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# What our READERS SAY

## Want Proof?

"I heard a radio sermon in which you stated you could prove the existence of God. If you can do it, you will be the first man in recorded history to achieve this. Most fundamentalists use words to prove the validity of other words. What is your gimmick on this question of proof? Like all the others I've challenged, you will perhaps answer once and then fold your tent and steal away."

George T. S., Minneapolis,  
Minnesota

• *We'll still be proving it tomorrow, George—but only to those who WANT real proof!*

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Switzerland

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Mr. Bonnie G. O., Caloocan City,  
Rizal, The Philippines

"I want to thank you ever so much for the letter you wrote to me explaining and answering the questions so many people have asked you about the work of God. It has opened my eyes to how great it is. I have never realized it before, as I have never wanted to bother you."

Zaida F., San Diego, California

• *Zaida, showing us we're fulfilling our commission from Christ doesn't BOTHER us—we count it a GREAT blessing!*

"Mr. Armstrong, I received my new Bible Correspondence Course (Lesson

40) this morning and I just think it is great. The pictures are very impressive and I hope everyone will be as thrilled as I am with the new lessons. Thank you very much."

Mrs. G. F. D., Northridge,  
California

## Psychology

"I am going to school and taking a course in psychology. After reading an editorial in *The PLAIN TRUTH* about striving to be perfect, our teacher said that a well-balanced person is not a perfectionist. I read the definition of 'perfection' from the dictionary and asked what was wrong with trying for that state. He could not give me an answer, so I asked why people wanted to become psychiatrists and he said, 'Most psychiatrists enjoy knowing the fact that everyone else is as crazy as they are.' I was really astounded at his answer!"

George W. T., McChord AFB,  
Washington

• *Why?*

## What Teen-agers Should Know

"I just got through reading some of the comments on Mr. Armstrong's book, *The New Morality*. I would like to say something about it. I'm 16 and a junior in high school. My parents let me read this book. It really answered many questions that most teen-agers of my age have. Believe me, I'm glad that my parents allowed me to read it. I just hope that *all* parents will let their teen-agers read it. If they did there wouldn't be so much trouble and heartbreak in the world."

Kathleen S., Rhame,  
North Dakota

"There are evidently many people who have heard of you and who think you are really 'all mixed-up.' I have heard you referred to as a 'Jew,' 'Seventh-day Adventist,' 'Jehovah's Witness,' a 'Communist' and your religion as a 'cult.' Some concerned friends of mine have sent me tracts telling how to escape from 'Armstrong-  
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# Personal from the Editor

(Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong is in England. This month he has asked his son Garner Ted, whom you hear daily on *The WORLD TOMORROW*, to write the Personal from the Editor for this issue.—*Managing Editor*)

RECENTLY we received the following letter:

"Please do not send me any more issues of *The PLAIN TRUTH*. Cancel it immediately. Even if you should be right about some things, that does not mean you are right about everything. Your idea of doing away with Easter is immature. Sure, there are things connected with it that are unchristian, but some Christians make them really Christian. No matter what you have, somebody will desecrate it or misuse it. Why should everyone do away with it because some use it wrongfully? Why *not* take a pagan holiday and make it into a Christian one?"

Woman, Wichita, Kansas

ALL right—WHY NOT?

It's a good question—and, if there is *no God*—it has an obvious answer!

You see, if there is *NO GOD*, and if man is left to decide for himself what is "good" and what is "bad," then your question is self-answerable, self-evident. But since you seem to indicate, in your letter, a belief in things "Christian" and, therefore, belief in God, I will answer your questions thoroughly. Thousands of our readers have asked the same questions.

I used to ask them, too.

I asked, "What *difference* does it make what we do, so long as no one else is hurt by it, and so long as we enjoy it?" It's the same question being asked by millions of youths today.

I reasoned: If a "good" Hindu does the best he can, living up to *his* religion the best he knows how, and if a "good" Catholic, or a "good" Jew, or a "good" Protestant does the same, then won't they all be able to reach their reward?

It actually used to sound *good* to me

—this little bit of human reasoning—so good I even called it a part of my *personal philosophy of life!*

But seeing it now, as I have just written it out on this typewriter—I'm utterly ashamed of it.

In this open letter, I'll tell you why.

You said, "Even if you *are* right about *some* things, that does not mean you are right about everything!"

But did you fail to realize that, from one point of view, it makes no difference whether we are right or wrong! We are not the authority!

What is "right"—what is "wrong"? Who is to say?

Today, philosophers and educators tell us there are no absolutes!

They say the *ONE* thing we *can come to know* is that we *DON'T KNOW!*

They're *positive* they shouldn't be positive, *sure* they can't be sure; absolutely absolute about no absolutes!

But how silly!

Life is positive. Things do exist. Laws work upon you, upon life, upon things. There are absolutes. You can't see wind, thunder, sound, the law of gravity, or friction. You can't see inertia, centrifugal force, or, for that matter, the microbes which aid in your digestion (without the aid of powerful microscopes)—but you believe in them, nevertheless.

There is such a thing as absolute authority. There is absolute truth. There are absolutes! (If you have never read the proof of God, and His Word, then write for your free copies of our booklets on the subject immediately!)

Is there anyone who really should know what is right, and what is wrong?

Surely, if there *is* a God, and if Christ is *alive* today as He says He is, then *CHRIST SHOULD KNOW!*

Or would you say to Christ: "Well! Just because you're right about some things doesn't mean you're right about everything!" Probably, sadly enough,

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Wide World Photo

### OUR COVER

Floating in space! Edward H. White—traveling at the rate of 17,500 miles an hour—"walks" in space with the bright blue, cloud-covered earth far beneath. Notice the curve in the earth's horizon. Astronaut White, in spacesuit, holds propulsion gun which he fires in order to maneuver. His umbilical cord, snaking off to the right, is his lifeline with the mother ship. It provides oxygen and communications contact with the ship and the world below.

*much* of this present world would say exactly that! But for those who have the spiritual courage to prove Christ, to prove God, to prove the Bible, and to anchor their faith on the inspired writing of God Almighty as He led His human instruments—let's continue.

Jesus said, "He that rejects me, and receives not my words, has One that judges him: the *word* that I have spoken, the same *shall judge* him in the last day" (John 12:48). Then it is the Word of God that will judge—the inspired Word of God that will decide—God's Word that tells us whether it is right, or wrong, to adapt purely pagan customs into our "Christian" lives!

It is not, mind you, my interpretation that will decide. It is not the "ideas" of men that will decide, or the accepted customs of men, nor is it that which "seems right" to the majority (read Prov. 14:12; 16:25) which will decide!

Jesus said, "For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, He gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. And I know that His commandment is *life everlasting*: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak" (John 12:49-50).

Your Bible challenges you to "prove all things, hold fast that which is good" (I Thes. 5:21). Are you willing to do as the Bereans did, who "...received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so"? (Acts 17:11.)

God says, "To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isa. 8:20). Christ Himself was inspired to say, "You shall know the *truth*, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32), and He said, "THY WORD IS TRUTH" (John 17:17).

Is the Word of God the source to which *you* go for what you believe and practice? Is it, or is it not? If you are a Christian, and you claim to believe in Christ—how incongruous, how ridiculous, how impossible, how utterly amazing it would be if you rejected the very word of that Christ, and admittedly turned to pure human reason for your

deepest and most personal beliefs and practices!

Jesus said, further, "The scripture cannot be broken" (John 10:35). He said, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled" (Mat. 5:17-18).

So you're *right* when you say, "Even if *you* should be right about *some* things, that does not mean you are right about everything!" That's true of *every* human being. But it's not true of Christ! He is RIGHT about *EVERYTHING!*

And that's precisely why we give you, over *The WORLD TOMORROW* program, and in the pages of this magazine, and in our booklets, what Christ says, and *not* our own "human ideas"! We don't trust our own ideas! How about you?

You say: "Your idea of doing away with Easter is immature."

I've already answered part of that. It's not *my* idea.

And please don't misunderstand. We don't print any placards, "Help Stamp Out Easter!" We have no intention of starting a movement to "do away" with it. That would be a mountainous task, indeed!

And, as to what is or is not "immature"—just what *is* "mature" about Easter?

The pagan goddess "Ishtar" (pronounced, today, "Easter") was an imaginary figment of a weird, pagan fool (only the fool has said in his heart there is no God!). Mark that. A goddess "Ishtar" didn't exist! But ancient Babylonians—including their poor deceived little children, and their mothers, thought she did.

So they busily perpetuated customs accompanying their belief in this would-be goddess of sex, fertility, productivity, and perpetual life.

They even made it a family-type ceremony. It's described, in your Bible! God inspired Jeremiah to describe some of the pagan ceremonies carried down into our societies today—"Seest thou not what they do in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem?

The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead their dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven [again—the same wildly imaginary figure, dreamed up by superstitious heathens!], and to pour out drink offerings unto other gods, *that they may provoke me to anger*"! (Jer. 7:17-18.)

God asserts, "I change not"! (Mal. 3:6), and Paul wrote, "Jesus Christ, the same, yesterday, today and forever" (Heb. 13:8). Then, according to your Bible, Madame, your Creator and the God who gives you every breath of air you breathe, is provoked to *ANGER* by such pagan and heathen practices! Yes, even today!

Notice they made a nice "family" custom out of it. Even the kiddies had a part to play! The "daddies" and "mummies" all entered into it. And—it probably seemed pretty good to them.

After all, isn't a pleasant hearth-side chat good? Isn't the smell of baking cakes around the home-fire good? And isn't it fun when the children can play with the dough, and perhaps make quaint little designs of their own?

I remember the fun it was to beg some dough, fashion my own "little" cakes or rolls—perhaps asking my mother to make some "little" hot cakes, for breakfast, "just *my* size!" It really *appeals* to children!

And the *symbols* on the cakes? Well—such historical problems never occur to children, unfortunately—nor to their mothers. If it's colorful, fun, exciting, and the kiddies *enjoy* it—that's "good enough for them."

And, again, all this is good old-fashioned human reasoning—even sounds logical—if there is no God. But there *is* a God, and that great God has utterly condemned the practices of heathen, pagan, sun-worshiping savages; just as He has condemned the seemingly innocent *copying* of those identical practices, and then calling them by a different Christian-sounding name.

But mark this. God, out of mercy, allowed the sudden slaughter of those rebellious people for such customs. (Read the succeeding chapters in the book of Jeremiah!) Why? Because de-

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sity campuses elsewhere in California."

The old mansions have all been restored by the William J. Moran Co., general contractor, to retain all the hardwood paneling, stained glass, and special designs in their original state. Adaptation for use as student residences or for classrooms has been done carefully to retain the flavor of the original while attaining efficiency for their new roles. R. E. Smith is the DMJM interiors consultant.

The landscaping includes an outdoor Greek "tempio" garden court, the Italian sunken garden and fountain in front of Ambassador Hall (the former Merritt mansion). A rocky stream meanders across the lawns toward the east.

The original walls separating the property have been removed and the ultimate landscaping development will unite the entire 12 blocks in one landscape plan of lawns, old trees, flower gardens, reflecting pools, and a central lake.

On the lower level of the site, east from Terrace Dr., the master plan has designated the location of six of the new buildings. The first of the new ones, a gymnasium, was completed in 1963. To the north this will be the new college quadrangle, lying at the foot of the old campus. The 72-foot-high auditorium, with large fluted columns, will rise at the edge of the lake to the height of a seven-story building. This building, to be erected next year, will seat 1,250 and will have radio and television studios on an upper floor.

Also to the north will be a three-story administration building which will include, among other facilities, the editorial offices of The Plain Truth and other college publications. This activity has a tremendous volume, and makes Ambassador College Pasadena's largest single post office customer.

Two other major buildings—a classroom structure and a three-story student residence—will rise on the upper grounds.

All streets through the campus will be closed. Terrace Drive, now closed, will be reshaped to become part of a college mall. The artificial lake, a block wide and one and one-half blocks long, will form part of the quadrangle.

## Personal from the Editor

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parting from His laws led them into such unspeakable wretchedness it brought only untold *misery* and *suffering* on them! And, further, *their* sufferings are intended as a monumental witness and warning to us! (I Cor. 10:11.)

When God described the terrible ABOMINATIONS of our ancestors through the pen of the prophet Ezekiel, He included as the very WORST of their heathen practices the sunrise services acquainted with the pagan ideas of sun worship!

The direct carry-over into our times is unmistakable.

"Then he brought me to the door of the gate of the Eternal's house which was toward the north; and, behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz" [the "sun" god, and fake "divine son" of the pagan goddess called the "queen of heaven," and appearing in dozens of guises in many different pagan religions].

"Then said he unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations than these! And he brought me into the inner court of the Eternal's house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the Eternal, between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the Eternal, and their faces toward the east; and they worshiped the *sun toward the east.*" The sun is "toward the east" at its rising! (Ezekiel 8:14-16.)

Here was a SUNRISE service—utterly CONDEMNED as the most blasphemous and abhorrent abomination *in God's sight*.

But, had the prophet Ezekiel waited to get the men's opinions on what they were doing—he would have heard a far different story!

"Why sure we observe these sunrise services," they would have said. "Doesn't everybody?" "And besides,"

others would have chorused, "What difference does it make?"

Again, I say, not a bit—if there is no God!

But the God who inspired that little fact of human corruption says *it makes a universe of difference* to Him! Not to people, no. But to GOD!

So what's so "mature" about Easter?

Today, the kiddies grow up believing rabbits lay eggs. Maybe even their mothers do. Admittedly, bright colors, having a hand in the cooking, dyeing and hiding of eggs is exciting. Admittedly, being invited to the White House lawn for the annual egg-rolling party is exciting. The Easter ads are attractive; the new suits and hats are exciting. Chocolate bunnies taste good. So do egg-shaped jelly beans.

In fact, just about everything acquainted with Easter is exciting to people—including the early morning forays to the mountain top, the new clothes, the parades, the well-known song, "In Your 'Ishtar' Bonnet" (pronounced Easter!)—with the conceivable exception of going to church.

And if human involvement in it—which is to say, human excitement, joy, "fun" and what may appeal to human reason—were to decide whether

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So many ask: "HOW does it happen that I find my subscription price for THE PLAIN TRUTH has already been paid? How can you publish such a high class magazine without advertising revenue?"

The answer is as simple as it is astonishing! It is a paradox. Christ's Gospel cannot be sold like merchandise. You cannot buy salvation. Yet it does cost money to publish Christ's TRUTH and mail it to all continents on earth. It does have to be *paid for!* This is Christ's work. We solve this problem Christ's WAY!

Jesus said, "This Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached (and published—Mark 13:10) in all the world for a witness unto all nations" (Mat. 24:14) *at this time*, just before the end of this age. A PRICE *must be paid* for the magazine, the broadcast, the Correspondence Course, or other literature. But HOW? Christ forbids us to *sell* it to those who receive it: "Freely ye have received," said Jesus to His disciples whom He was sending to proclaim His Gospel, "freely GIVE!" "It is *more blessed,*" He said, "to GIVE than to receive."

God's WAY is the way of LOVE—and that is the way of *giving*. God expects every child of His to *give free-will* offerings and to *tithe*, as His means of paying the costs of carrying His Gospel to *others*. We, therefore, simply trust our Lord Jesus Christ to lay it on the minds and hearts of His followers to give generously, thus paying the cost of putting the precious Gospel TRUTH in the hands of *others*. Yet it must go *only* to those who themselves wish to receive it. Each must, for himself, *subscribe*—and his subscription has thus already *been paid*.

Thus the living dynamic Christ Himself enables us to broadcast, worldwide, without ever asking for contributions over the air; to enroll many thousands in the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course with full tuition cost *already paid*; to send your PLAIN TRUTH on an *already paid* basis. God's way is GOOD!

or not it is right, the "decision" would be obvious!

But, again, whose opinion counts? Mine doesn't.

Neither, Madame, does yours. Nor does anyone else's!

But God's does!

And God Almighty says such pagan mementos of sex (rabbits for their fantastic reproductive qualities; eggs as symbols of fertility and life; the sun at its daily "rebirth" etc.) are a stench in His nostrils.

So: It's not "our idea" about Easter—but what God says that shall decide. And it's *anything* but immature! God has held the same opinion for billions of aeons! And that's pretty mature!

You said: "But some Christians make them (some of the things connected with it—Easter—) really Christian!"

Do "Christians" decide what is or is not Christian?

Does a "Christian," observed eating mud, make the mud clean? Do "Christians" who quarrel, fight, divorce, beat their children, go to war, hate, kill, rob, steal, commit adultery, cheat, lie, and often commit suicide render all these things lawful?

Does each "Christian" become, then, a perfect law unto himself—and, like Midas, render whatsoever he touches perfectly golden in character?

Do "Christians" who freely admit their *disbelief* in the Bible, their rejection of the virgin birth, their contempt for the ten commandments, their utter hopelessness toward a resurrection, and their acceptance of evolution, alter, change, or substantiate all of these things by their opinions?

Hardly!

Millions more believe in Communism than in Christianity. But not one Christian, whether real or professing, would give an inch on the idea that such majorities render the belief of the minority incorrect!

Suppose you believe in the good properties of all poison?

I've never met such a person, but, in this world of addleheaded, mixed-up, freakish, weird, distorted, twisted, frustrated, defeated, confused, "beat" and

hopelessly lost individuals—there could conceivably be such a person. (A good friend of mine had a serious talk with a man who tried for hours to convince him the world is flat. Unsuccessfully, I'm happy to add!)

And, suppose you believe it so thoroughly you've convinced millions of it?

Would all poison then cease to be poison, simply because you began to believe it nontoxic? Hardly.

"Christians" do not make Christianity. Christianity makes a Christian! And "Christians" did not invent the Christian truths, beliefs, practices, and way of life! Christians are only true Christians when and if they obey what Christ commands!

Is it possible for really "good Christians" to change pagan practices into Christian ones?

Would you admit with me that the apostle Paul was one of the greatest Christian men who ever lived?

But Paul didn't have the power to change even one tiny point of what Christ has commanded!

Notice the proof!

"I marvel that ye are so soon removed from Him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel" (Gal. 1:6).

Paul was rebuking the Galatians, who were *Gentiles*, for allowing themselves to be entrapped back into believing in a completely physical type of "religion" which included all sorts of carnal, physical customs!

He said, "Which is *not* another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the Gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, *let him be accursed!*" (Gal. 1:7-8.)

Note that well! Paul put a careful and perfectly honest control over himself! He warned those people that, even if he, *Paul*, should *change* his doctrine, and begin living by different customs, that such personal, human change would definitely not "change" anything in the unalterable truth of Christ!

He included—and he was inspired by God's Holy Spirit to do so—Angels

from heaven! So even lesser spirit beings do not have the power to change anything God has set down in His Word!

God, your Creator, has said He will not change! And He has put an absolute, unshakable, unbreakable and inviolable guarantee that no other being or power can change His laws!

The "use" of a thing does not alter its essential character! Poison sparingly used is still poison. Paganism in small amounts, and with "Christian" window dressing, is still paganism.

Professing Christians cannot alter or change the basic character of pagan customs by "using" them as a so-called "Christian" custom!

You said, "Why should everyone do away with it (Easter, I suppose?) because some use it wrongfully?"

There is, in this case, no right "use" for it! We know of no one who is guilty of "using it" (if the "it" in this case is still Easter) wrongfully. Since all observance or use of it is pagan, there is absolutely no possibility of any *right* or *godly* use.

How does one misuse murder? How do you commit adultery "wrongfully"? What is the "wrong use" of war? Such depth of reasoning has simply never occurred to me.

You said: "Why not take a pagan holiday and make it into a Christian one?"

The answer is obvious!

Because Almighty God your Creator, your Boss, your ruler and your judge thunders at you with all His power "DON'T DO IT!"

But He won't force you to obey—now!

That's still your own private decision.

God warned, anciently (and remember, He never changes!), "When the Eternal thy God shall cut off the nations from before thee, whither thou goest to possess them, and thou succeedest them, and dwellest in their land; take heed to thyself that thou be not snared by following them, after that they be destroyed before thee; and that thou enquire not after their gods (which were only weird imaginings in the minds of the finks of the day!) saying, 'How

did these nations serve their gods?' (Or: 'How did the pagans observe various religious customs? Let's find us a cute, interesting, quaint, piquant pagan custom, dress it all up until it looks "right" to us—more to our taste, more like we would like to have it! Besides, it's probably all right to use pagan customs, as long as we use them for a good cause!' one might reason); but God continued, "THOU SHALT NOT DO SO UNTO THE ETERNAL THY GOD; for every ABOMINATION to the Eternal, which He hates, have they done unto their gods..." (Deut. 12:29-31).

God expressly commands His true people not to adapt pagan practices into so-called "Christian" ones!

And why does He so expressly command it?

Simply because He knew human nature would not be able, of itself, to see the terrible wrong in it—that it would "look good" to the average carnal human! So God pointed out it is not good, and commands those who are willing to be obedient to Him *not* to indulge in pagan customs—regardless as to the wrapping, window dressing, changed names, or seemingly "harmless" and colorful celebrations connected with it.

That, I hope, fully answers your letter.

And please remember. We are engaged in no campaign to "do away" with any of the customs or practices of this world! Our calling is to preach the truth of God, the Gospel of the soon-coming Kingdom of God, without fear or favor, and without apologizing for it.

Each person is free to feel, think, say and do as he chooses. He is free to reject truth, dodging behind the ancient, shopworn little bit of human idiocy of "Just who does he think he is!" or some other tart barb of ridicule—thus absolving himself of the responsibility to prove his own beliefs.

But Jesus said the truth will make us free from the shackles of this world; free from the traditions and ideas of other fallible human beings—and, best of all, free from ourselves!

May God grant you a love for HIS TRUTH!

## What's Behind the Space Race?

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ments prove that they are *advancing* in techniques which will lead to the erection of large space stations to orbit *close* to earth. Space platforms such as this could be a stepping-stone to the moon, as well as an OFFENSIVE WEAPON *against the earth!*

Top U. S. Air Force leaders are convinced Russia is directing its MAIN resources and energies toward mastering space *nearer* the earth—NOT TOWARD GETTING A MAN ON THE MOON!

It's also believed that since Russia is so far behind in stockpiling missiles, they're now striving to get the "jump" on the United States in developing *manned satellite weapons!*

Predictions by scientists now have it that *within ten years*, space corridors around the earth could be as VITAL to our *national defense* as our huge stockpile of nuclear missiles is today!

Concerning manned Russian craft which have *passed directly over* the U. S. nearly 100 times in recent shots, Vice President Humphrey, Chairman of the National Aeronautics and Space Council, recently said: "We would be foolish if we did not understand the *military implications.*"

Said one Congressman: "It's no longer a question of whether we will have space tanks, space pillboxes, space artillery and space sentries, but *when* we will have them and WHOSE they will be."

On March 22, Senator Howard W. Cannon, of Nevada, told Congress he was "disturbed" that some U. S. leaders felt that military uses of space should be "completely neglected."

### Why Soviets Lead in Military Space Race

The reason Russia has taken a *big lead* in the military space race is this: The Russian space program is run by *military men*. It is *unified* with MILITARY GOALS primarily in mind!

There is no question that, in Russia, the military is running the *whole* show!



Wide World Photo

Artist's conception of America's 120-foot Titan III C, just as its 10-foot-diameter twin booster motor cases are jettisoned. On June 18 the Titan III C put into orbit a 21,000-pound dummy satellite, the heaviest payload ever orbited.

It has been just the opposite in the U. S.

*Non-military* scientists of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) control a budget of more than 5 billion dollars a year, while Pentagon military officials get *only* slightly more than one-fifth that amount for military space research! Many authorities consider this a *serious imbalance* in expenditures for the space program.

Thus far, the Air Force has been all but completely left out of the Gemini program and refused funds to begin its own similar experiments in the "inner space belt." Air Force, Marine Corps and Naval officers do serve as astronauts, but are under civilian authority.

On June 4, The House Committee on Government Operations issued a report which heavily criticizes the Administration for not placing more em-