperial model.”

This church government, then, according to this historical authority, is in fact a model, a counterpart, an image of the beast, which is actually the Roman Empire government.

The *Britannica* calls it an ecclesiastical world empire!

This image — man-designed and man-ruled church government — compelled people to worship the church! And since the church was organized into a worldly government, this was worship of the image — false worship — idolatry!

But this church became a mother, and daughter churches came out of her in “protest,” calling themselves “Protestant.” And all have worldly, political church government.

“Upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS” (Revelation 17:5). Her daughters are called “harlots.” Together, they are called “BABYLON.” They are pagan, teaching pagan doctrines and customs, cloaked in the name of Christianity! And all nations are deceived!

Yes, human-organized churchianity, not Bible-designed spiritual-organism government, is the image of the beast. It is the pagan political counterfeit of God’s true government.

“Come out of her,” God says (Revelation 18:4). God help us to heed! □

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Correction: The photo credit on page 12 of the October-November Good News should read, “Farnham — Fotobank/England Scene.”

Terrorism

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when Satan — the ultimate terrorist — is finally restrained (Revelation 20:1-3) and God’s millennial rule is established on earth will violence be eradicated and lasting peace be realized worldwide.

Man, by his own puny efforts, could never unseat Satan. Only Jesus Christ can do that — and He will!

But for the moment, God is permitting this world to go its own disobedient way, to learn for itself the bitter lesson that Satan’s way of rejecting the laws and government of God can in the end bring nothing but calamity.

But the day is soon coming when violence will be dealt with firmly and decisively. Purveyors of death and destruction will be dealt a punishing blow.

The returned Jesus Christ “shall judge between the nations, and shall rebuke many people; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore” (Isaiah 2:4).

Satan’s way of vanity, jealousy, lust, hatred and greed will be replaced by God’s way of loving, giving and serving.

This is the only real solution to the rampant violence that is now engulfing the world.

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There is good news beyond the bad news — terrorism’s days are numbered! □