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What Our Readers Say

Animal Brain vs. Human Mind

With the greatest of interest I am following your series, "The vast difference between animal brain and the human mind," of which I have already read two parts, in the January and February editions of *The PLAIN TRUTH*. In my opinion the theme is of outstanding importance, and would be very valuable in form of a booklet. I have been waiting for articles like these for some time. Please keep on sending me your magazines. The contents of them could not possibly be valued in money.

Hans B.,
West Germany

With respect to your article on Animal Brain and Human Mind I am not at all worried or interested in Human Mind or Animal Brain. I am satisfied if God Almighty is satisfied with His creation. Why should we bother our brain about the differences? We can't alter them. All I know is that mankind has made an utter mess of the brains that God gave him whereby he could live peacefully on this Earth. We humans are a perfect insult to our Creator today, compared to the animals.

S. W. H.,
Chesham, Buckinghamshire, England

The Silent Epidemic

The article in *The PLAIN TRUTH* of January 1972 "The Silent Epidemic" by Donald D. Schroeder was an excellent one and we informed our people through our monthly bulletin to order that issue and read it. Mr. Armstrong, you will do a great favor to our nation if you will publish this very important article in a booklet as you did for hippies and drugs, so this will reach all families of our nation and save millions of ignorant parents and children. I gave that issue to some parents and teens and they read the article and were deeply shocked by the truth. . . . So please publish it in a booklet and let it reach all American families and all families throughout the world.

P. A. F.,
Pastor, Greek Orthodox Church,
Wichita, Kansas

• We have made this article into a reprint and will be happy to send a free copy to anyone desiring it. Just ask for the reprint article on "The Silent Epidemic."

So You're a Housewife

Your article "So You're A Housewife" by Paul W. Kroll is truly a life-saver to my personal fulfillment and also

the happiness of our home. *The PLAIN TRUTH* is helping me to fill the unanswered gaps in my life. No words could ever express what it has done for me.

Mrs. R.,
College Park, Georgia

I look forward eagerly to *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine. Many times I have found the answers to my problems and concerns in your magazine. Your articles are so relevant to today's needs. This month, I particularly enjoyed "So You're A Housewife" since I recently retired to stay home with my teen-agers. I admit it's been a frustrating life wondering whether to work or not to work. We will probably have less, but will enjoy it more.

Mrs. John P.,
Charlotte, North Carolina

Welcome Back Garner Ted!

How wonderful to hear Garner Ted again! I cannot clearly express my thoughts, but I know there is a greater humility and love in his messages.

Z. B.,
Waterford, California

I try not to miss a single broadcast since I started listening twelve days ago. No other so-called Biblical programme outclasses *The World Tomorrow* broadcast in any way.

Mr. Daniel F.,
Bonteheuwel, Cape Town

Try It, You'll Like It!

The more I give you the more I get — that's economics!

P. P. S.,
Lancaster University, England

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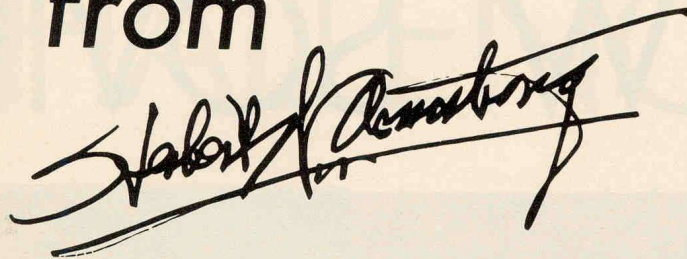
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Personal from



He Can Who Thinks He Can

THE OTHER DAY my personal assistant and Managing Editor of *The PLAIN TRUTH*, Arthur A. Ferdig, handed me a copy of a book that had exerted influence on my life as a young man many years ago — probably about 1910.

It was one of those “inspiration books” designed to inspire young men with ambition, desire to succeed, and confidence. This particular book was titled *He Can Who Thinks He Can*. It was one of many such inspirational or “success” books authored by Orison Swett Marden.

It had occurred to me, about eight or ten years ago, that we ought to have that book in the Ambassador College library. As I remember, our library staff found that the book was out of print, and they searched the second-hand book stores until they found a copy.

Seeing a copy of it brought back memories. It seems that either there is no demand for such books today, or there are no authors with the inspiration and ability to write them. I am sure that this particular book contributed its portion of ambition, inspiration, confidence. Yet, reviewing it now, after more than 60 years, brings the realization that in all those years I have learned a few things I didn't know then.

The book has no preface — no introduction. It begins with Chapter 1: “*I promised my God I would do it.*” In September, 1862, when Lincoln issued the preliminary emancipation proclamation, the sublime act of the nineteenth century, he made this entry in his diary — ‘I promised my God I would do it.’ Does any one doubt that such a mighty resolution added power to this marvelous man; or that it nerved him to accomplish what he had undertaken?

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John Launois, Black Star

ABOUT OUR COVER

Through autumn leaves rise the cupolas of the Cathedral of the Assumption at Zagorsk, north of Moscow. Zagorsk was the religious center of czarist Russia. Though atheism dominates today's Soviet thinking, present-day Soviet leadership is actively pursuing an age-old goal of the Russian czars — world preeminence. The U.S.S.R. has already achieved, as its first goal, a rough balance in strategic weapons with the United States and is moving on to contest American world influence in other fields. Behind Mr. Nixon's Peking and Moscow summits lies this growing challenge from the Kremlin.

WHY WERE YOU BORN?

Is there any PURPOSE for human life? Does life, after all, have real MEANING you have never realized? You need to know!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

SYNOPSIS OF PART I

LAST MONTH we compared the two possibilities of origins. Either humanity was created by an intelligent and Almighty Creator for a definite PURPOSE — or human life developed by the process of evolution.

We discovered that biologists and proponents of the doctrine of evolution fail to show any definite purpose for the presence of the human family on this planet. Neither do they tell us why man is *as he is* — possessing awesome intellectual powers, yet utterly helpless before the onslaught of world problems.

Nor, for that matter, have the world's *religions* so far given any satisfactory explanation.

We discovered that the book called the Holy Bible claims to be the revelation of basic, necessary knowledge for man. In the first two chapters of this book, we discovered that the Creator tells us clearly and emphatically that man is neither an animal nor an immortal soul and that man was created to be governed by mind, not instinct.

We discovered how the first human beings made the very first scientific experiment — they took to themselves the prerogatives of deciding what is GOOD, and what is EVIL.

In so doing, they rejected the God-centered WAY of God's spiritual Law, which would have led to a world of peace, prosperity and happiness. They rejected the vital missing dimension in human knowledge.

PART II

THERE IS much vital, basic and important knowledge BEYOND THE POWERS OF MAN TO DISCOVER! Such important knowledge as what man IS, WHY man is — WHY he was put on earth and for what PURPOSE.

And if there is PURPOSE, what is that purpose? And HOW may we attain it?

What is THE WAY TO PEACE? All nations seek and strive for peace — yet none find it — they have war!

What are the TRUE VALUES in life? This world pursues the FALSE!

Those are the most basic and important things man needs to KNOW. Yet he may search for the answers in vain. He can KNOW them ONLY through revelation.

Such questions as: How the earth came; when it came — how old it is; how old is human life upon it — the mystery of origins — absorb the time, thought, research and thinking of scientists, philosophers, historians — yet

they can come up only with *guesses, theories, hypotheses* — but NO PROOF — the definite knowledge they could know ONLY by revelation.

In taking to themselves the forbidden fruit, the first humans *took to themselves* the determination of what is GOOD and what is EVIL. I repeat — in so doing, they rejected the fact that God's living, inexorable spiritual Law is THE WAY OF GOOD — the CAUSE of all GOOD — and its transgression THE WAY OF EVIL — the CAUSE of all evil. Since they and humanity in general after them have taken to *themselves* the determination of what is GOOD, they of necessity have followed THE WAY contrary to God's Law. They have followed the way that has produced all the vast mountain of EVILS that has descended on this *sick, SICK* world!

They made themselves competitors of the living GOD. That is why it is written in Romans 8:7: "The carnal mind is enmity [hostile] against God: for it is not subject to THE LAW OF GOD, neither indeed can be."

What IS the Missing Dimension?

So what, then, is the missing dimension in all knowledge? *It is revelation from GOD!*

For even though rejected by the first humans — even though rejected

by mankind in general — God did bequeath to mankind His *revelation of basic knowledge*. We have it IN WRITING! The Holy Bible is that revelation. It contains history, instruction, revelation of basic knowledge, and prophecy.

It does not contain ALL knowledge. It contains that basic, foundational knowledge *otherwise inaccessible to man!*

What, then, is WRONG with knowledge production today? The most vital dimension is missing! I have said that error generally comes from *assuming* a false premise, taken carelessly for granted without proof, and building on that premise. And when the basic hypothesis or premise is false, the entire structure built upon it topples with it!

I have said that the tools of modern science are *observation, experimentation, and reason*. Are those tools wrong? NOT AT ALL! The error comes from *rejection* of revelation. For revelation is the true starting premise. When man substitutes his own false hypothesis, the most vital dimension in the knowledge production is missing!

God's Word — His Instruction Manual for mankind — is the FOUNDATION of ALL knowledge. It is NOT the sum total of knowledge. It is the foundation — the true premise — the starting point — the concept that directs the approach to the acquisition of further knowledge.

Man SHOULD Produce Knowledge

God INTENDED for man to *produce additional knowledge*. He gave us the basis — the foundation — the premise — the concept. But He also provided us with eyes with which to observe, with hands and feet to explore and measure, with means to produce laboratories, test tubes, and means of EXPERIMENTATION. He gave us awesome MINDS with which to THINK.

God intended man to use observation, experimentation, and human reason. He supplied us with the basis

— the foundation — *the start* in the right direction, with the right concept. But our first parents rejected the most vital dimension in all knowledge. And mankind has continued to reject the very FOUNDATION of all knowledge. Knowledge production has been operating with a foundation — based on false premises and erroneous hypotheses.

That is the reason human knowledge production has failed to solve humanity's problems, and to cure the world's ills.

Manufacturers of mechanical or electrical appliances send along an instruction manual with their product. The Bible is our Maker's Instruction Manual which He has sent along with the product of His making — humanity.

Six thousand years of human misery, unhappiness and evils ought to provide sufficient PROOF for those willing to see, that humanity, starting with our first parents, rejected the most vital dimension.

Compelled to Choose

Now remember, I said CREATION IS STILL GOING ON. Adam was freely offered eternal life. He was compelled to make a choice. Had he (and of course Eve) made the choice to BELIEVE God — accept knowledge from God, instead of taking to themselves the determination of the knowledge of what is good and what is evil — he and Eve could have taken of the tree of life.

That tree symbolically represented the Holy Spirit of God. Taking it would have impregnated within them GOD-life — SPIRIT-life. Then Adam's creation would have been completed within his lifetime. He would have been *changed* from mortal to immortal — from physical, material composition even as God is!

But the first humans rejected basic revelation of knowledge from God — just as humanity has done ever since. They rejected THE WAY God set in motion to CAUSE peace, prosperity, happiness and joy. They limited the

acquisition of knowledge to their HUMAN minds.

The CAUSE of All Evils

And ever since man has tried to go his own way — governing himself — living the "GET" way, with unconcern for the good of others. And man's way has resulted in all the mountain of evils that has befallen this world.

Therein is the explanation of all the illiteracy, the poverty, the disease, the filth and squalor of the world's majority.

Therein is the explanation of the EVILS that exist in the "more advanced" and "developed" areas of the world. They have education — but with its great, vast missing dimension! Education with no knowledge of the PURPOSE of life. Education that can produce computers, fly men to the moon and back, but cannot solve man's problems.

And why? Because the problems are SPIRITUAL and man has rejected the knowledge of God's SPIRITUAL LAW — the WAY of life that would CAUSE peace and universal GOOD!

But has God left stricken humanity to its fate?

By no means.

God's SPIRITUAL CREATION is still in progress.

The True Answer to These Questions

The real answer was brought out by Job. "If a man die, shall he live again?" Job asked — and answered: "All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my *change* come. Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee: *thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands*" (Job 14:14-15).

The latter part of his quotation, most often overlooked, is the key to this whole riddle. Read it again!

"*Thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands*"!

Study that! Job knew he was merely the work of God's hands, merely a piece of divine workmanship in the hands of the Creator, merely a

piece of plastic *clay* in the hands of the Master Potter.

We Are God's Workmanship

The prophet Isaiah explains this also: "But now, O Lord, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand" (Isa. 64:8).

And in calling us forth from the grave, in the resurrection, God is having a *desire* to *finish* the work of His hands. The model, from which the finished spiritual product is to be molded, is material substance — human clay.

In the creation of Genesis 1, God formed and shaped man physically, into God's image. But we do not, as humans, have the spiritual CHARACTER of the perfect God. During this lifetime, for those whom God calls, if they yield and respond, God begins to re-form and shape us spiritually, while we become more and more like Him in spiritual character.

For this grand and glorious purpose, God has marked out a duration of seven thousand years. Each 24-hour day of the Genesis 1 creation was a type of the seven millennial days of the spiritual creation.

Except for those whom God specially and individually calls during the first six millennial days, God leaves man to write his lesson in human experience. Man made the CHOICE of relying on himself under the sway and influence of Satan. God is allowing man to DEMONSTRATE beyond question his helplessness — without God's Holy Spirit — to live in a way that produces peace, happiness, and universal abundance.

Or, the parallel: God is allowing Satan the six millennial days for his labor of deception and evil. And on that seventh millennial day, he shall not be allowed to do *any* of his evil work. He shall be imprisoned, while the living Christ brings TRUTH and SALVATION to the world.

What Is Redemption?

So now let's look briefly at redemption. What is it?

"By *grace* are ye saved through faith . . . for we are his *workmanship*, CREATED in Christ Jesus *unto* GOOD WORKS, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (Eph. 2:8-10). Notice, there are *good works* to salvation.

The "we" in New Testament language always means Christians — those truly converted. We, then, are God's *workmanship*. Yes! "Created" — *now being* created — to what objective — to what purpose? Note it! "Unto good works"! Unto perfect spiritual character!

Now Paul here is not speaking of Adam's creation, six thousand years ago. He is speaking of Christians, NOW, *being* created — *unto* good works. We are His workmanship — the Creator is *still* creating. He is molding, fashioning, changing us, transforming us to His own noble, righteous, holy, spiritual *character*. Yes, creating *in us* this perfect *character*.

Salvation, then, *is a process!*

The Purpose of Our Living

But how "the god of this world" (II Cor. 4:4) would blind your eyes to that! He tries to deceive you into thinking all there is to it is just "accepting Christ" — with "no works" — and presto-chango, you're pronounced "saved."

But the Bible reveals that: "He that shall endure unto the end, the same *shall be* saved" (Matt. 24:13).

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature" (II Cor. 5:17). Yes, a NEW CREATION!

"And be *renewed* in the spirit of your MIND; and that ye put on the new man, which after GOD IS [being] CREATED in *righteousness* and *true holiness*" (Eph. 4:23-24).

It all begins in the mind. Repentance, the first step in salvation, is a change of mind. We believe in the mind. The receiving and indwelling

of the Holy Spirit is a *renewing of the mind*. Gradually, through Bible study, learning to live by "every Word of God," being continually corrected, keeping in constant prayer, the very mind of God is placed within the yielded man. And thus the new man — a holy, spiritual character — is *being* created in righteousness and in true holiness.

Born Again . . . HOW?

In this new creation God works in man, the man must be "born again."

God made Adam solely out of matter. Jesus said to Nicodemus, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh"! Then He explained we must be born *again* to enter into the Kingdom of God, not again of the flesh — not entering our mother's womb, as Nicodemus thought He meant — but born of the *Spirit* — *born of God*. As we were born of the flesh from a fleshly human father, so now we must be born of the Spirit by God, the heavenly spiritual Father.

(For a more detailed and technical exposition of this process, write for our free booklet *Just What Do You Mean — Born Again?*)

And this process is brought about, in God's great purpose, by a man first coming to see how wrong are the ways of mortal humans, thinking and living contrary to the revealed laws of God. The first stage is repentance. *Surrender* to Almighty God!

But we now are the "clay models," in the hands of the Master Potter.

If in this life our thinking, our ways, are changed until we really do become — in spiritual character — *new creatures* in Christ Jesus, conformed to His will, then that clay model, worked over, fashioned and shaped as God would have it, is finally turned into the finished spiritual creation.

Begins and Ends in Christ

This entire creation begins in Christ, and is finished by Him.

God created all things *by* Jesus Christ (Eph. 3:9). Jesus was the work-

man, then, who created the original Adam. But our *spiritual* creation begins in Him, too. He it is who became our living example — who came into the world to lead the way — and became the *firstborn* from among the dead (Romans 8:29) — the *first* completed, perfected spiritual man.

Christ Is Alive

Now come to the ultimate purpose of human life on the earth.

It is stupendous, beyond the capacity, perhaps, for many to grasp. But see it, with your own eyes, in your own Bible!

Each year, on the Sunday called "Easter," millions celebrate the resurrection of Christ. But do they really believe that He rose from the dead? For that matter, how many believe He really *was* dead at all? The Bible says He rose *from the dead!*

But how many believe He has been *alive* ever since? How many believe the very Christ who *died* is alive today? How many know what He has been doing these past 1900 years?

DO YOU?

The entire book of Hebrews is devoted to telling us what He has been doing, what He is doing now, and what He will do in the future.

Read it in your Bible. Expect shocking surprises — HAPPY surprises.

Begin at the beginning of Hebrews — chapter 1, verse 1: "God, who at sundry times and in diverse manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds. . . ."

The "all things" refers to the ENTIRE UNIVERSE! It is so translated in the Moffatt translation.

Continuing the same sentence,

"... who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person. . . ." Moffatt translates that "express image" as "stamped with God's own character." Continue: "... and upholding all things by the word of his power. . ." (verse 3).

Moffatt translates that as "sustains the universe with his word of power."

In other words, God Almighty, the Father of the Kingdom of God — which is the divine FAMILY of God — has appointed the resurrected, living Christ, His Son, as Chief Executive in the administration of the Government of God *over the entire vast universe!*

Several times, in the Bible, converted Christians, in whom is God's Holy Spirit, are called heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Jesus Christ (Rom. 8:17; Gal. 3:29; 4:7; Titus 3:7, etc.). Now could that mean we are appointed to SHARE that rulership of the entire vast universe with Christ?

Begin now with Hebrews 2:6, quoting from Psalms 8:4-6. The question is asked, "What is man, that thou art mindful of him?"

Yes, what is there about sinning, mortal man that God should be concerned about him?

What are YOU — *that God should be concerned about YOU?*

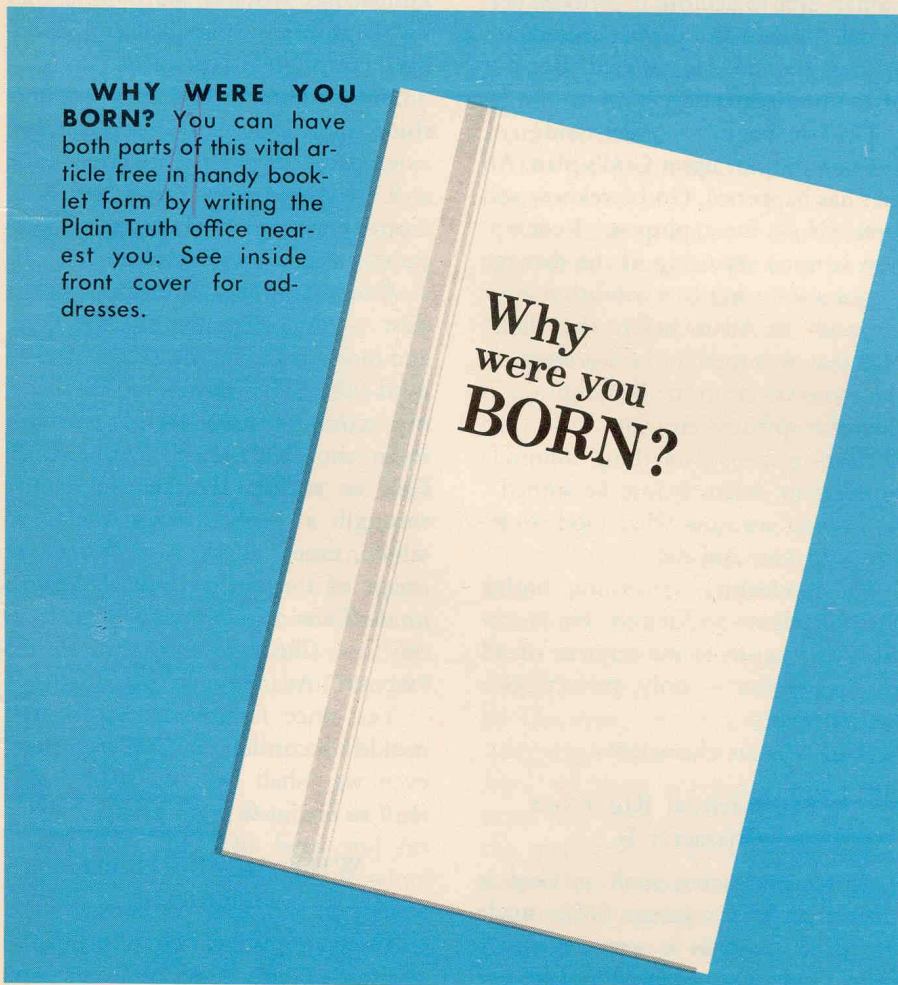
Note well the incredible answer.

The Transcendent Purpose

"Thou madest him a little lower than the angels" (Heb. 2:7). Yes, now, much higher than animals, but still lower than angels who are composed of spirit (see Hebrews 1:5-7, 13-14).

Continue, verses 7-8: "... thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands: thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him."

In chapter 1, quoted above, "all things" is also translated "the uni-



verse." Could it mean God has put the entire vast universe under man? That has been too utterly fantastic for even theologians to believe! But notice the last sentence in that verse: "But now we see not yet all things put under him."

Inheriting the Universe

That explains it. God has *not yet* put the vastness of the universe under man's control and governing. Not while we are still human! Man has so far proved he is incapable of even governing *himself*, here on the earth! No, we don't see man *yet* in such fantastic power.

But what do we see, now?

Notice the ninth verse: "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels..." — mortal, like we are now — "...for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour..." — as explained in the first chapter — CROWNED — the executive RULER over the universe — "...that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things..." — God created everything *BY* Jesus Christ (Eph. 3:9) — "...in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings" (verse 10).

Do you grasp what that says?

"In bringing many sons unto glory." We humans who repent, come to BELIEVE God — believe what He says — believe what He reveals — believe the KNOWLEDGE He reveals to us, now, through the Bible — instead of rejecting knowledge from Him as Adam and Eve did — as most in science and higher education do — we become God's SONS when He puts within us His Holy Spirit. WE are the SONS He is bringing to this supreme GLORY!

How Christ Was Made Perfect

Now grasp this: "...to make the CAPTAIN of their salvation..."

Christ is the Captain of our salvation. Or, that may be translated also as the "pioneer," who has gone on ahead, before us, into this matchless GLORY. He already has *inherited* all things — the universe!

But notice further: "to make the captain of their salvation PERFECT" — HOW? How was even Christ made perfect? — "THROUGH SUFFERINGS"!

And notice, in verse 11: "... He is not ashamed to call them brethren." Christ, in GLORY, is not ashamed to call us — who have His Spirit — who rely on and obey Him — BRETHREN!

"Though he were a Son, yet *learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; and being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation* unto all them that obey him" (Heb. 5:8-9).

There it is again. Jesus is the *author* of our salvation. He wrote that salvation by His experience, and that was the first writing of it. He was the *first* human ever to achieve it — to be perfected, finished as a perfect character!

Jesus learned! He suffered! But out of it came perfection.

Do you begin to understand?

Satan did not upset God's plan. All that has happened, God foreknew and *permitted* — for a purpose. Redemption is not a repairing of the damage — not a restoring to a condition "just as good" as Adam before the "fall." No, that was merely the *beginning* — the *material* creation. Redemption is the great spiritual creation. In it, God is creating in us something infinitely superior to Adam before he sinned.

Do you see now what God is creating, in you and me?

He is creating something higher than angels or archangels. He is creating the supreme masterpiece of all God's creation — holy, perfect spiritual character.

And what is character?

What Spiritual Righteous Character Is

Perfect character, such as God is creating in us, is a person finally made immortal, who is a separate entity from God, who, *through independent*

free choice has come to know, and to *choose*, and to *do*, what is *right*. And that means to believe and know that what God instructs is what is RIGHT.

Inanimate rock will roll downhill by the power of gravity. Water runs in its channels through creeks and rivers into oceans. Great planets, some many times larger than the earth, *must* travel in God's ordained course. These things are marvelous examples of the creative power of God. Yet these things are inanimate — they have no mind, no free choice, no character.

Dumb animals do not sin. They do not know enough to sin. They act by instinct, or according to the training of others. They do not have character.

Character is the possession and practice of love, patience, mercy, faith, kindness, gentleness, meekness, temperance, self-restraint, and right self-direction. Character involves knowledge, wisdom, purpose, ability — all properly controlled and developed, through independent choice.

Holy, righteous character is something that is developed *only through* experience. Experience requires time and circumstances. And so God creates time and God creates circumstances which produce character.

And so God first formed out of the dust — out of matter — the flesh-and-blood man, in the *image* of God (and "image" means form or shape, not composition). And through seven thousand years of experience, God is taking the human family through a process, the results of which, even "as we have borne the image of the earthy [mortal Adam], *we shall also bear the image of the heavenly*" — Christ Jesus immortal, the "second" Adam — (I Cor. 15:49).

Yes, once fashioned, shaped, and molded according to God's purpose, even we "shall be LIKE HIM, *for we shall see him as he is*" (I John 3:1-2).

WHY All This Human Suffering?

There are just two broad principles of life — God's Way, or God's Law,

summed up in the Ten Commandments, and Satan's way of competition, greed, vanity.

All suffering — all unhappiness, fear, misery, and death — has come from the *transgression* of God's Law. *Living* by that great Law of love, then, is the only way to peace, happiness, and joy.

God placed man on this planet to learn that lesson — to learn it through generations of experience.

Yes, we, too, learn by suffering. God has revealed the true way — His revelation always has been available to man. But man, given the right of free choice, always has turned his back on God, and God's true way. And even though man as a whole still refuses to see or learn the lesson, he has written this lesson indelibly in the history of human experience.

We learn through experience and through suffering. This, then, is the very stuff of which character is made.

What We Shall Be Like

Once this godly CHARACTER is developed in us, what shall we be like *in the resurrection?*

Already, *now*, in this life, the truly converted Christian, having God's Holy Spirit dwelling within, being led by God's Spirit, is a SON of God. In prayer he addresses God as "Father."

Notice it in your Bible: "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be . . ." (I John 3:2). What we shall be is not now apparent — does not now APPEAR — is not yet seen. Continue, ". . . but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall [then] see him as he is." Our appearance, then, will be like that of Christ *now*.

And what does Christ look like, now?

His appearance is described in Revelation 1:14-16: "His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; and his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace;

and his voice as the sound of many waters . . . and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength."

But once actually born of God — entering into His Kingdom — His FAMILY — by the resurrection, we shall be *composed of spirit*. We shall be *like* God, and *like* Christ now is, completely sinless. "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him, and *he cannot sin*, because he is born of God" (I John 3:9).

As Christ was born of God by His resurrection (Romans 1:3-4), so shall we be. "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn of many brethren" (Rom. 8:29).

At that time we shall be changed from mortal to immortal. "For our . . . [citizenship] is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body . . ." (Phil. 3:20-21, marginal reading).

Do you begin to comprehend why you were born?

One religion believes that the final end result of human life is to be total extinction of individual consciousness. How glorious is the truth — promising the very opposite extreme!

Now Understand Why You Were Born!

The purpose of life is that in us God is really re-creating *His own kind* — *reproducing Himself* after *His* own kind — for we are, upon real conversion, actually *begotten* as sons (yet unborn) of God. Then through study of God's revelation in His Word, living by His every Word, constant prayer, daily experience with trials and testings, we grow spiritually more and more like God, until, at the time of the resurrection, we shall be instantaneously changed from mortal into *immortal* — composed of spirit. We shall then be *born* of God — actually born into the God FAMILY!

For, remember, the word "God" in Genesis 1:1 comes to us from the Hebrew word *Elohim*. *Elohim* means ONE GOD — not many gods. But that ONE GOD *is* a divine FAMILY — a KINGDOM. There is but one true Church — *one* Church, but many members (I Cor. 12:20).

So it is with God.

As an illustration, there is the mineral kingdom, the plant kingdom, the animal kingdom, the human kingdom, in this material world. Spiritually, there is the angel kingdom, and, high above all, the Kingdom of God. A human — flesh and blood — cannot enter into the Kingdom of God (John 3:6; I Cor. 15:50), but one *born* of God can.

The Fantastic, Incredible Potential

Do you really grasp it? The purpose of your being alive is that finally you be born into the Kingdom of God, which is the divine FAMILY of God.

When you fully grasp this tremendous, wonderful truth, your mind will be filled with transcendent joy. It gives a new meaning to life so wonderful you'll never comprehend the full heights of its splendor.

It means, of course, total renunciation and denial of those injurious things and ways which have falsely *seemed* so bright and alluring to this world.

But your eyes will be open at last to the great deception — the scales will fall from your blinded vision — you'll see the *meaning* of life, its great *purpose*, as you never dreamed it could be. Giving up this world's evils, temptations and pitfalls — its snares and delusions which have glittered and then ended only in sorrow and suffering — is but emerging from gross darkness into the splendor of true light, and of happiness and joy forever!

In the words of I Peter 1:8, you will "rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of GLORY"! ■

ANIMAL BRAIN VS. HUMAN MIND

by Herbert W. Armstrong

Concluding Installment

BEGINNING WITH the January number, *The PLAIN TRUTH* published five installments on “Why the vast difference between animal brain and HUMAN MIND?” by Robert L. Kuhn. Dr. Kuhn dealt with the subject from the physiological standpoint of the new science of brain research.

Dr. Kuhn began his studies on this question in eastern universities — finally earning his Ph.D. at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA).

I knew nothing of Robert Kuhn when he began his studies on this basic and important question. About the same time, I began a deeper study than I had before into this same question — in the Biblical revelation.

Dr. Kuhn joined the faculty of Ambassador College, Pasadena campus. What a surprise to learn that each of us had come to the same answer — he from research in physical science, and I from Biblical studies.

By way of summary, in the January and February installments, Dr. Kuhn demonstrated that the human *mind* is ENORMOUSLY superior in output to

the animal brain. In the March-April and May installments, he demonstrated that the human *brain* is just BARELY superior to animal brain — and that a *nonphysical component* is absolutely essential to transform the human brain into the human mind. In the June installment we found out what it all means, and began to answer the ultimate question: What is Man?

In the July number, I explained the Biblical passages showing that there is, indeed, this nonphysical component — spirit — in man, and that man could not possess the knowledge humans possess, save by this spirit that is in man.

The key passage on this — as covered in the preceding installment — is found in the 2nd chapter of I Corinthians. The Apostle Paul was explaining that the natural mind of man cannot know or comprehend “the things which God hath prepared for them that love him” (verse 9). Man, naturally, receives knowledge only through the five senses — sight, hearing, feeling, tasting, smelling. But this verse explained that his eye

has not seen, nor his ear heard these things. Neither can he know them, (verse 14) because they are *spiritually* discerned.

But, verse 10, “God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit.” Then the real explanation comes in verse 11: “For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.”

There are two spirits mentioned here — the “spirit of man which is in him” and “the Spirit of God” which *may*, on God’s conditions, come to be in him as God’s gift.

Just as the natural mind of man cannot know these spiritual truths of God without the *addition* within him of the SPIRIT OF GOD — the HOLY SPIRIT — so man could not know — could not have the KNOWLEDGE — of the things that are human knowledge, without the spirit of man.

The cow, the dog, the chimp, the dolphin, or the elephant does not possess this knowledge common to humans, because there is no such spirit in animals. The animal brain is

capable of a very limited amount of knowledge. It is capable of a certain limited amount of memory. But animal brain output is almost infinitesimal by comparison to human mind output.

Yet this human mind output is LIMITED!

It cannot come to spiritual knowledge until *another* Spirit is added — God's HOLY SPIRIT! It can know *only* that knowledge that, as is stated in I Corinthians 2:9, eye has seen or ear has heard — that is, knowledge that enters the brain through the five senses. And WHY?

Because spiritual things are invisible. One cannot see spirit. One cannot hear, touch or feel, smell or taste spirit.

The natural man, as humans are born, is limited to PHYSICAL, MATERIAL knowledge — that knowledge that can come through the five senses.

The Spirit of Man Does Not See

The spirit of man does not see. The human brain sees, through the eye. This spirit does not hear. The brain hears, through the ear. The spirit of man does not think — it imparts power to the brain to think.

Prove it! Very well — a man meets with an accident and loses his eyesight. He can no longer see. He can still think. He still has human mind. His spirit is still there, but it cannot see. The same is true of hearing and the other senses. His ability to receive knowledge is reduced, for he no longer receives knowledge through the sense of sight.

This Spirit is NOT the Man

This spirit that is in man is merely something that is IN him. It is not the man, any more than a tiny marble swallowed by a boy IS the boy. It is merely something that is IN him.

I have covered before the statement found in Genesis 2, verse 7: "The Eternal God formed man of the dust

of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."

What became a soul? That which came from the dust of the ground — material substance. The breathing MAN, composed of MATTER, is a soul. The soul, then, is physical — NOT SPIRIT. It is twice stated "the soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezekiel 18:4, 20). Adam became a soul, and God told him that if he ate the forbidden fruit he would SURELY die.

So this spirit of man that is IN him must not be confused with the idea of an "immortal soul" — something entirely foreign to Biblical revelation.

Life After Death?

The Biblical revelation, then, makes the claim that man is made wholly of material substance, is mortal, and shall die. As stated in Hebrews 9:27, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment. . ."

But after death — then what?

Is there HOPE in the Bible for life after death?

The scripture quoted above says, "after this" — after death — "the judgment." That certainly implies life after death.

Then does the Biblical revelation give us hope for life after death? Emphatically it does! It is the GREAT HOPE — that of the RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD. It was for this Biblical hope that the Apostle Paul was on trial for his life (Acts 23:6).

Most of the Western world celebrates Easter once a year. Supposedly this is in honor of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Of course we don't hear much about whether Christ *remained* alive, after His resurrection — or, if so, what He is doing today. Yet a whole book of the Bible is devoted to what the *living* Christ has been doing since His resurrection — and is doing today! That is the book of Hebrews.

The "resurrection chapter" of the Bible is the 15th chapter of I Corin-

thians. It plainly reveals that the resurrection is the SOLE hope of life after death. "As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. . ." (verse 22). But there is an order in which resurrections occur — continuing the above quote: "But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. Then cometh the end. . ."

Other passages reveal two more resurrections — Ezekiel 37 and Revelation 20:11-12, a resurrection to *physical* life a thousand years after the first resurrection, and a final resurrection (the 13th verse of Revelation 20).

But HOW will God accomplish this resurrection?

Prepare for some surprises.

Will God, in some supernatural manner, cause all of the exact same matter that was in the body of the person that died to be brought back to life? Many have been cremated. In some cases, the ashes may have been scattered over wide distances by airplanes. Most of the cremated body went up in gaseous form into the air.

Did you ever wonder how God would bring all the gaseous and ash portions back together again, into a restored body?

Well first, notice what we may learn in the 15th chapter of I Corinthians. The Corinthians must have wondered about that, because the Apostle Paul was inspired to give them the answer.

"But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come? Thou fool [or, "foolish man," or "foolish question"], that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die: and that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain; but God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body. . ." (I Corinthians 15:35-38).

You plant a grain of wheat. Wheat

stalks sprout up, with grains of wheat growing. The new grains are not the same particle of matter as the grain planted — but wheat seeds sprout WHEAT, and not oats — every seed its own kind of body.

Likewise the resurrected body will not be the *same* body, or the exact same matter that was buried — or that was cremated. Though not the same body, it will be identical. This passage continues to show that there are different kinds of flesh — of men, of beasts, of fishes, of birds. “There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another” (verse 40).

Then the passage continues to show what the resurrected bodies of those who are Christ’s — those in whom is dwelling God’s Holy Spirit (Romans 8:9, 11) — will be like. The language is clearer in the Moffatt translation:

“So with the resurrection of the dead: what is sown is mortal, what rises is immortal; sown inglorious, it rises in glory; sown in weakness, it rises in power; sown an animate [natural] body, it rises a spiritual body” (verses 42-44).

Continue, in the Authorized Version:

“And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam [Christ] was made a quickening spirit” (Moffatt: “a life-giving Spirit”). “. . . The first man is of the earth, earthy” — that is to say, the soul is of the earth, earthy — not spirit. “. . . the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.” Moffatt translates it: “Thus, as we have borne the likeness of material Man.”

Those who are Christ’s (Romans 8:9) will be resurrected, at the time of

Christ’s return in power and glory to earth, immortal, composed of SPIRIT.

Those in the “Great White Throne” resurrection (Revelation 20:11-12 and Ezekiel 37:4-6, 11-13) will rise mortal, as they were before — human — of the earth — earthy. Then (Ezekiel 37:13-14) God will give them His Holy Spirit, and they, too, shall receive God’s gift of eternal life.

Now, remember we covered (I Corinthians 15:38) how that, when a grain of wheat is planted, the new plants that spring up are not the same grain that was planted, but they ARE EXACTLY THE SAME KIND — they are wheat, not oats or some other grain.

The Biblical revelation makes plain the fact that, in the resurrection, we shall look exactly as we do in this life. The resurrected body will be identical in every way. For example, Christ said to the hypocritical Pharisees: “There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out” (Luke 13:28). Those there will be RECOGNIZED.

Spirit of Man Like a Mold

There is the old saying, “You can’t take it with you when you die.” You may drive yourself relentlessly to pile up a financial fortune. But you’ll leave it all behind, when you die.

There is, however, something far more valuable in life — and you CAN TAKE IT WITH YOU, when you die.

And that is a righteous spiritual CHARACTER that God the Master Potter wants to fashion and shape and develop in us.

In the resurrection, you not only will look just like you do in this life, you will have the same knowledge you had in this life — and the same character, good or bad.

Now how is all that possible?

It seems quite simple, once you

understand. I will give you an analogy.

Between the Hall of Administration and the Student Center building on our Pasadena campus of Ambassador College is a beautiful fountain, 38 feet high. It is a bronze sculpture of five graceful, huge egrets, wheeling in flight around a jet of water. It was designed and sculptured by David Wynne of London. Actually, it had to be made of many pieces, each rather large, shipped, and then put together on our campus.

This famous sculptor formed it originally of plaster. I saw it before it left his London studio, fully assembled, made of a white plaster. Later, I saw it in its various pieces or parts, in a London foundry. For example, the wingspread of each large egret is 15 feet, so each wing was cast separately. This was done by making a sand mold of each part at the foundry. Into each was poured molten bronze.

The bronze parts were shipped to Pasadena and assembled and welded together. Result: a beautiful bronze sculpture, of precisely the same form and shape as the original plaster model, only now composed of a different material — beautiful, hard, and enduring bronze. This is merely an analogy, not an exact comparison in all respects — for we have to think of the spirit of man as performing the same function as the sand mold, though different from it.

Memory Recorded in Spirit

I hope that illustration gives understanding of how it is possible that, though a human body that once lived disintegrates, decomposes, or is cremated and scattered to the four winds, the spirit preserves its form, shape, memory, character. The resurrected body will be precisely *like it*, though composed of something different. In Philippians 3:20-21 it speaks of Christ’s coming in power and glory, “who shall change our vile

[physical] body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious [spirit-composed] body.”

This spirit in each individual, of necessity, does more than merely imparting the power of intellect to the physical brain. It becomes a spiritual “mold” of the entire person — even to preserving memory, knowledge and character. Thus the resurrected person, then *composed* of spirit instead of matter as in his human lifetime, will be immortal. He will have life inherent — within himself. He will not need to breathe air to sustain his existence, nor eat food nor drink water — though Biblical revelation shows that we *shall* be able to enjoy eating and drinking.

What About the Maimed or Crippled?

Now comes the question — will we be, in every detail, *exactly* as we are in this human life? Will the crippled or maimed be so in the resurrection?

Biblical revelation presents the resurrected ones as having undergone a NEW BIRTH — even a NEW CREATION! In this new BIRTH, the repentant and believing human, as an analogy, compares to the ovum, and the Holy Spirit of God to the life-imparting divine “sperm.” The nucleus in the human with which the Spirit of God unites is the spirit of man. We shall, then, be BORN OF GOD. When we were born of human flesh, we inherited much from our human fathers — in form, shape, appearance, as well as mental and other characteristics. Then it follows automatically that in the resurrection we shall inherit much from our heavenly Father. We shall inherit much of His character — his holiness — His perfection. But shall we not inherit even some of His specific features?

In looks, it is apparent we shall be recognized — as Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and the prophets shall be. But it would certainly seem, since Jesus is

our God-Healer, and He healed even the crippled, that imperfections caused by accidents and/or poor nutrition in this life would be HEALED — or missing limbs would be restored, sicknesses or diseases would be healed and disappear.

Those resurrected to physical and mortal life in the judgment of the Great White Throne will be composed of flesh and blood — just as before, but it will not be the SAME body that died — the SAME flesh and blood. But new flesh and blood will form *with* this spirit “mold.”

In either resurrection, each person will KNOW what he knew in this life. That means that his knowledge — his memory — is recorded and preserved in this spirit.

When one dies, it is recorded in Ecclesiastes, “Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it” (Eccl. 12:7).

I do *not* say that memory is *not* stamped in “the gray matter” of the human brain. Indeed, since animal brains do preserve a certain amount of memory, the indication is that memory may be stamped both in the physical brain and in the spirit of man. But this much is evident: whatever is stamped in the physical brain is corruptible and subject to decay. Only the spirit of man can *preserve* it.

Unconscious in Death?

Human consciousness resides in the physical brain. The spirit of man undoubtedly imparts a far more REAL consciousness than experienced in animal brain, yet this consciousness resides in the brain, not in the spirit.

Proof: Medical anesthesia operates on the physical brain, not on the spirit. But when one is completely “under,” his spirit is not engaged in conscious thinking. Yet nothing has happened to the spirit — it is indestructible and as active as ever.

This explains what the Bible reveals — that “. . . the living know

that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing” (Ecclesiastes 9:5). Assuredly the physical brain functions no longer, after one dies. And, although the person’s total fund of knowledge is *preserved* — stored up, as it were — in the spirit, that spirit is not consciously thinking, apart from the brain — or UNTIL united with the brain of the resurrected person.

Further, this knowledge explains something else.

In the “resurrection chapter” — the 15th chapter of I Corinthians, it is written: “But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept” (verse 20). It speaks of the dead as “those that slept.” In I Thessalonians 4:14 the dead are spoken of as those “who sleep in Jesus.”

Because the Bible speaks of death as a sleep, some have derisively ridiculed those who believe the scriptures above about the unconscious state of the dead as being “soul-sleepers.”

But the soul doesn’t sleep — *it dies!* And the spirit of man is unconscious, yet this spirit NEVER DIES. It is the one ingredient that was IN the man which lives, yet this spirit is unconscious — therefore the Bible speaks of the dead as sleeping.

There is another analogy that might help illustrate how the spirit of man *preserves* man’s form, shape, knowledge, character, personality — actually the whole person, intact until the resurrection.

That is the tape now used in recording of both sound and picture, in radio, television, or home-recording sets. In sound recording, a person’s voice in speech or singing, or the voices of chorus and/or orchestra, band, or instrument — whatever sound — is electrically recorded. Like the spirit, your naked eye can’t see anything recorded on the tape, yet it’s there. This sound is “resurrected,” or reproduced, when played on a tape machine. Until then, however, it makes no sound — it is “uncon-

scious" so to speak. But when played on the tape machine, the whole sound "comes to life" precisely as it sounded when recorded through the microphone.

In the case of television tape, both video (picture) and audio (sound) are recorded. And, in the form of a picture, it comes back to life when put on the air, even in full color.

We think of all this as something ordinary and simple today — we have come to "take it for granted," as part of everyday life.

Then should it seem too difficult for the Creator, Miracle-working God to preserve our very *person*, and all that we are, by means of this spirit of man?

This, then, is the Biblical revelation. Perhaps a comparatively small minority of the earth's human population *believes* the Biblical revelation. Adam and Eve didn't. Most of their descendants have not. I can only hope that the reader does — and state, further, that the time is soon coming when *everybody will!*

Let me say here that what is presented here is merely an OVERVIEW. There may be many detailed aspects of this subject of the spirit of man that we do not as yet know. There are definitely some aspects of the subject not given to us in Biblical revelation.

Remember what *is* revealed in Deuteronomy 29:29: "The secret things belong unto the Eternal our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever. . . ." To try to reason out details of this subject not revealed could be intruding where man has no right. I do not wish to intrude on the privacy of my God. This subject, it is realized, *could* arouse endless questions, probably unimportant or useless.

It *IS* important to know that it is definitely revealed that there *IS* the promise of LIFE AFTER DEATH — and that this life comes through the RES-

URRECTION — not through the pagan myth of the immortality of the soul. It is important to know what man is, and WHY he is.

Now, with this revealed knowledge in mind, what, finally, is MAN?

Man is a creation of the living God. Formed, for this life, of material substance from the dust of the ground, man nevertheless was made in the image, likeness — form and shape — of the Almighty God. He was made to need, and to have and enjoy if he will, a very special relationship with his Maker. He was given the wonderful power of MIND, to make possible this relationship with his Maker.

But the man and woman God created were not created COMPLETE — nor have their descendants been *born* complete. They were the significant part of the PHYSICAL CREATION, that was the material with which their Maker might begin His SPIRITUAL CREATION.

Still, even as composed of physical matter, Adam was not complete. One very vital ingredient was missing — though God provided it for the taking, and offered it to Adam and Eve. That is His Holy Spirit.

The "tree of life" in the Garden of Eden was the symbol of God's Holy Spirit, which might be called the "seed" or divine spiritual "sperm" imparting, or leading to, eternal life.

It has been explained in this article in what manner Adam's creation was incomplete. The spirit of man imparts the power of intellect to the physical brain, but at the same time it *limits* the human mind to MATERIAL knowledge.

The very presence of this spirit in man gives him a spiritual, moral, and ethical nature — with spiritual, moral and ethical problems, but with UNDERSTANDING limited to the physical and material.

Man was made to have a special relationship with his Maker, yet by his transgressions, and lack of the

Spirit of God, he is CUT OFF from his Maker!

Yet, even though our first parents rejected God's knowledge and His way, our Maker has left the door open. He has bequeathed to us His REVEALED KNOWLEDGE in the Bible.

When Adam and Eve disbelieved Him and disobeyed Him — made the wrong choice — God drove them out of the Garden of Eden, "lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever. . ." (Gen. 3:22). So Adam was cut off from God. And, since then, "all have sinned" (except Jesus Christ), and cut themselves off from contact with God (Isaiah 59:2).

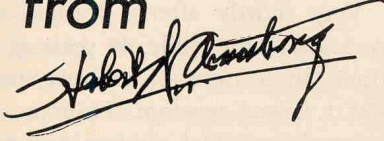
But the Biblical revelation shows us that on repentance, and faith, through Jesus Christ, whose death paid our penalty in our stead, we may be reconciled to God and receive His Holy Spirit — GOD'S Spirit, added to *our* spirit. So that *His* "Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God" (Romans 8:16). We then become Christ's (Romans 8:9).

Now, "if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you" (Romans 8:11).

And when we are instantaneously changed, *if* living at the time of Christ's coming (I Corinthians 15:51-54) or, resurrected to eternal life if we have died previous to that time, we shall enter the very Kingdom of God, composed of spirit. We shall then be higher than angels — we shall judge angels (I Corinthians 6:2-3).

What is MAN? He is a human who has gone the wrong way, but who has the potential of TURNING AROUND, repenting, believing, and becoming a SON OF GOD with eternal life in peace, happiness, joy, abundant well-being — GLORY, for ever and ever! ■

Personal from



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“Neither ridicule nor caricature — neither dread of enemies nor desertion of friends — could shake his indomitable faith in his ability to lead the nation through the greatest struggle in its history.

“Napoleon, Bismarck, and all other great achievers had colossal faith in themselves. It doubled, trebled, or even quadrupled the ordinary power of these men. . . . Without this sublime faith, this confidence in her mission, how could the simple country maiden, Jeanne d’Arc, have led and controlled the French army? This divine self-confidence multiplied her power a thousandfold, until even the king obeyed her, and she led his stalwart troops as if they were children.”

I suppose not one in many thousands would see anything but inspiration and right principle in such expressions as “his indomitable faith in his ability . . .” or “had colossal faith in themselves,” or “This divine self-confidence.” And that is only a start. The remainder of the chapter is filled with the rewards of self-confidence — confidence in SELF.

That is not to say that self-confidence does not increase results. That is the kind of confidence I was absorbing in those days. It did inspire. It did prod *drive!* It did inject perseverance. It did increase results.

But later in life, I learned of a far better, more resultful confidence.

I have mentioned a number of times that in the autumn of 1926 I was challenged on the theory of evolution. I was more or less familiar with the doctrine, but had never indulged in an in-depth research into the question of origins. This chal-

lenge drove me to that in-depth research.

So I delved thoroughly into the works of Darwin and his sponsors, Haeckel and Huxley, the works of Lyell before them, and Chamberlin and Vogt after them. This led to a study of the other claim for origins. I began to question the existence of God. I had been brought up to believe in God. But now I realized that I had grown up assuming God’s existence — simply taking it for granted — but I had never seen PROOF.

So I entered into a study of Genesis and the whole Bible, to examine its claims for special creation and the existence of an all-powerful Creator.

It became frankly evident that the dominant motive impelling many evolutionists to accept the theory was, in actual fact, their reluctance — or refusal — to believe in a God who bears authority over them. Human nature resents authority, though it loves to wield it.

I found no proof for the evolutionary theory, though I found much to disprove it. And I found that which, to me, was irrefutable scientific proof of the existence of the living God. But then I began to ask myself why had I experienced a sort of sense of shame — or embarrassment — in believing in God? How many experience that? Now, having found irrefutable PROOF, it seemed silly that one should feel any embarrassment in acknowledging a GREATER POWER — a greater MIND — who designed and brought into existence the human mind — MY mind! Should I not, rather, be grateful?

To my surprise, on looking intently into it, I found the Bible a *living NOW* book. It is for TODAY. A third of it is prophecy, and 90% of that pertains to this 20th century and beyond.

Rational study of the Bible revealed a direct relationship between man and God. Man, it is biblically revealed, was formed and shaped in the likeness of GOD — not of ani-

mals. He was put here on earth to have a definite relationship to and with his Maker.

I began to learn of a dynamic, active NEW kind of confidence, infinitely superior to SELF-confidence. It is something God GIVES!

It is the confidence that is FAITH.

The God of the Bible therein PROMISES many things and benefits we humans ought to be receiving. Among them is guidance, bestowal of POWER — many things the living God will do for us.

I began to learn that there is something very practical in all this. I began to learn that, if I submitted my life to God’s guidance, I was tapping a source of POWER millions of times greater than any resources within.

Oh, I was well aware that in most humans lie dormant abilities, powers and resources — latent talents that ought to be aroused, brought out and developed. I have mentioned, in my autobiography, the case of a former colleague and publisher with whom I was connected for several years — Clifford De Puy. His father died suddenly, leaving a quality magazine in the banking field, *The Northwestern Banker*, surprisingly heavily in debt. Young Clifford, at that time about 28, inexperienced, took off his coat, rolled up his sleeves, and began putting those undeveloped latent abilities to work. His father’s bank backed him, and in a few years he paid off the indebtedness and became a successful publisher.

But there is a GREATER source of power. There are multiplied *greater* resources.

SO WHY NOT TAP BOTH?

Why not ignite that spark within, drive oneself on to develop his *own* abilities, and, at the same time, replace SELF-confidence with a living FAITH in the direction, inspiration, wisdom, and resources of dynamic supernatural POWER from above?

I decided, in the spring of 1927, to do just that! And worldwide enterprises affecting the lives of a hundred and fifty million people on all conti-

nents have resulted. Many thousands of lives have been CHANGED — turned right side up — made more successful — AND HAPPY!

I learned that there are the THREE DIMENSIONS — the *within*, the *around*, and the *above*.

Most people cheat themselves by utilizing only the first two. In their lives there are only these two dimensions on which to rely.

Looking into the *within* is like looking into a well and finding it has gone dry. Relying on the *within*, they become self-centered. Their concern is primarily for self. So they become selfish. They develop greed, desire to have, to GET, to take, to accumulate. They measure success in terms of material accumulation. Toward others they are unconcerned, envious, jealous, suspicious. They live in a spirit of competition.

Their self-centered thinking results in constantly shrinking horizons. They may develop latent talents, arouse ambition for self-gain, develop their own inner powers and resources, but those resources are comparatively meagre. They try to find happiness in material acquisition, but that is not the source of happiness.

Then, of course, there is the pull of human nature to CONFORM — to BELONG. So the dimension of the *around* fills a big part of their lives. But those around them are self-centered too, trying to get the best of them in every deal. They, too, center their affections on material acquisition. They constitute an unhappy world. They are bent on getting, and too often you find they are jealous, or envious, or resentful toward you. You find that their concern is for themselves, rather than for your welfare or happiness. You trust them, and too often find them untrustworthy.

There's not much in the way of resources to be found in the *around*, but many disillusioning disappointments.

But what about the third dimension — the *above*? Could it be possible that most of humanity has been fail-

ing to tap the source of the greatest resources and meaningful, rewarding benefits?

Here is what I found revealed. In the first — the creation — chapter of the Bible, it is written that God formed cattle after the cattle kind, whales after the whale kind — that is the way God made them — the way He formed and shaped them. But verses 26 and 27 say He formed man after God's own image and likeness — man was MADE — formed, shaped, in the same form and shape as God. However, the 7th verse of the 2nd chapter says He formed man of material substance — out of the ground — while in John 4:24 it is revealed that God is composed of immaterial SPIRIT.

But WHY was man formed and shaped like GOD, instead of like any of the lower animals? Because man was created for a PURPOSE — to have a personal and special relationship with God.

In the New Testament book of John, it is stated that Jesus gave to as many as received Him power to become the sons of God. And in I John 1:3 it is stated that all such actually have fellowship — actual contact and *fellowship* with God, and with Christ!

I found that the Bible is literally full of PROMISES from God, in which He PROMISES to do things for us, bestow things on us, give needed things to us.

Notice just a few:

“But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:19). That does not promise to supply all your desires or wants — just your need. And it is well to realize that the Bible reveals that God does for us what we are unable to do for ourselves. Usually He will supply your need through your own efforts — but if you place CONFIDENCE in Him, He'll see that the need comes.

In James 1:5, “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and

upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering.”

Very shortly after I learned this truth about the Bible, 45 years ago, I found in a time of embarrassment that I lacked wisdom. From a very young boy I had always craved to have UNDERSTANDING. And I had acquired a fair degree of that, but wisdom is more than knowledge and understanding. It is ability to use both, and come to a right and wise decision. So I took God up on this promise through the writing of James. I asked for wisdom. I *believed* I would be given wisdom, since God had PROMISED it, on my asking — and God could not break His promise. I received wisdom. In my position today, as the chief human administrator over large worldwide activities, I frequently have to make decisions involving millions of dollars. I NEED that wisdom!

Had I been forced to rely solely on the resources *within*, or on advice and counsel from the *around*, this great Work, I am sure, could never have developed. But I have had *all three* dimensions to tap. I most certainly *do* seek counsel from others. Solomon said that in a multitude of counsellors there is safety. So I call in counsellors. I use my own best judgment, based on experience. And in addition, I rely on wisdom from God. I utilize all three dimensions — and they make a great team. That's the safest way I know.

Just how GREAT are these resources from *above*? How GREAT is the living GOD?

The prophet Isaiah gives us some information on that. This is what God inspired him to write:

“Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?

“Who hath directed the Spirit of the Eternal, or being his counsellor hath taught him? With whom took

he counsel, and who instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and shewed to him the way of understanding?

"Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket [compared to God], and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing. . . . All nations before him are nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity.

"To whom then will ye liken God?" . . .

"It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in. . . . Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number. . . .

"Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Eternal, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might, he increaseth strength. . . . they that wait upon the Eternal shall renew their strength" (Isaiah 40:12-15, 17-18, 22, 26, 28-31).

People often ask me why I stay young — and where do I get my energy? The above verses give me a promise — provide a source of resources which I rely on.

Yes, I found, 45 years ago, a far more practical and resultful confidence than self-confidence. I found the confidence that is FAITH. It is reliance on the supreme great God, whose greatness is described above. His resources are total. They are unlimited. The wealth and the

resources of the entire universe are His. He is the SOURCE of all power, of all good, of all that is desirable.

He is not only the Great Creator. He is the supreme RULER of the universe. He is the Great Educator, the Source of basic knowledge. He is the Great GIVER! He gave His only begotten Son — for our redemption. He gives power and strength. He supplies all our needs. He gives wisdom. He has EVERYTHING to give that is GOOD.

My life has been tremendously enriched since I became connected to this Source of total supply, forty-five years ago. And this has led to the enrichment of untold other thousands.

What a stupendous value most of humanity is cheating itself out of, by failing to add the *above* dimension in their lives! ■

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