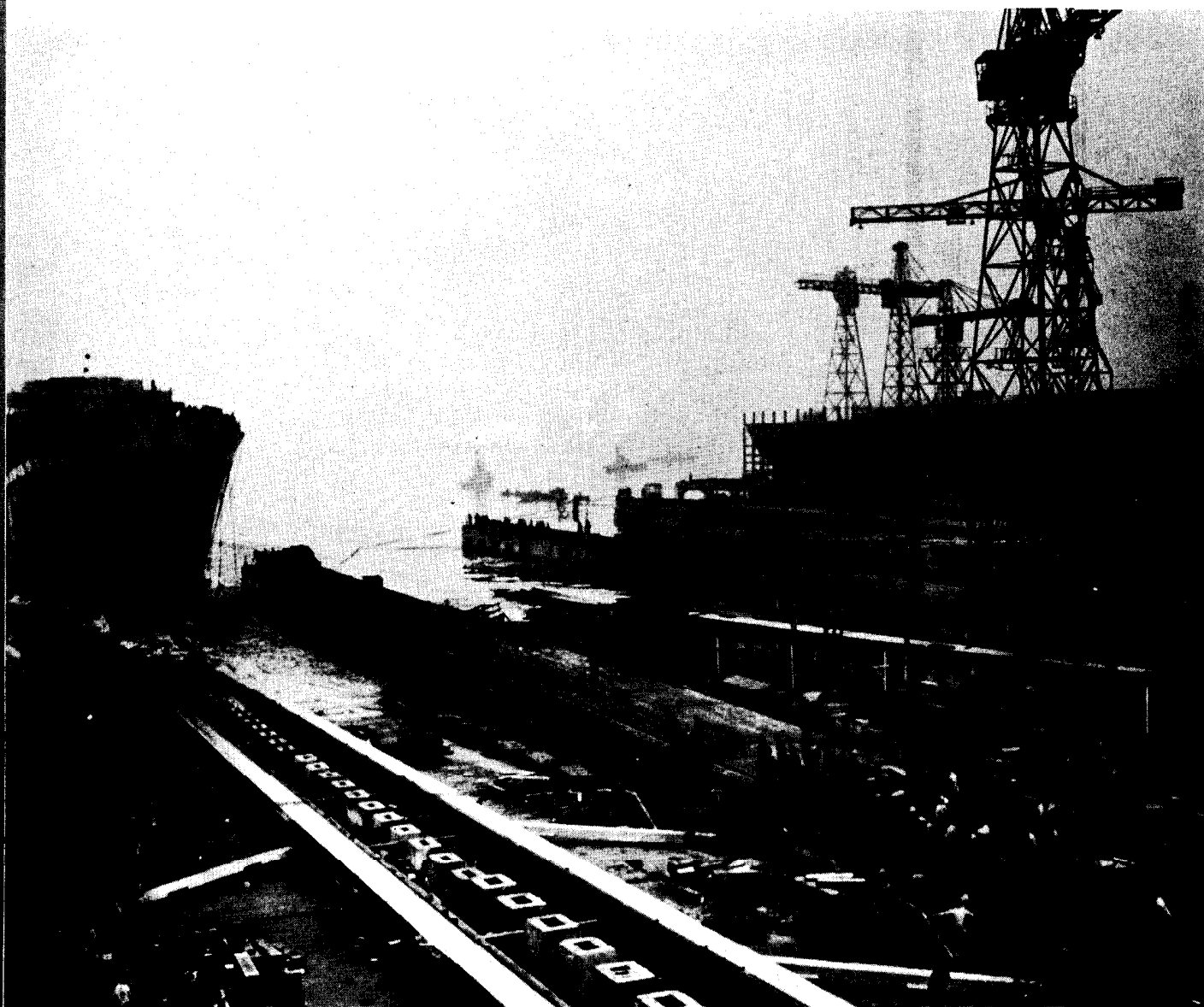


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Wide World Photo

GERMANY'S commercial might sparks efforts toward a United Europe. Russia is desperately trying to stop German economic and military resurgence. BERLIN is the focal point of this East-West tension. Will it end in World War III? Read the answer in this issue!

NOW! Christ's Gospel to RUSSIA!

Here is BIG NEWS! A gigantic door has swung wide open through the Iron Curtain. Now we go to Russia in the Russian language.

by Herbert W. Armstrong

IT APPEARED impossible! The Kremlin has set out to eradicate religion from Russia—and, ultimately, from the entire face of the earth!

Missionaries have been barred. Evangelists, preachers, ministers of religion are not allowed. The foreboding "IRON CURTAIN" has stood an impassable barrier to the entrance of any religion—let alone the true Gospel of Jesus Christ—into Russia.

Russian People Religious?

Communism teaches that "religion is the opium of the people." Communism is *godless atheism!*

Russian leader Zinoviev said that the Communists were going to chase Almighty God out of His high heaven; and wherever God fled to escape them, they would search Him out and destroy Him!

Bold words! But blustering blasphemous Zinoviev is now rotting in his grave. And the GOD he defied has now *opened a gigantic door* through the vaunted "iron curtain" for the shouting and thundering of HIS OWN MESSAGE to all the people of Russia, in their own language! And God says that NO MAN CAN SHUT THAT DOOR!

The Russian people are inherently religious by nature. The Soviet government has *not* been able to stamp religion out of Russia. There are still churches in Russia. But the Russian people, under the Czars, had only the Greek Orthodox CATHOLIC religion—a degenerated, paganized counterfeit of true Christianity—an empty form and ceremony. They never had God's TRUTH. But they are really *hungry* for it!

Unto ALL Nations

Our commission is found in Matthew 24:14: "This gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a

witness *unto ALL nations*" just before the END of this age—just before the return of Jesus Christ to earth!

I want to tell you that for years I have looked at those three words "UNTO ALL NATIONS," and realized it means *EVERY* nation. Now, for example, that means RUSSIA, and Communist Red CHINA, and SPAIN. And yet *every door* for getting Christ's own Gospel into these three nations was CLOSED TIGHT!

Every possible avenue for getting past that Iron Curtain into RUSSIA had been closed and blockaded so totally that at times I was tempted to wonder if maybe God wouldn't overlook it if we failed to find a way to get His Message to the Russian people! Surely God would not expect the impossible! But we must remember that our God is the ALL-Mighty God—the miracle-working God—and He has said (Rev. 3:7-8), that He will OPEN DOORS for us! Yet no door was open.

In February, 1947, Mrs. Armstrong and I went to Europe to search out ways of getting the Message into Britain and Europe. There were absolutely NO radio doors open over there anywhere! It was discouraging. But when God's time came, at the end of our first 19-year time-cycle of broadcasting (it was after exactly 19 years that God "OPENED A DOOR" for the Apostle Paul to take the Gospel to Europe, in 50 A.D.), then *ON THE VERY WEEK* that was the 19th anniversary of our first broadcast, we started on the most powerful station in Europe at that time—Radio Luxembourg!

Three years ago we went to Spain, but we found Fascist Dictator Franco has CLOSED EVERY DOOR for any kind of religion except the Roman Catholic. Yet a little later God opened the SUPER-

power *Radio International* at Tangier, just across the Strait of Gibraltar from Spain—BUT IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE. We still were not reaching many in Spain.

Also some two or three years ago God opened the super-power door of Chiang Kai-shek's RADIO TAIWAN, which now beams The WORLD TOMORROW twice weekly across the Bamboo Curtain into RED CHINA.

But, at last, while we were in New York in late February came the *BIG NEWS!*

First, Radio Tangier opened its doors to us now to begin broadcasting to SPAIN in the SPANISH LANGUAGE! Franco does not control Tangier or its great radio station which is heard all over Europe!

And then, the *BIGGEST NEWS!!!*—Altho the United States government has been spending hundreds of millions to broadcast the message of Democracy to Russia by the powerful transmitters of the "VOICE OF AMERICA," the Kremlin has spent many *more* millions to construct gigantic *more* powerful transmitters to JAM the "Voice of America," so it cannot be heard in Russia. Then the U.S. builds still additional radio transmitters on new wave-lengths, but the Russians immediately build more powerful transmitters to JAM them, and BLACK OUT the message of Democracy.

The B.B.C. of Great Britain has had the same experience. The Russians have JAMMED THEM OUT! Thousands have contributed to "RADIO FREE EUROPE" in an effort to broadcast religion and democracy messages into Russia. But the Russians have JAMMED THEM OUT!

Until we were in New York this was the situation. It seemed hopeless. But THIS is GOD'S WORK! *This is GOD'S*

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The Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong

This 16th installment of the Autobiography finds Mr. Armstrong at the crossroads—forced to make the most momentous decision of his entire life.

IT WAS humiliating to have to admit my wife had been right, and I had been wrong, in the most serious argument that ever came between us.

It was shocking, disillusioning, to learn, after intensive study of the Bible for the first time, that what I had been taught from a child in Sunday School was, in so many basic points, the very opposite of what the Bible plainly states!

Disillusionment

My wife had taken up with a religious doctrine which, to me, had been disgraceful fanaticism. She said she found it IN THE BIBLE!

I had argued. I had commanded her to drop this ridiculous nonsense. I had said she was CRAZY!

Finally I had entered upon an intensive study of the Bible for the first time in my life. I was determined to PROVE she was wrong, for her new belief and practice was contrary to the orthodox teaching of the large-denomination churches that call themselves Christian. My study started early mornings, lasted often until 1:00 or 2:00 a.m. It had continued six months. I was determined to prove to my wife that "all these churches could not be wrong."

But to my utter disappointed astonishment, I found that the popular church teachings and practices were *not* based on the Bible. They had originated, as research in history had revealed, in paganism. Numerous Bible prophecies foretold it. The amazing, unbelievable TRUTH was, the SOURCE of these popular beliefs and practices of professing Christianity was, quite largely, paganism and human reasoning and custom, *NOT the Bible!*

I had first doubted, then searched for evidence, and found PROOF that God exists—that the Holy Bible is, literally, His divinely inspired revelation and in-

struction to mankind. I had learned that one's God is what a person OBEYS. The word "LORD" means MASTER—the one you OBEY! Most people, I had discovered, are obeying *false* gods, rebelling against the one true CREATOR who is the supreme RULER of the universe.

The argument was over a point of OBEDIENCE to GOD.

The opening of my eyes to the TRUTH brought me to the crossroads of my life. To accept it meant to throw in my lot with a class of humble and unpretentious people I had always looked upon as inferior. It meant being cut off from the high and the mighty and the wealthy of this world, to which I had aspired. It meant the final crushing of VANITY. It meant a total *change of life!*

Life and Death Struggle

It meant real REPENTANCE, for now I saw that I had been breaking God's law. I had been rebelling against God. It meant turning around and going THE WAY OF GOD — the WAY of His BIBLE — living according to every word in the Bible, instead of according to the ways of society or the desires of the flesh and of vanity.

It was a matter of which WAY I would travel for the remainder of my life. I had certainly reached the CROSSROADS!

But I had been beaten down. God had brought that about—though I didn't realize it then. This made surrender less difficult. Repeated business reverses, failure after failure, had destroyed self-confidence. I was broken in spirit. The SELF in me didn't want to die. It wanted to try to get up from ignominious defeat and try once again to tread the broad and popular WAY of vanity and of this world. But now I knew *that* way was WRONG! I knew

its ultimate penalty was DEATH. But I didn't want to die *now!*

It was truly a battle for LIFE—a life and death struggle. In the end, I lost that battle, as I had been losing all worldly battles in recent years.

I told God I was only a burned-out hunk of junk. In final desperation, I threw myself on His mercy. If He could use my life, I would give it to *Him*—not in physical suicide, but as a *living* sacrifice, to use as He willed. It was worth nothing to me any longer.

Jesus Christ had bought and paid for my life by His death. It really *belonged* to Him, and now I told Him He could have it!

From then on, this defeated no-good life of mine was GOD'S. I didn't see how it could be worth anything to Him. But it was His to use as His instrument, if He thought He could use it.

JOY in Defeat

This surrender to God—this REPENTANCE—this GIVING UP of the world, of friends and associates, and of everything—was the most bitter pill I ever swallowed. Yet it was the *only* medicine in all my life that ever brought a healing!

For I actually began to realize that I was finding joy beyond words to describe in this total defeat. I had actually found JOY in the study of the Bible—in the discovery of new TRUTHS, heretofore hidden from my consciousness. And in surrendering to GOD in complete repentance, I found *unspeakable* JOY in accepting JESUS CHRIST as personal Saviour and my present High Priest.

Somehow I began to realize a NEW fellowship and friendship had come into my life. I began to be conscious of a contact and fellowship with Christ, and with God the Father.

When I read and studied the Bible,

God was talking to *me*, and now I *loved* to listen! I began to pray, and knew that in prayer I was talking with God. I was not yet very well acquainted with God. But one gets to be *better* acquainted with another by constant contact and continuous conversation.

A Doctrine at a Time

So I continued the study of the Bible. I began to write, in article form, the things I was learning. I did not then suppose these articles would ever be published. I wrote them for my own satisfaction. It was one way to learn more by the study.

I had been reared of Quaker stock. The Quakers do not believe in water baptism. But now I wanted to PROVE, by the Bible, whether I ought to be baptized. So I began to study about baptism—and receiving the Holy Spirit.

As this study of the Bible continued, I was forced to come out of the fog of religious babylon a single doctrine at a time. It was years later before I came to see the WHOLE picture—to understand God's PURPOSE being worked out here below, and why, and how, He is working it out. Like a jigsaw puzzle, the many single doctrinal parts ultimately fit together, and then, for the first time, the WHOLE picture burst joyfully into view.

It was like being so close to one tree at a time I could not see the forest. I had to examine every doctrinal tree in the religious forest. Many, as I had been brought up to believe them, were felled on close examination IN THE BIBLE. New doctrinal trees came into view. But finally, after several years, I was able to see the whole forest of TRUTH, with dead doctrinal trees removed.

That is why students at Ambassador College today are able to learn the TRUTH much more rapidly than I could. That is why the readers of The PLAIN TRUTH, the regular listeners of The WORLD TOMORROW program, and the students of the Ambassador College BIBLE Correspondence Course are able to come to mature knowledge of the truth so quickly. The pioneer work has been done. The weeds have been removed. The very *trunks* of the trees of false doctrines have been chopped down and uprooted.

But I myself had to check carefully and test every doctrine, one at a time.

And so next, after repentance and surrender to God, came an intensive study of water baptism.

Disillusioned About Preachers

During my initial six months' study, I had studied not only the Bible, but every book, booklet or tract I could get on the religious subjects under study. On the Sabbath question, I had sought out eagerly and studied avidly everything I could find *against* the Sabbath and supporting Sunday as the "Lord's Day." But I had tried to be fair, and searched also the literature on the other side of the question. But always the BIBLE was the sole authority. Thus I became quite familiar with Seventh-Day Adventist literature.

Never, however, did I attend any Seventh-Day Adventist church service.

Also I checked over carefully the literature of the Church of God, with headquarters at Stanberry, Missouri.

Upon surrender to God, I had lost all sense of animosity toward Mrs. O. J. Runcorn, the elderly lady who had started my wife on the religious "fanaticism" which proved to be God's TRUTH. We even came to call her and her husband our spiritual parents. Mrs. Armstrong and I visited with her frequently when in Salem at the home of my parents. Through her and her husband we became acquainted with a small group of "Church of God people" in Salem and near Jefferson, Oregon.

One day when we were in Salem we learned that a preacher of this Church of God had just arrived from Texas, an Elder Unzicker. He and his wife were staying at the home of a neighbor, member of the Church of God. Mrs. Armstrong and I walked across the street to this neighbor's house to see him. I wanted to ask him questions about water baptism.

"Well I don't have time to explain water baptism to you now," said Elder Unzicker, "but I am baptizing a man over at the Seventh-Day Adventist church Sunday afternoon. I will give a short talk on the subject of baptism then. If you wish to know more about it, you are welcome to attend this service and listen."

His talk failed to answer my questions. I still had some questions I wished to ask. Again Mrs. Armstrong and I went to the neighbor's house to see Elder Unzicker. I suppose I was rude in presuming to ask for more of his time, but I was hungry for the truth, and was accustomed to "going after" what I wanted. He seemed quite nettled and impatient. His manner led me to say, rather taken aback:

"Why, Elder Unzicker, you talk as if I am not a Christian."

"I *know* you're not a Christian!" he said impatiently. "Anyone who hasn't been baptized is certainly not a Christian, but a child of the devil!"

I suppose Mr. Unzicker felt impatiently disgusted with a man, new in the truth, hungry to know GOD's way, coming to him for help. But I couldn't help being deeply disappointed.

"Mr. Unzicker," I replied quietly, "I would not think of making such an accusation against *you*. I am grateful to God that in the Judgment *you* will not be my judge."

Mrs. Armstrong and I left without another word. I saw no more of Elder Unzicker at that time, but we were to see a great deal more of him in later years. This first meeting with a minister of this church was quite disappointing.

Questioning Other Ministers

Next I went to a Baptist minister in Portland, to learn *why* Baptists believe in baptism. He was courteous and patient, glad to explain his church's teachings. He seemed sincere, though he was later dismissed from his pastorate under accusation of some kind of disgraceful or sinful conduct. I never knew whether he was really guilty.

I went to a Seventh-Day Adventist minister. He, too, was courteous and glad to explain his belief, according to the Bible, but my personal impression was that he was rather cold and legalistic.

Then, finally, I went to see a minister of the Friends Church.

I asked him *WHY* the Quakers did not believe in water baptism. He explained the Quaker belief. But by this time I had made a pretty thorough study of the subject in the Bible, and I had the BIBLE answer for his every

argument. Some of his supposed Bible reasons were taken out of context, and were clearly refuted by *other* Biblical passages. These I carefully pointed out to him.

"Well, Herbert," he said finally, "I'll have to confess I can't honestly justify our church position by the Bible. This very thing bothered me a great deal when I first felt called into the ministry. At first, I felt I could not consistently become a minister in the Friends Church because this stand on water baptism really bothered me. But then, I looked at some of the great preachers of the church (naming several, including my own great-uncle Thomas Armstrong), and they all seemed to be holy men of God. And so I decided that if such great and holy men could preach against water baptism, so could I."

Here was a man who looked into the WORD OF GOD, and saw one thing. Then he LOOKED TO MEN, who appeared to be righteous and holy, and he followed the example of MEN instead of the teaching of GOD!

To me this was disillusioning and discouraging! Yet this preacher seemed to be very sincere.

This was only the *start* of my disillusionment about preachers. I had to learn that they are HUMAN, like other people. As a boy I had somehow taken it for granted that preachers were *different* from other people. Preachers were HOLY. Other people were sinners. Other people had human nature, but preachers, I supposed, were *above* the temptations and weaknesses of mortal humans. They were a sort of special species, about half way between ordinary humans and God. I had looked on preachers with a sort of embarrassed awe. I think many people do today.

But my eyes were painfully opened.

Preachers Are Human!

I had to learn that preachers are, after all, the same human species as the rest of us. Most of them are the victims of their upbringing and of the influence of the religion or denomination in which they found themselves.

Are they sincere? I believe most of them *think* they are. Certainly most are not deliberately, knowingly, intentionally *insincere*. But after all, WHY do

people believe what they do? Most people believe what they have been taught—what they have always heard and therefore assumed without question—and also what they *want* to believe.

And we live in a deceived world. The deceived do not realize that.

Somehow, God saw to it early in my Christian experience that I became painfully aware that "the heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jer. 17:9). That is true of EVERY human. I had to realize it was true of me, as I was naturally born. I had to realize that I must trust NO man, as the Bible instructs—to trust *only* GOD, but to have love and charity for all men. That meant I must not trust even myself. I had to learn that each man is his own worst enemy. And that, too, meant ME! And so I became very early conscious of the need constantly to fight my own self.

At this point one of the lessons Mr. Arthur I. Boreman had taught me when I was about 21 years of age proved a valuable lesson. He had told me that I was inclined, in those early days, to take too much for granted—to assume things without questioning, without PROVING whether true.

I believe most ministers grow up believing what they are taught—what they read, hear, or find others of their group believing. It's a common fault of humanity. Our school system fails abysmally to teach growing children to *think*, to *question*, to seek *proof*, before accepting anything as true. They are taught to believe what's in the textbook, probably written by a man who had not checked out and proved what he purported to be truth. In school pupils and students are graded on how well they have *memorized* what the textbook said. If the textbook should be examined by a thinking student, and certain points proved to be in error, and the thinking student should turn in an exam paper correcting the error and stating the truth properly, he would probably be flunked.

A minister has been inoculated with a certain combination of doctrinal points. He *assumes*, without question, that they must be true. His denomination teaches it. Then if he comes across a Scripture contradictory to it, he



Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong's daughter Beverly at age 6

thoughtlessly and habitually reads right on past it. It never seems to stop him. He *merely brushes it aside—forgets it—ignores it*. I have heard some of the most famous radio evangelists do that very thing on the air—read a passage of Scripture, and stop dead at a certain verse when the very next verse, continuing the sentence or the thought, totally *reversed* the meaning they were reading into the portion they had read.

Now did these world-known evangelists *deliberately* stop where they did, *knowing* that to read the next verse would be to expose that they were teaching the public lies and errors? *Could* they be utterly in *ignorance* of what that next verse says?

No, I do not think they were altogether in ignorance of it. And I am inclined to be a bit charitable and say that it is very possible they did not intend deliberately to deceive their audience. I cannot know their hearts, or what was in their minds. But I know it could be possible that this was one of those instances explained above. They may have read that next verse at some time in the past—but, finding it totally at variance from the doctrine they had accepted for years, they had sub-con-

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oughly trained, consecrated and *dedicated* men, to visit those wishing to be baptized.

These men are Mr. Armstrong's *personal representatives*, who drive many thousands of miles to visit and counsel with those whose hearts have been made *willing*, and who want to be baptized. They are true servants of *Jesus Christ*, and they speak and act *in His name*, and are seeking to serve Him.

If YOU would wish one of these teams to call on *you*, in your own home, to talk to you about water baptism—then write to Mr. Armstrong *immediately*.

The tours are being planned NOW, so write soon, if you want to be baptized. And, if you have not read the booklet "All About Water Baptism," better ask for it, too.

But remember—if you're *not sure*, then read *this article again*.

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Self-Sacrifice

All the practical side of religion is summed up in the exhortation of Paul, that we present our bodies a living sacrifice to God. Anciently, a man brought a lamb and presented it to God, laid it on the altar to be consumed by God's fire. In like manner we are to present our bodies. The first thing is not to be a worker, a preacher, a saver of souls; the very first thing in a Christian life is to present one's self to God, to lay one's self on the altar. We need to understand this. It is easier to talk and work for Christ than to give ourselves to Him. It is easier to offer God a few activities than to surrender our lives to Him.

But the heart must be first, else even the largest gifts and services are not acceptable.

"Tis not thy work the Master needs,
but thee,

The obedient spirit, the believing
heart."

"A living sacrifice." A sacrifice is something really *given* to God, to be His altogether and forever. We cannot take it back. One could not lay a lamb on God's altar, and a minute or two afterward run up and take it off. We cannot be God's today, and our own tomorrow. If we become His at all, in a sacrifice which He accepts, we are His always.

NOW! Gospel to RUSSIA!

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Program! And God is a miracle-working God. He says He will OPEN DOORS for His Message!

And—MIRACLE OF MIRACLES!!—HE HAS DONE IT!!

Here is the *TREMENDOUS NEWS!!* There is one little tiny nation in Europe which Russia considers too insignificant to notice, the little nation of Monaco, made famous by the marriage of movie actress Grace Kelly with its prince, and the birth of their son, which saved this little nation's independence. Well, this little nation NOW has a super-super-power radio station more powerful than Radio Luxembourg—the *most powerful in Europe*—EIGHT TIMES more powerful than our biggest in the United States. It is Radio Monte Carlo, with 400,000 watts of power, BEAMED DIRECTLY ON MOSCOW, RUSSIA! Besides this, there are two very powerful short-wave stations, also beamed, on different wave-lengths, on Russia.

The Russians have not jammed this giant station. They let its programs come into Russia. *God has kept this station FREE for HIS Message!* In order to jam it, the Russians would have to construct at least SIX stations in Russia, still more powerful than these three, and beam them directly on Monte Carlo—and this would cost MANY millions of dollars! The Russians want to be on friendly terms with Monaco. There is little chance they will try to black out

this station—and if they did, it would take a long time.

RADIO MONTE CARLO has just opened up to us a choice half-hour broadcasting time *every Saturday* and every Sunday—the BEST possible time because Saturday is now the Russians' day off from work! The WORLD TOMORROW program is to be broadcast simultaneously on all three stations into Russia every week at this ideal time!

WE ARE TO START IMMEDIATELY BROADCASTING TO ALL RUSSIA, IN THE RUSSIAN LANGUAGE, ON ALL THREE OF THESE STATIONS—the 400,000-watt standard broadcast, and the two short-wave stations, all at the same hour, 7:00 a.m. in Monte Carlo, which is 9:00 a.m. in Moscow! This will be every Saturday and every Sunday on this super-power station! Thus, we now have the BEST possible time ON THE ONLY BROADCASTING DOOR GOD HAS OPENED TO REACH RUSSIA!

This is a WORLD FIRST!! This is the FIRST TIME that the true Gospel of Christ has ever been allowed to be broadcast into Russia! Think of it! *For the first time MILLIONS* of the Russian people are going to hear the TRUTH!

WAR in MAY?

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time revival of the ancient Roman Empire!

A Great TRADING Power!

The book of Revelation has long been a mystery to most people. Many ministers simply tell their congregations not to bother reading it—that it can't be understood. And yet—Jesus said the book was written to "SHOW unto his servants things which MUST SHORTLY COME TO PASS" (Rev. 1:1). For one of the most exciting things you've ever read, write in and ask for the free booklet, "The KEY to the Book of Revelation."

Jesus is the Revelator. And Christ Himself *fills in some of the details* for us concerning this final revival of the Roman Empire. In Daniel's interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar's dream, the great image had TEN TOES which were destroyed by the Rock. Notice the

UND JETZT INS DEUTSCHE ÜBERSETZT!

Die Broschüren

„Wie oft sollten wir das heilige
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„WOZU sind wir geboren?“

„Die AUFERSTEHUNG war
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merciful to him in sparing his life and the lives of his two daughters.

Abraham Views the Frightful Scene

Safe in his peaceful tent home in the mountains, Abraham got up early to look down upon the plain to see if God had moved to destroy the city where Abraham's nephew, Lot, had dwelt.

He must have been startled to see great clouds of smoke rising above the blackened plain and its cities. (Gen. 19:27-29.) It was plain to Abraham, then, that God had not found as many as ten good people in Sodom.

At first Abraham must have thought that his prayers for Lot had been for nothing. But later he must have learned, to his great joy, that God had indeed answered those prayers when it became known that the little city of Zoar, though it was on the plain with Sodom and Gomorrah, had been spared so that Lot would have refuge.

Realizing that by staying in Zoar he would still be dwelling among people who had no respect for God, Lot and his daughters soon fled to the mountains. (Gen. 19:30.) How much richer Lot would have been and how much less trouble and grief would have come to him if only he had abided by God's wish and had moved out away from the crowded cities in which so much evil took place.

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AUTOBIOGRAPHY

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sciously ignored, or brushed aside the verse as something they felt they simply didn't quite understand.

My Dilemma

From this point on in the Autobiography, I am going to be forced to recount for my readers some of the great amount of opposition and persecution that has been thrown at me and at God's work by preachers, ministers, and evangelists. I do not wish to defame their characters. Yet the facts must be related, or I must stop publishing this Autobiography right here.

I actually believe that some of the lying, deceitful, underhanded and dirty political tricks that have confronted this work since I was plunged into it have been instigated by men who had somehow convinced themselves that they were "doing God service." Yes, perhaps they were sincere—or at least had somehow convinced themselves that they

were. I am not their judge. I shall not judge them. I shall merely record the facts, as they happened.

I have been much concerned over this dilemma. For months I have wondered what I would do when I came to this part of my life history where church officials and preachers began using deceitful and foul means to discredit me or the work God was doing through me—to steal the "flock" or, like hungry wolves, to devour the sheep God had given for my labors, and spiritually kill the shepherd. Many of these ministers are going to read these words. Many other people, familiar with part, but not all, of the facts are also going to read them.

I have prayed much over it. I have asked God for wisdom. I do not wish to speak evil of any man, even though that evil be absolute truth. I wish only to bear them charity and love. After all, they have not harmed me! God has not allowed them to harm or retard HIS WORK! They have only harmed themselves, and perhaps a few other

individuals. And since I do have only LOVE for them, I am deeply sorry.

I shall try to avoid imputing motives, even though motives of selfishness, greed, jealousy, and desire to harm have

Dorothy Armstrong, the younger daughter, at age 4



often appeared to be self-evident to the recipients of these actions. Yet I must realize I cannot know their inner attitudes and intentions of heart. Therefore I feel that I must *assume* that their intentions were not evil; that they honestly felt they were right, and that

I and the work God was doing through me ought to be opposed or destroyed; that they had somehow convinced themselves that they were only serving God.

Jesus foretold the time when His own called servants would be opposed, and even killed—when "they shall put

you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, when whosoever killeth you *will think that he doeth God service*" (John 16:2).

I suppose that even Adolph Hitler had come to believe, in his own mind, that he was really serving God—that he

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was a man of destiny—that his dastardly deeds were really right and good. Yes, those who opposed, fought, and tried to destroy God's work from this point on, as I must recount it faithfully in this Autobiography, probably felt they were doing *right*. Yet the *facts* must be recorded, and let the chips fall where they may.

Begotten of GOD

Finally the study of the subject of baptism was completed. There was no longer doubt. Peter had said: "RE-**PENT**, and **BE BAPTIZED** every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38). To Cornelius and his house, who already had received the Holy Spirit, Peter said: "Can any man forbid **WATER**, that these should not be baptized, *which* have received the Holy Spirit as well as we? And he **COM-MANDED** them to be baptized in the name of the Lord" (Acts 10:47-48).

It was a command. There was no promise of receiving the Holy Spirit until after being baptized—although Cornelius, the exception to the rule, had been begotten by the Holy Spirit prior to baptism. Yet even he was *com-manded* to be baptized **IN WATER**. What I had learned in this study on baptism is recounted in our booklet "All About Water Baptism."

And so I was baptized forthwith and without delay.

Immediately upon coming up out of the water, a *change* was experienced in attitude and in mind generally. I had already repented and surrendered to God's rule over my life. The natural carnal hostility to God and His Law already had gone. Yet, now, for the first time, I felt **CLEAN**! I *knew*, now, that the terribly heavy load of sin had been taken off my shoulders. Christ had paid the penalty for me. All past sins were now blotted out by His blood. My conscience was clean and clear. For the first time in my life I experienced *real inner PEACE of mind*! I realized, as never before, how futile and useless and foolish are the ways of this world, on which most people set so much store. There was a quiet, wonderful happiness of mind in the sure knowledge that now

I was actually a begotten son of **GOD**! I could really call **GOD Father**!

There were no excitable *physical sensations* or exhilarating **FEELINGS** running up and down the spine. Nothing of the nervous system. Nothing of the senses—nothing *sensual*, as some people diabolically misled and deceived claim to experience. But there was a **KNOW-ING**! There was an unmistakable *renewing of the mind* (Romans 12:2).

For six months I had struggled night and day, with a carnal mind, to learn the truth about one single doctrine in the Bible. Prior to that my wife and I had read the Bible clear through—but *I had not understood a WORD of it!* Most of the time I asked my wife to do the reading, because she could read faster. More ground was covered. We got through quicker. But it was like reading or listening to a foreign language. I simply *could not UNDER-**STAND** the BIBLE!*

But now, from this point of baptism on, a strange, wonderful, delightful new thing took place. I could read the Bible and **UNDERSTAND** what I read! Of course I could not understand the **WHOLE** Bible in five or ten minutes! I still had to study it a doctrine at a time. But it was **UNDERSTANDABLE**! It **MADE SENSE**! Even though it took time, I was now getting some place. But I was comprehending and learning *so much faster* than during that initial six months' study!

It was like a miracle! And indeed, it **WAS** a **MIRACLE**! The very Holy Spirit of God had come into and *re-newed* my mind. I had been *baptized* by the Holy Spirit *into* the true Body of Christ, the Church of God—but I did not realize that fact literally. I was still to search earnestly to find the *one* and only *true* Church which Jesus founded, before recognizing fully He had already placed me in it!

How my wife was stricken fatally, medically sure to die in less than 24 hours, and suddenly miraculously healed by prayer with faith; how, even at this time, I struggled once again to extract million-dollar gold out of a clay mine; how I was induced to preach my first sermon; how ministers began relentless opposition and persecution, will follow in the next installment.

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