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# Personal from



SOME OF our readers of TOMORROW'S WORLD are unemployed right now. Others may be in danger of losing their jobs. Not since the closing of the Great Depression have so many been without jobs. Yet as a recent article in *The PLAIN TRUTH* pointed out, in 1969 there was an average of three million hirings every month in the United States. Although in 1970 that rate dropped somewhat, estimates indicate businessmen and employers are even now hiring many thousands every month. Someone must replace those who retire, quit, die or are fired. Of course, new jobs constantly open as businesses expand, communities grow, buildings are built, and people buy more goods.

Who will obtain these jobs depends on certain basic unseen laws. There are certain economic laws that regulate economic conditions.

I remember vividly the sudden nose-dive depression of 1920. I was then a publishers' representative in Chicago. I was a member of the Chicago Association of Commerce, through its Advertising Club division.

In early January that year, at the regular midweek Association of Commerce luncheon in the Cameo Room of the Morrison Hotel, the noted business analyst, Roger Babson, was the speaker. He warned the businessmen of Chicago that within less than a year we were going to crash into the most drastic economic depression our generation had seen.

I noticed some important bankers and security brokers smile knowingly in disagreement. They were sure Mr. Babson was wrong.

A year later Mr. Babson was again the speaker at the same Association luncheon.

"I saw some of you businessmen smile, a year ago, when I warned you of the coming economic tragedy," he said. "Now let me tell you WHY I knew what was coming, and you didn't. When you want to know what is the temperature in the room, now, you look at the thermometer on the wall. But if you want to know

what the temperature *will be*, an hour or two from now, the thermometer can't tell you. You go down to the boiler room, or consult the U. S. weather prophet. You look to the factors that *determine* conditions, not the thermometer that records conditions after they have occurred. You gentlemen looked at charts of current business activity, at bank clearings, records of freight car loadings, the stock market quotations — the thermometers on the wall.

"But," he continued, "there are LAWS that *govern* economic conditions. These laws are the factors which determine what conditions *will be*, a few months or a year from now. They are the CAUSES."

## How YOUR FUTURE Is Determined

Yes, and *your own personal* economic future is determined by definite LAWS! Very few realize that the Eternal Creator set in motion invisible, yet inexorable LAWS, which regulate personal financial conditions!

In my forty years in God's ministry, I have seen these laws *actually work* in the experiences of many people whom I have known personally. I have experienced their relentless working *in my own life!* I had to learn this lesson *the hard way*, myself!

I have often mentioned on the air, and in articles in *The PLAIN TRUTH*, how God struck me down, not physically, but *economically*, to bring me to Him. That very depression of 1920 destroyed my business in which I was making the equivalent of \$35,000 a year in today's money. Everything I touched turned, *not* to gold like "King Midas," but to loss of and lack of money. It was in poverty and hunger that God actually *conquered* me, and turned me to HIM, giving my life to HIM, over 40 years ago.

But even after conversion — even after my ordination as a minister of Jesus Christ in 1931 — our family was still on the economic rocks. I had begun to learn something about God's law of Tithing as a Bible *doctrine*. I had studied it in the Bible. I had

learned — seen **PROVED** — that this law was still in effect. Yet, in those early years, it didn't seem to apply to *me*. I had seen it as a doctrine to accept as true — *not* as a **LAW** which I, personally, must **OBEY**.

How many of **YOU** are right now like I was then?

For a few months I had been receiving a salary of \$20 per week as a minister, holding evangelistic campaigns. We had been able to live, very modestly, on that. But at the end of November that year, the salary was cut off. The Church Conference treasury was empty! I *had* learned the lesson of **FAITH**. I trusted God implicitly to *supply every need*, as He has promised (Phil. 4:19).

But I didn't yet realize how much we must "**TRY** the spirits *whether* they are of God" (I John 4:1). So when a former newspaper associate came to me with an urgent request that I join him, as advertising manager of a new morning newspaper he was starting, I *assumed*, foolishly and without making sure this offer was caused by **GOD**, that it was the answer to my petition to supply our financial need. I had not yet learned, as I was to learn later, how to launch out in God's Work *on faith*, knowing that God had called me. Of course, many try to launch *themselves* into God's ministry when **GOD NEVER CALLED THEM**. They are making a bigger mistake than I made in turning back to the advertising profession.

In my case God had called me *from* the advertising profession into **HIS WORK**. He had ordained me, *put* me into His ministry. I had "put my hand to the plow," but did not realize Jesus' command never to turn back. Of course I did not turn back from the Christian life — nor, for that matter, even consider for a minute that I was turning back from the ministry. I regarded this as only a *temporary* job. I thought God had sent it, to supply this need temporarily. I actually accepted the job on the condition that it was to last three weeks only, fully expecting the way would open to be back in the ministry within three weeks.

But, once on this newspaper job, there was no quitting. God did not open the way to get back into His ministry until a year and three months had passed — during which time I had realized my mistake and prayed earnestly to be released from the newspaper job and restored to God's Work. God let me learn the lesson, *by experience*, that His instruction to ministers: "Preach the word, *be instant* in season, out of season," meant "**KEEP AT IT** in season, and out of season."

### How I Learned the Lesson

Once on this newspaper job, December 1931 — in the midst of the Great Depression — there was no money to pay salaries. I had to work out a way of trading advertising for food, clothing, hotel and rooming-house accommodations for the 23 men on the staff.

We had frequently gone hungry before I was converted. Now we went hungry even more frequently. Then one day, it dawned on my mind that we, ourselves, were actually breaking God's financial law by not tithing! All of a sudden God made me see His financial law as something *personal* — not merely a doctrine to accept impersonally. It meant *ME!* That very day I took 10% of what we had — and it was not enough to buy food — added an offering, and mailed it to the Church treasury.

That very afternoon food came for a completely adequate meal. I don't remember how, but I do remember that *the very day* I **REPENTED** for not having accepted tithing as a *personal obligation*, instead of a mere doctrinal *argument*, **THAT VERY DAY FOOD CAME!**

God did not bring us immediate financial prosperity. For some years more, for our own good, we were forced to live in very poor economic circumstances. But *that very day* our financial condition started upward.

### Scores of Friends Too

Since that time I have known of the experiences of scores of other people. It was only a short time after that experience that God opened the way to bring me back into His active ministry. By

this time I had learned *that* lesson, too. I have never left God's service, and never shall, as long as God permits me to live.

It was some months later that the very man whom God sent with his truck to move us, together with what household furniture we had, back to the Willamette Valley in Oregon — where I was to start an evangelistic campaign in Salem — himself had an experience in tithing.

This young man already was tithing the *money* that he handled. He was a farmer, and suddenly realized that they were not selling their eggs, and had not been tithing them in any way. He brought us a tithe of all the eggs his hens had laid that day.

Believe it or not, that same day his hens went on an egg-laying spree. Yes, laugh if you will — those hens cackled too — it actually *happened*. It was the off-season for eggs. But that very day they began to lay more eggs than was normal in the best egg-laying season! It seemed incredible — **BUT IT HAPPENED!**

I have given you the facts, before, of the well-driller who was unable to get any business in 1933. He began to tithe — one single dollar of the only \$10 he had. Next day a man who had owed him \$50 he never expected to collect came and paid it — and he tithed \$5. Immediately he began to get more wells to drill than he could handle.

Almost daily, *some* radio listener, reader of **TOMORROW'S WORLD**, or Co-Worker in this great Work writes me a letter telling of a similar experience — beginning to pay God's honest **TITHE**, and beginning to **PROSPER** financially.

Now don't get the idea from this that in *every* case God is going to work some incredible miracle. Don't get the idea that if you **TRY** tithing, you are to expect some astounding thing to happen, or that you are going to fall heir to a million dollars the next day. Perhaps in most cases the increase in income is not immediately apparent at all.

But of this, you **MAY BE SURE!** Over the long haul, the 90% of income God  
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# Is God Fair?

Why has God permitted 6000 years of human woe and suffering?

by Herbert W. Armstrong

**L**OOK AT THE WORLD TODAY! War, famine, pestilence! Poverty, inequality, hunger, want! Sicknes, disease, suffering, death! Crime, graft, dishonesty, corruption! Insanity, degeneration, decay! Unhappiness, fear, wretchedness and woe!

How, so many are asking, can a supreme, all-powerful God of LOVE permit such human woe?

WHY does God allow devil-inspired Communists to run amuck? WHY is He permitting civilization itself to crumble?

## Is God FAIR?

Listen! Some men are saying, "God isn't fair!" — or "*Is* there a God, after all?" But what do you suppose men would say if God took away their right to think and do as they please? For God could never stop this awful carnage without FORCING men to act according to His will — denying them a free will of their own!

It is *men's ways*, so contrary to God's ways, that have brought on this unhappy state. And they have brought on all the world's sorrows and anguish *in spite of* the pleadings of God. He says, "Your ways are not my ways" (Isaiah 55:8).

God's ways, had they been followed, would have led inevitably to peace, happiness, prosperity and joy. God always has revealed to men His ways. Always He has pleaded with the human family.

Suppose God had taken the only

alternative. Suppose He had FORCED men, against their wills, to have lived according to His laws?

Can't you almost hear the defiant, rebellious, stiff-necked human race indignantly screaming at the Almighty: "You can't cram your religion down *my* throat!" For it *is* a matter of religion. Can't we see that, had God followed that course, more than ever men would have shouted, "GOD ISN'T FAIR!"

For six thousand years men have lived in defiance of God's laws. Had God denied them this right to be wrong, men would have accused God of injustice, demanding freedom to follow their own ways.

God's Plan has for its purpose the creating of perfect CHARACTER in beings that are separate entities from God, yet members of the very family of God. Character cannot be created automatically by fiat — it must be developed through *experience!*

Nor could character be instilled without free moral agency. To achieve this great purpose — that of producing the supreme pinnacle of all God's creation, sons of God having perfect character — man has to be *convinced*, of his own free will, that God's laws are JUST, and that His ways are the only right ways for man! Man must turn to them, voluntarily! This lesson could be learned *only by EXPERIENCE!*

In the beginning, Satan appeared to contest the wisdom of God's

Law. This law is, simply, LOVE for God and love for neighbor, as defined in the ten broad principles of the Ten Commandments. A fundamental, spiritual, eternal law. The philosophy Christ taught is that it is more blessed to GIVE than to receive. But Satan argued for the GETTING way. Competition, he argued, is the lifeblood of activity. Self-desire provides incentive to endeavor. Vanity spurs to action. And so, in Satan's philosophy, self-desire, competition, strife, provide the root-principle for accomplishment. The way of GETTING is the way of progress and advancement.

Had not God permitted this selfish way to be tried, tested, and demonstrated, God's creatures could argue throughout eternity that they had been denied the better way.

## The Devil's WEEK

And so God turned over to Satan the first six days of ONE WEEK, consisting of seven one-thousand-year days, in which to *demonstrate* the falsity of this way — the way of greed.

During the first six days of this week of seven thousand years Satan was permitted to retain DOMINION over all the earth. "Six days," God said, "thou shalt labour, and do all thy work" — his work of deception and hate — "but the SEVENTH day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work." Six thousand-year

days have been permitted Satan for his labor of DECEPTION. Even then his dominion has been limited to the power of influence and suggestion. Never has God permitted even Satan arbitrarily to force men against their wills.

And so for nearly six thousand years men have been left free to accept the self-seeking competitive philosophy of Satan, or to follow the Golden Rule of God. And for six thousand years Satan has labored. And mankind has fallen for his delusion!

Satan's philosophy is the philosophy of the world today. On it our present civilization has been built. A civilization men love and cherish, and for which they patriotically sacrifice their lives! A civilization developed on desire for self-gain, competition, strife! In its success is determined by HOW MUCH a man has been able to GET, not on how well he has served.

God has never left men in ignorance of the TRUE way of life. Always He has made known the true values — the way of His spiritual law of Love! Continually God has pleaded, with patience and in love. He pleaded through Noah in the days before the flood. He set up a nation of His own on earth that pledged to follow His laws, dedicated voluntarily to God's ways of life. But ancient Israel turned from God's ways, and persecuted and killed God's prophets!

God sent His only begotten Son to point men back to the true paths. And Him, too, men rejected and killed!

During these six thousand years since Adam, men continually have spurned God's love, rejected His Law, turned a deaf ear to His prophets and His true ministers. They have built a world after the false philosophy of Satan, replete with its pagan customs, traditions and beliefs. Today people are hopelessly engulfed in these false ways, but, being deceived, realize it not at all!

Satan is revealed as the "GOD of this world" (II Cor. 4:4). The original *inspired* Greek should properly be translated, "the god of *this* AGE." And this worldly civilization worships its GOD. The appalling fact unrealized by the world is that Satan, not the Eternal, is its god! The Creator God "is *not* the author of confusion," we read in I Cor-

inthians 14:33. Its real author is Satan, the world's god! And so he has his many denominations and sects, all striving in a babylon of confusion!

### The Devil's WORK

There is just one thing, it seems, that most of Satan's ministers can agree upon. "God's LAW," they chorus in unison, "is DONE AWAY!" Yes, they have to tell that in order to draw their salaries! Today the people of organized religion refuse to HEAR the Law of the Lord (Isa. 30:8-11). They demand that their ministers preach the soft and smooth things — the deceits! They have turned away from the TRUTH, and are accepting and believing FABLES (II Tim. 4:2-4). They are BITTER against God's Law, and against the few who have courage today to proclaim the PLAIN TRUTH of God's Word!

Yes, Satan has *organized* religion. He himself appears, not as a devil with horns and a tail, bearing a pitchfork, but "is transformed into AN ANGEL OF LIGHT" (II Cor. 11:14). His ministers are transformed *as* the ministers of righteousness, appearing *AS* the apostles of Christ! (Verses 13, 15.) But they are preaching "*another* Jesus" (verse 4), in the power of "*another* spirit," and deceiving men with "*another* gospel" than the true Gospel of the Kingdom which Christ brought and Paul and all the apostles preached! (Gal. 1:6-7.)

Satan's congregations go in for much FORM. "Having a FORM of godliness, but denying the POWER thereof: *from such turn away,*" plainly warns God's Word! (II Tim. 3:5.) The present worldly order — its competitive principle, its customs and traditions, its political systems — are upheld by Satan's churches within every land! Truly, ALL nations are deceived! (Rev. 12:9; 17:2; 18:3.)

Jesus Christ appeared 1900 years ago as a messenger bearing a message from God. He brought to an unhappy world steeped in false ways the "GOOD NEWS of the KINGDOM OF GOD." A Kingdom now, soon, to replace these crumbling governments on earth!

That Kingdom today is near at hand — *even at the doors!* (Luke 21:31.)

Thank God, we are near the END of the six working days allotted to Satan's

dominion. God's thousand-year Sabbath day is just about to dawn!

There is a saying that it is darkest just before the dawn. Now we see on every hand the final fruitage of men's ways. Written in unerasable blood, in human misery, anguish and despair is the six-thousand-year record of EXPERIENCE!

Even now men will not heed this horrible lesson — not until they are FORCED to see it!

But, as Satan's sixth "working day" closes, God is about to step in and supernaturally interfere!

The coming seventh millennium — typified by the Feast of Tabernacles — shall see Satan restrained. Christ will return to rule the earth with all the power of God. God's New Order for the next thousand years will restore peace, happiness, and joy.

Then men may look back over this present world, and COMPARE! *Never* will God FORCE a single human being, against his own will, into salvation and eternal life.

But, with the seven-thousand-year record of EXPERIENCE set plainly before seeing eyes, do you think anyone will *want* to return to these ways we seem now to love? Not many, you may be sure of that! Yet some, even then, will rebel.

Finally the world shall acknowledge, of its own free volition, that God's ways are right. Christ, says the scripture, "learned obedience by the things which he suffered"! (Heb. 5:8-9.) Even He who never did wrong! "*And being MADE perfect*" — through experience — "he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him."

Some day we shall look upon GOD'S Plan with breathtaking admiration and awe! The suffering of this present time shall have faded completely from mind. The lessons of experience we shall have with us for eternity! Finally humanity shall accept God's ways of life, KNOWING that they are right ways. The happiness and joy we shall then experience cannot be conceived by our minds today! Through all eternity we shall worship and praise the Eternal God for His wisdom, His mercy, His LOVE!

Do you think anyone, then, will look back and say, "God isn't fair"? □

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allows you to keep for yourself will increase to *more* than the 100% formerly was. God PROMISES to bless and prosper the tither! God KEEPS His promises!

### There's A Reason

God did not establish a binding LAW of tithing without a good REASON! Actually, there are many reasons. All of God's LAWS are for our GOOD.

Listen to God's Word to us: "Observe and hear all these words which I command thee, *that it may go well with thee*, and with thy children after thee for ever" (Deut. 12:28).

It is not *good* for a person to *get something for nothing*, or for very little effort. This evil human urge to GET without *giving* — to *receive* without *paying* — is the very thing in human nature that produces criminals.

ALL God's spiritual LAW may be summed up in one word — LOVE. But Jesus magnified this into the two great laws — love to God and love to human NEIGHBOR. Love is the principle of GIVING. Jesus summed up the reason for it when He said: "It is *more blessed* to GIVE than to RECEIVE." God knows and reveals that we receive a *greater* blessing by *giving* than by acquiring. GOD WANTS US TO HAVE BLESSINGS!

People really *want* blessings, but few know the way. Most people think the greater blessing comes from receiving — getting — taking — acquiring. Today we talk about "the American way." But the WAY of most Americans today is to try to *get* more than they *give*. Formerly employers took more in production from labor than they paid employees in wages. So labor organized. Today the labor union principle seems to be to *get* more, in wages, than they *give* in production from their labor. Less work — more pay!! Deluded labor unions seem to think this is for *their good*. They don't know GOD'S LAW. They know not that they are bringing a CURSE on themselves.

We talk, today, about owning property. But GOD actually *owns* all the

earth. That includes the property on which *you* pay taxes. God says the EARTH is His — for *He created it!* God OWNS it. He lets us occupy His earth, as temporary tenants. All wealth comes from the ground. IT IS NOT GOOD FOR MAN TO TAKE ALL HE CONSUMES OUT OF GOD'S EARTH WITHOUT PAYING ANYTHING FOR IT! If you rent ground from a MAN who *thinks* he owns it, he charges you rent — up to 50% or more of what you produce from it.

God set a LAW in motion — that we should pay HIM, not 50%, but *only* 10%, plus whatever offering we have in our hearts to *give*. Now a LAW is not a law without a *penalty*. God does not *force* you to tithe. But if you don't, there is a penalty! You lose the BLESSING that goes with honest stewardship. You come under a CURSE!

God says our WHOLE NATION is under a CURSE today (Mal. 3:9) because we have *robbed God*. The man who does not pay God His tithe is a *thief* — and, worse than a criminal robbing a bank, he is *robbing GOD!* Yes, GOD SAYS SO — Malachi 3:8! And one of the Ten Commandments is "Thou shalt not steal." The man who does puts himself immediately *under the Law* — under penalty of DEATH for *all eternity* — unless he *repents*, and pleads the blood of Christ for forgiveness, and reconciliation to God!

Ignorance of the LAW does not excuse. You may say: "Well, I never *knew* all this." Well, you are without excuse, for you know it now — or you can know it if you'll check up IN YOUR OWN BIBLE! But God is most merciful. The minute you really repent, *quit* breaking this law, begin keeping it honestly, and go to Christ for forgiveness, then all is forgiven and God begins pouring out His blessing, just as He did on me.

Hundreds of our Co-Workers have written me, during the past many years, saying God had opened their eyes to His tithing law, and telling how they have been blessed. One even wrote that she, too, had started tithing eggs, and her hens, too, had immediately gone on an egg-laying spree! She had either heard me mention that experience over

the air or read of it in a former issue. Of course I won't guarantee God will cause hens to start laying eggs faster every time. Probably it won't work out exactly that way — but He *does* promise a blessing (Mal. 3:10-12).

### All For Our Good

How do you pay your tithes to GOD? By putting them into GOD'S WORK — where God Himself is working — where His Gospel is being preached, not merely MAN'S gospel *about* Christ, but the very message Christ preached. Most professing Christians have never heard the Gospel today! Jesus preached only one Gospel — that about the KINGDOM (government — rule) of GOD — of how God is going to RULE ALL NATIONS — of how we may, by being begotten *now*, be actually BORN INTO GOD'S KINGDOM at the second coming of Christ and the resurrection of the dead *in* Christ, being then GLORIFIED just as Christ is *now* glorified in the very FAMILY of God! But most professing ministers of Christianity today deny this Gospel altogether and say it is not for this time!

WHAT does God *do* with His tithe? He uses it for HIS MINISTRY, to preach HIS message of REPENTANCE, FAITH IN CHRIST, AND BEING BAPTIZED BY HIS SPIRIT INTO HIS FAMILY — His message of the KINGDOM OF GOD — the WORLD TOMORROW! It is the message of GOD'S WAY. It is the message of true salvation. It is the message of a changed and a fuller, happier LIFE — the message of ETERNAL life, God's gift through grace!

He uses it to tell mankind THE WAY to happiness, joy, prosperity, and eternal life in HIS KINGDOM.

But look at the CURSE! God's WAY has not been preached. The WORLD is unhappy, empty, sick, poverty-stricken, cursed with fears and worries, restlessness, frustrations, insanity, crime, violence, war — DEATH!

Even though the NATION is under a curse, *you*, as an individual, may come under GOD'S BLESSING! It's your BEST assurance of getting and holding a job — of *continuous* and *increasing* INCOME! □