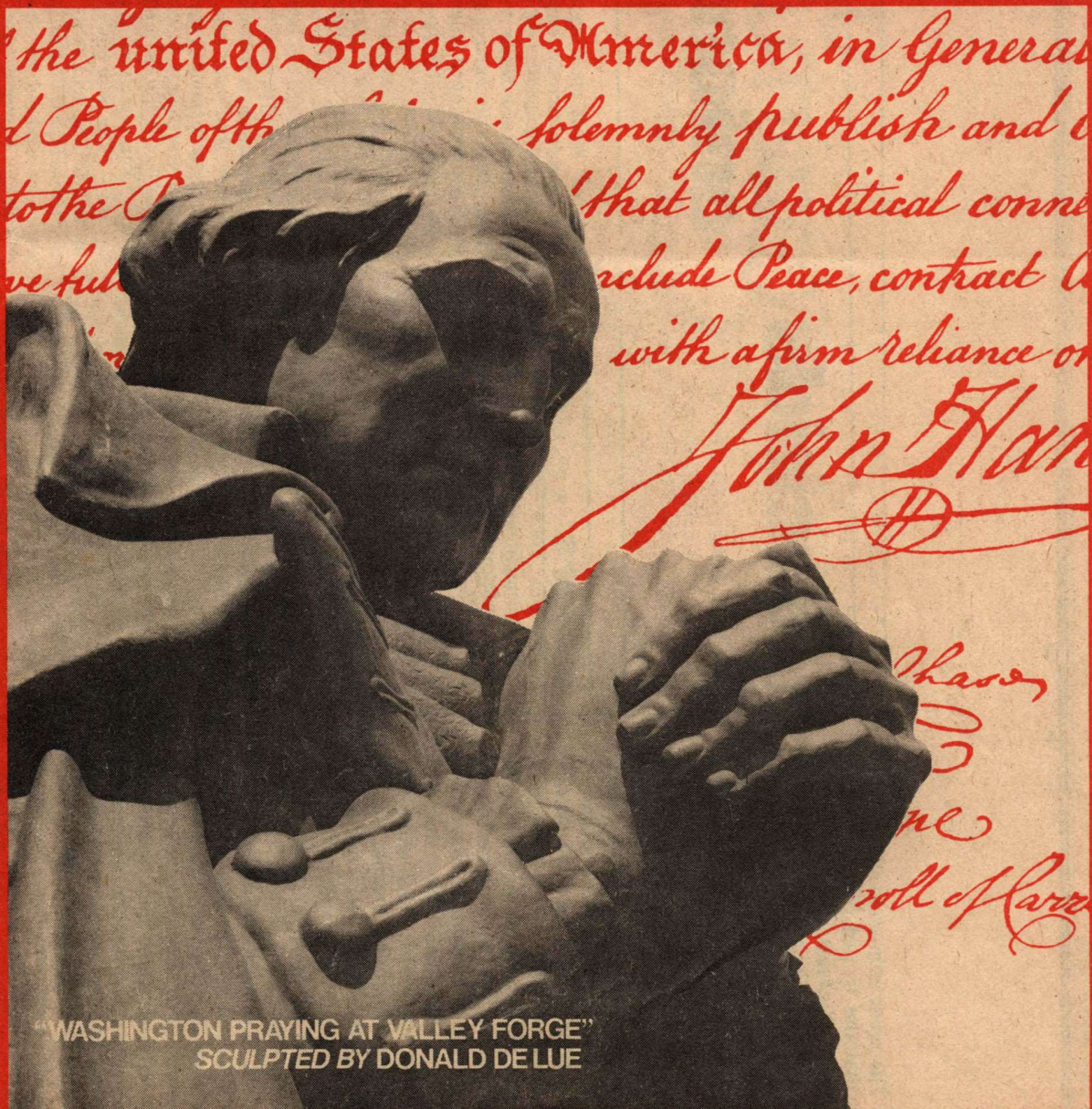


THE MISSING DIMENSION IN SEX, PART IV

WHO DISCOVERED AMERICA FIRST?

THE ROOTS OF AMERICAN SUCCESS



"WASHINGTON PRAYING AT VALLEY FORGE"
SCULPTED BY DONALD DE LUE

There is no question I am asked more often, it seems, than "What is the secret of your long life, youthful vitality, energy and drive?"

"No one secret," I usually reply. "I suppose many things enter into it."

Recently I asked a man I had never seen before, who knew something of what is being done and accomplished, but had never heard of my age, if he would guess my age.

"Well," he said thoughtfully, "I suppose in mid or late fifties — perhaps near sixty." He wouldn't believe it when I told him I will be 83 in less than two months.

Many know that I frequently say jestingly, but significantly nevertheless, that I am now 37 going on 36. For a long time I went along with Jack Benny, claiming age 39. But after he admitted to a much older age, I decided to throw away a year every year.

Seriously, however, I doubt if many men of 50 or 55 could stand up under the rigorous ordeal of constant global travel, writing, radio and TV interviews, public speaking, the responsibility of major decisions in worldwide enterprises, and devoting 14 hours a day to vigorous, driving work.

Yet this very constant activity, I'm sure, is part of the "secret." I have just finished writing another article, in which some of this activity was mentioned, and that triggered the idea to devote this *Personal* to the same subject and carry the subject further. I think, at this point, it might be as interesting and helpful to readers as anything I could write.

Ever since I was twenty-one years old, I have been interested in this question of youthful longevity. This life-long interest was sparked by a Chautauqua lecture I heard in 1913. The speaker's name I do not remember, but he had been physician and physical trainer to President Howard Taft, whose term in office expired March 4, 1913. This doctor-physical therapist had interviewed every person in the United States of 100 years or older. He had questioned every one as to the reason for such a long life.

Various ones gave various reasons. Some said it was because they never used tobacco, but others had used tobacco all their lives. Some gave credit to being teetotalers, but others used wine,

especially in their old age and even gave that credit. And so it went.

Just one thing every centenarian did, yet none gave it any credit. Every one had taken a daily rubdown, either with a bath towel after a daily bath or with a massaging brush of some sort.

I was impressed by that. I have followed the daily rubdowns after a daily shower with near-perfect regularity ever since.

But I give that only *partial* credence.

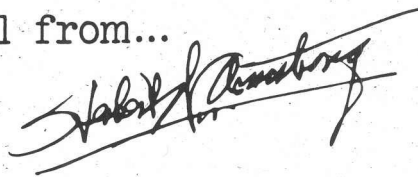
I think my "SEVEN LAWS OF SUCCESS" might be applicable here.

Law number one is having the RIGHT GOAL. It seems most people have no goal in life at all. They simply drift aimlessly — going nowhere in life. I started my adult life with a definite goal. I had chosen the profession of advertising and journalism. But forty-eight years ago that was changed. I learned then that it had *prepared me* for the RIGHT goal, which became my LIFE GOAL. It is a very great commission, and it is even yet far from FINISHED. I think there is no other "secret" that has had more to do with preserving youthful vitality and zeal and keeping me alive and active thirteen years past the supposed "allotted life span."

That life GOAL keeps me always looking FORWARD, in anticipation, not backward, living on the past. It impels me to observe carefully many of the other laws of success — the DRIVE, the resourcefulness, the endurance — sticking to it with perseverance, when many others would have given up, retired and decided they were too old to stay on the job.

Goal number 2 is proper education to achieve the goal. Part of this education blends into the third law — maintaining GOOD HEALTH. Without good health one can accomplish little. I make it part of my education to study the factors that maintain good health. I learned that we humans are just what we eat. We came out of the ground. We are maintained by food that grows out of the ground. I learned that some famous doctors say that approximately 90% of sicknesses and diseases are caused by faulty diet. So I studied, many years ago, to learn about nutrition and diet. I try to avoid excesses of starches and the carbohydrates. I learned that different people are of different chemical composition, and that is why one man's meat is another man's poison. I learned that I am a combination of chemical constituencies,

Personal from...



WHAT ARE THE SECRETS OF MY YOUTHFUL VITALITY, ENERGY, DRIVE, AND LONG LIFE?

but that calcium seems to dominate. Therefore I have tried to always consume a reasonable amount of milk, cheese, butter and other milk products, because they are strong in calcium. Could that be the reason I have not had to see a dentist in the last 48 years — although I did, prior to learning this point of health?

I haven't followed a PERFECT regimen of diet, but I'm sure I have been more careful about the food I eat than most people. Traveling almost constantly these days, I am careful to eat only in the best hotels and restaurants, and I do not sample the strange foods of other nations, but stay on the plain and simple diet I've accustomed myself to these 48 years.

Part of my education about health has been to try to get the right amount of sleep and exercise (although I haven't been getting in as much of that as I need recently), and to get plenty of fresh air and water. In traveling in faraway parts of the world, I stick pretty close to bottled drinking water.

Education is something one must pursue lifelong, if he expects to maintain efficiency, youth, and longevity. I have always, therefore, kept my MIND ACTIVE. And that undoubtedly has contributed greatly to still being spry and active at 83 (calendar age).

This GOAL has served to prod me con-

stantly in the 4th law of success — *drive!* I've kept a determined prod on myself all my life, to drive, *drive, DRIVE* myself on. "Aren't you going to wear yourself out and shorten your life doing that?" one might ask.

NEVER! A person can RUST out and into an early death, but, as long as I get sufficient rest and sleep and necessary short periods of relaxation, I shall never WEAR myself out. Along with this goes DETERMINATION. Often, when I feel like letting down, I have to use determination and FORCE myself to keep DRIVING on!

The combination of all these things has helped me to practice the fifth law, *resourcefulness*.

The 6th law is PERSEVERANCE — "stick-to-it-iveness." Never give up, never just lie down and quit! Many a time I've felt like it. Sometimes I have given up and quit at bedtime, but after a night's sleep it's all a NEW BALL GAME, and next morning I'm plunging into it with renewed vigor and enthusiasm!

Then comes the most important of all, the 7th law, which is the guidance of, and faith in and reliance on God the Creator. I'm in constant contact with him all the day long — EVERY DAY! I seek his guidance, constantly. I seek and rely on his HELP, his DELIVERANCE from troubles, his PROTECTION from physical

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THE MISSING DIMENSION IN SEX

PART IV THE BEST AGE FOR MARRIAGE IS NOT ALWAYS 23 TO 26

In my book The Missing Dimension in Sex, there appeared a chapter on the best age for marriage. It was, of course, speaking only of a first marriage of young people. And even then, only of the best age. But what about widows and widowers who, at various ages, contemplate another marriage? Knowledge of the "missing dimension" is revealed knowledge. The Bible reveals some remarkable case histories of remarkable biblical personalities—of various ages and circumstances—set forth as examples for us today. They will prove an eye-opener for many.

by Herbert W. Armstrong

IN THIS installment the purpose is to cover the question of "the best age for marriage" in the case of a second marriage — involving marriage by a widower or widow, or a second marriage at any age by those eligible for marriage.

If the parties concerned are of the same age, or, say, even within five to ten years of the same age, then age is no problem. But where there is a considerable age difference between the parties concerned, there could be a question that needs understanding.

What if a considerably older woman becomes interested in a much younger man or an older man in a much younger woman?

For example, British Prime Minister Disraeli married a woman 12 years older than he. My wife was 9 months older than I. And after 50 years of marriage, I have been alone almost 9 years. A number of well-known men are married to women from 30 to 50 years younger than they.

A person of older calendar age often faces the more or less common assumption that marriage to a much younger person is uncommon, irregular, and so is wrong. This assumption is sufficiently general that if an older man or woman of prominence marries a person a great deal younger it is blared forth in the press as sensational news or "scandal."

On the other hand, to many people, such a marriage lifts no eyebrows at all. "Well, what's wrong with age difference?" they ask.

Is Age Difference a Factor With God?

In my book *The Missing Dimension in Sex*, it was stated, "Errors almost always come from false basic premises, assumed as self-evident and carelessly taken for granted."

It was also stated in the book, "It is God who joins together a husband and a wife in marriage. Therefore, it ought to be — in your own interest — God who selects for you the husband or wife you are going to marry. And God will do this, if you ask him and refrain from get-

ting in a hurry and taking it into your own hands. This may require self-restraint and patience — yes, and also faith. But if you rely on God, he will not fail you. And if he selects your lifetime mate, you'll have the right one."

In line with that advice, we may ask, is age difference an important factor with God?

Would God ever select a woman in her thirties to be the wife of a man in his sixties, seventies or eighties — or a younger man as husband for an older woman? Don't be too sure!

Does the Bible teach that age difference in marriage is wrong? Or is this feeling against a considerable age difference only a matter of prejudice, carelessly assumed?

What, then, if any, is God's teaching on the question? Probably most of our readers have never given a thought to this question.

But, surprising or not, THERE IS NO BIBLICAL TEACHING AGAINST SUCH AGE DIFFERENCE!

But There Are Some Astonishing Examples

As stated before, there are some very outstanding biblical examples, involving some very outstanding personages — some very top biblical VIP'S!

Suppose we start with the patriarch Abraham. No personage in the Bible (Christ excepted) ranks higher with God. He is called the "father of the faithful." All the promises of eternal salvation for us, today, were made to Abraham and his children.

To inherit eternal life you must become one of Abraham's children through Christ. For, says your Bible, "If ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise" (Gal. 3:29).

Again, "Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made" (Gal. 3:16). Again, "... they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham" (Gal. 3:7).

The wife of Abraham's youth, Sarah, died when Abraham was 136 years old. And when he was 145 years old, some 9

years after Sarah died, he decided to marry again.

Now suppose Abraham were living TODAY. He would assuredly be the patriarch and HUMAN LEADER of God's people. And suppose some one should ask you, "What age woman do you think Abraham should marry?" Would you answer, "Why, some one very close to his own age?"

Now Abraham was very close to God. God spoke directly and personally to him. He was undoubtedly very familiar with God's will. If it were contrary to God's will that a man of that very great age marry a comparatively young woman, Abraham would have known it. Furthermore, must we not suppose that a man so close to God would actually have done precisely as I suggested in the book — have relied on God to choose his wife for him? He did rely on God to select the wife for his son Isaac.

Although Abraham was 145, undoubtedly he looked, acted, and felt very, very much younger.

Abraham did not marry a woman near his own age. He married a comparatively young woman — young enough to bear him possibly twelve children. Probably Keturah, the young maiden whom he married, was in her twenties and quite surely not beyond her early forties.

Keturah did bear Abraham six sons, named in the Bible, and the number of daughters is not recorded, but according to the law of average it should have been about six — a probable total of TWELVE children. And even in those days, with the possibility of a later-age menopause, a woman could hardly have begun with the first of twelve children if over forty years of age. I think it would be much safer to estimate that she was in her twenties or at least under the mid-thirties. And Abraham was 145!

After all, God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone!"

The next biblical VIP case history was so important that God inspired a whole book in the Bible to give us the story — the book of Ruth. This case history involves the great-grandparents of King David and the ancestors of Jesus Christ, by 28 generations.

Calculating from the genealogies of Jesus Christ and other biblical passages, we are surprised to find that Boaz was 100 or more years of age when he married Ruth, a Moabitess who became an Israelite. In probability Ruth was in her early thirties.

Now Christ's Own Mother

Now we come to Mary, mother of Jesus, the woman God chose and honored perhaps above any other woman to become the mother of his Son and our Saviour Jesus Christ! The Scriptures indicate that Joseph, the husband of Mary, died before Jesus chose his dis-

ciples, Jesus being about age 30. Joseph is not mentioned again in the Bible after Jesus was a boy of twelve years. It is unthinkable that with Jesus continually healing all he encountered, that his mother's husband would have come to a premature death by any sickness or disease.

Undoubtedly Joseph died naturally from old age. More probably, if the Heli of Luke 3:23 is the Heli of the royal house of Britain (73-72 B.C.), Joseph might well have been nearer 75 years of age when he married Mary, a young woman undoubtedly in her twenties. Although no one can be sure, Mary may have married a husband at least 50 years older than she!

Was such an age difference approved by God? God's angel said to Joseph, "Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife" (Matt. 1:20).

These three biblical case histories concern age differences in marriage of from fifty to more than one hundred years — all very apparently approved of God, if not directly chosen by God.

Yet, in this world, many would think of an age difference of even 30 or 40 years as not only uncommon, but irregular, or even wrong. But that is not God's teaching!

But suppose an older man married a girl in her mid or late teens? That would be a mature person marrying an immature one.

And although there is no literal, specific teaching in the Bible against such a marriage, it might be very hazardous and even violate a biblical teaching IN PRINCIPLE.

The Bible says nothing against age-difference in GENERAL. What it does teach is "like-mindedness."

For example, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers" (II Cor. 6:14) is God's command. The Bible teaches LIKE-MINDEDNESS, not like-aged. Jesus Christ is going to marry the church — when it has been resurrected to SPIRIT composition and immortal life. One might make a comparison there, as to age. Christ has existed from eternity (John 1:1-3). And, as the firstborn, by a resurrection, of many brethren, he was born a divine Son of God by a resurrection (Rom. 1:3-4) more than 1900 years older than his wife!

But his wife MUST BE LIKE-MINDED! "Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind" (Phil. 2:2). And again, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 2:5).

This points out a reason for avoiding interracial marriages. An Oriental mind, for example, normally thinks in a different manner than an Occidental mind, and a hamitic or black mind than either Oriental or Caucasian. Furthermore, even two people of the same race but of

different backgrounds or cultures may find it difficult or impossible to be LIKE-MINDED.

What I said above about a mature person marrying an immature person enters in here. Age difference is no problem as long as there is LIKE-MINDEDNESS.

A very large percentage of marriages of teen-agers breaks up in divorce. Two people — both immature — are not LIKE-MINDED!

Another important factor: It is a great mistake to count age by the calendar. I, myself, for example, am not, in *actual* age, anywhere near my *calendar* age. Few indeed will believe I am at the calendar age of 82. Recently I asked a man who had not seen me before, and knew nothing of my age, how old he would guess me to be. "Well," he said thoughtfully, "You might be approaching sixty — probably late fifties." And even that advanced age, I suspect, was estimated because of my white hair.

Few men of 50 or 55 could stand up under the rigorous ordeal of travel I am now put to, working up to 14 hours a day in vigorous driving work — usually working, even as I fly, at my typewriter. Few of 50 or 55 could retain the vitality of youth, energy and *drive* I do. Many of our readers are familiar with my frequent, yet significant jesting of being only 37, going on 36.

A recently published encyclopedia says: "How old is 'old'? There are no figures available or even possible because there are too many variations in physique and personality that have nothing to do with the calendar. Age is not chronological — a mistaken idea that has caused much mischief and misery — but physio-psychological. Alarming changes in body and mind come primarily not from advanced age (by the calendar) but from earlier physical impairment and emotional disorders, often previously neglected."

I have seen many men 25 or 30 years younger than I by the calendar, who actually look, act, and feel older than I do and who could not possibly carry on with the vitality, drive, determination and endurance that I do.

To be like-minded, a marriage must be based on LOVE. Love is an outgoing concern for the good and welfare of the other and must not be selfish. But it is more. I can only ask, what *is* that undefinable mysterious SOMETHING that causes one person to come to be IN LOVE with a certain person of the opposite sex in a manner he or she is not with any one else? Is it sex appeal? No, but that undoubtedly is included. But it is MORE. One thing it is NOT is lust. Too many confuse sex desire with LOVE. There is also a spiritual content in real LOVE. There must also be high regard and respect, and mutuality of interests.

Whatever this mysterious undefinable SOMETHING of real LOVE is, it is essential in any happy marriage.

But, if any of our readers, contemplating in later life a second marriage, are concerned or worried over age difference, the sure Word of God tells you that you have no problem there at all! You undoubtedly will have the problem of *adjustment* — actually all at any age have that. Just be sure that you are LIKE-MINDED and IN LOVE! □

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Stanley R. Rader

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harm. Things have happened I can ascribe only to presence of an invisible angel. But perhaps the greatest "secret" of all is that I rely on Isaiah 40, the last 4 verses. They constitute a PROMISE from God, and I apply them and RELY on God to keep them! Many times when people ask me, "How do you DO IT?" or "What's your SECRET of such youthful vigor and such long life?" I just tell them, "Read the last 4 verses of Isaiah 40. You'll find it there!"

Of course God expects us to do our own part. He does for us what we *can't* do for ourselves! But when you put BOTH together — *your own best* and add what God can do that's beyond what you can do — you've got a combination that PAYS OFF!

Those are my "secrets." If they have helped some of my readers, I'm very happy indeed! □

MONDAY— THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK?

by Victor Root

BONN: Beginning January 1976, the German week will officially begin each Monday. Sunday will no longer be the beginning of the week for Germans.

The decision was made by the *German Committee for Norms and Standards*, and it was dubbed Norm 1355. The new norm adjusted a previous German ruling of 1943 to "fit with present internationally recognized customs." By doing so, West Germany became the 27th country to ratify an agreement for a united division of the week.

The traditional calendar, as we all know, lists Sunday at the beginning of each week; yet every working man and woman automatically relegates Sunday to his weekend. Monday is universally the first day of the work week, even though churches still recognize Sunday as the biblical "first day of the week."

Although church councils in the fourth century decided that the "first day of the week" would be kept as the "sabbath" day, churches still recognize the "Jewish" sabbath, or Saturday, as the seventh day of the week. According to both major church denominations in Germany — Lutheran and Roman Catholic — this traditional order of days is still regarded as correct by the Christian church. These two major denominations voiced their consternation over not having been consulted by the Committee for Norms and Standards.

Interestingly enough the prophecy of Daniel 7:25 contains a puzzling remark that men would "seek to change times." Could Norm 1355 be an initial step in this direction? Only time will tell. □



In Brief

by Stanley R. Rader

The World in Transition

BANGKOK, JUNE 9: Less than two months ago we flew over Saigon en route from Manila to Cairo. As foreseen at that time, it has proved to be the last time for our U.S.-registered aircraft to overfly Vietnam unless relations should be normalized in the future. Tomorrow we shall be forced to fly south in order to go east and north, adding an hour and one-half and 740 statute miles on our flight from Bangkok to Hong Kong.

But this is not the only change that has occurred in Southeast Asia during the past two months. Today's newspaper in Bangkok, for example, *announces* a July 4 anti-American demonstration. The prime minister, meanwhile, has stepped up his demands for withdrawal of U.S. forces and has begun his country's *rapprochement* with Peking. Thailand's foreign minister is scheduled to visit Peking later this month (and coincidentally, one of our very best friends in Thailand, a member of the new national legislature, is already in Peking at this moment).

In Korea tension mounts as both North and South Korea accuse the other of provocative acts and preparations for war. Malaysia has already received the Chinese ambassador, President Lee of Singapore has sent his foreign minister to Peking, and only President Suharto of Indonesia seems to still remember the communist-inspired difficulties of some ten years ago.

Hanoi dominating Southeast Asia with its trained and battle-tested army of one million men, backed with the latest Russian, and even American, equipment (acquired after the collapse of South Vietnam), causes one to wonder whether Hanoi will seek independently to dominate the entire area comprised of Cambodia and Laos, as well as Thailand, with its long common border. Will it tie itself more closely with Russia, thus granting to Russia hegemony in the area (there is already a strong possibility that Russia will obtain former U.S. naval bases in what was South Vietnam); or will Hanoi establish closer ties with China?

The world is truly passing through a time of transition, as relationships that have developed since the end of World War II are literally shaken by events in every part of the globe. The nexus between Europe and the United States is threatened. NATO is at a crossroads, despite the efforts of President Ford to shore it up. Turkey and Greece, two members of NATO, have actually waged war over Cyprus. Portugal, after decades of rightist dictatorship, is leaning toward communism. Italy may soon have the Communist Party joining the government.

In Africa, Ethiopia, having deposed its emperor, is still confronted with a civil war, and even Kenya, heretofore stable under the leadership of President Kenyatta, is troubled internally with dissidents, undoubtedly aided by agents from abroad. And just yesterday U.S. Secretary of Defense Schlesinger confirmed that the Soviet Union has constructed a very substantial military base in Somalia. Installation of missiles there could threaten the military balance in the western India Ocean.

Mr. Schlesinger pointed to the critical need of the noncommunist world on the Indian Ocean for oil shipments. He was appearing before the Senate Armed Services Committee, urging approval for additional funds for American facilities on the Indian Ocean island of Diego Garcia.

Despite the policy of *détente* between the superpowers, the arms race continues between them, and many other nations are eager to join in the competition.

Only in the Middle East do there seem to be some promising signs. Perhaps the momentum toward peace may be a reality. The Suez Canal has been reopened, the Israelis have voluntarily thinned out their forces along the canal, the Salzburg talks between President Ford and Sadat were reasonably successful, and the recent meeting between President Ford and Prime Minister Rabin of Israel may further ease the tension in the area. Declarations from Saudi Arabia about Israel's right to exist are also promising, as is Syria's seemingly more flexible attitude. Should the PLO also recognize Israel's right to exist, meaningful dialogue would follow.

This state of the world and what is prophesied for it was once again part of Mr. Armstrong's powerful message delivered to thousands during his two-week visit in Nairobi, Kenya. Asked, as an ambassador for world peace, how *he* intends to bring about peace in such an unsettled world, he has answered steadfastly that he is not commissioned to bring about peace, but he points the way to peace, as he has for more than forty years — the way to which many people and many world leaders grant only lip service. □

lands, and from the islands you might pass to the whole of the OPPOSITE CONTINENT which surrounded the true ocean"

Further evidence of early voyages is found in the book of Chronicles in the Hebrew Old Testament. Hiram, king of Tyre, and Solomon, king of Israel, sent a joint navy on lengthy voyages that required three years to complete. These trips began at Ezion-geber on the shore of the Red Sea. It is interesting that these voyages required three years. (The hardly more advanced sixteenth-century sailing vessels of Ferdinand Magellan also took three years to circumnavigate the world.)

In light of the excavations in the New World and the incredible cultural similarities which existed, these enigmatic classical statements take on much more meaning to modern scholars.

Quetzalcoatl, god of the Mayas, for instance, is depicted in Mayapan myths as being unusually blonde. The Spanish conquistadors commented on Montezuma's unusually light skin.

It is significant that the pre-Inca tradition for the creation of the world and of the primitive happy state of men, their corruption by sin, the destruction of the earth, and its regeneration is "a distinct analogy to the Mosaic chronicle of the earliest epoch of the history of the human race" (Riverox and von Tschudi, *Peruvian Antiquities*, p. 149).

Ancient Maps

Perhaps the most remarkable evidence of all is found in the ancient maps of the world. Recent studies of the *Piri Re's* map of A.D. 1513 strongly indicate that the original mapmaker must have found the correct relative longitude across Africa and the Atlantic to Brazil, for this map gives an amazingly accurate profile of the coast of South America to the Amazon and provides an accurate profile of the Yucatan Peninsula. Incredibly, this map shows a section of the coast of Antarctica, although that continent was supposedly not discovered until 1818.

The Reinel Chart of 1510, a Portuguese map of the Indian Ocean, seems to show the coast of Australia, as well as some of the Caroline Islands of the Pacific. The evidence indicates that ancient seafarers must have journeyed over these parts of the world and constructed reliable maps, of which fragments and copies survived into the Middle Ages and were copied again, although their significance had been long lost to most scholars.

The growing mountain of evidence — ranging from the Paraíba stone, the Bat Creek stone, the Metcalf stone, ancient Indian rituals, pre-Columbian terra cotta pottery to the cultural parallels, the literature of the classical world, and ancient maps — points convincingly to the conclusion that ancient mariners of the Middle East and the Orient navigated the oceans many times, establishing contact with the New World millennia before Christopher Columbus did so in 1492. Indeed, who in the face of the amazing new evidence coming to light can deny that in actual fact Columbus was a relative late comer to the New World? □



HOMOSEXUAL men are married in San Francisco's Glide Memorial Methodist Church.

Wide World

AND NOW... Homosexuals Allowed to Wed

by Herbert W. Armstrong

Give them an inch, and they'll take a mile," is only too true, when the "inch" is in the wrong direction.

After World War I, morals in this world began to deteriorate. After World War II, they called this moral deterioration the "NEW MORALITY." That, of course, was a play on words for the world to "kid itself" that gross immorality was perfectly acceptable morally.

You may call a leopard a house cat, but it still hasn't changed its spots. Since the catch phrase "new morality" caught on, gross immorality has won public acceptance as being *right!*

In the book of Genesis the incident of the "forbidden fruit" is recorded. Of course that's the point at which humanity jumped the track of sanity and embarked on the way that has brought on this world all its woes and evils. Right there humanity took to itself the decision — that is, the KNOWLEDGE — of what is GOOD and what is EVIL. Professing themselves to be wise, humans have made themselves fools.

So, in this end-time 20th century we keep going from bad to worse.

Homosexuality today has its champions. They have worked hard and long to justify this evil and win public acceptance in a deceived world, bringing on itself frightful evils.

In Los Angeles a "church" for homosexuals has been established. And recently, in Boulder, Colorado, two male homosexuals from Colorado Springs obtained a license to wed. And there was no fanfare. This set off a succession of similar marriage license applicants. There was a well-publicized homosexual marriage in a Denver church!

All this set off a furor. A legal debate was started that might lead to the U.S. Supreme Court. These so-called gay people have launched a national drive for legal "rights."

At least four male couples and two female couples obtained marriage licenses at the Boulder County Clerk's

office before the attorney general's office stopped it.

The details of such marriages are too revolting to describe here.

In 1964 I published a book titled *God Speaks Out on the New Morality*. And now, eleven years later I think it's time for the living God to speak out again.

"Yet ye have not hearkened unto me, saith the Lord, that ye might provoke me to anger with the works of your hands to *your own hurt.*" If such a perversion as homosexuality were good for its participants, God would approve it. He CONDEMNS it because it DESTROYS, it perverts!

From Romans 1, "The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold [back] the truth in unrighteousness Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves: who changed the truth of God into a lie For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature [lesbians] and likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one to another, men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet [fitting]."

"And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient [right], being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication [all sexual immorality], wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness . . . without natural affection."

Of course, *GOD SPEAKS OUT* loudest against homosexuality, now becoming accepted by TODAY's society, in the case of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Through Jude, speaking first of angels that sinned, that is, turned from God's government and WAY OF LIFE, "Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication [sexual perversion — homosexuality], and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire" (Jude 7).

Apparently homosexuality had spread in the day of Lot, nephew of Abraham, until it gained complete acceptance by society in those cities.

God had promised Abraham that even if there were TEN righteous people in those two cities, he would spare the cities and not destroy them for the sake of that ten.

This simply has to mean, either that homosexuality and lesbianism were practiced by all, with the exception probably of Lot and his family, or else that it had the same "acceptance" that modern society is beginning to give this same perversion today. This is given in the Bible as "an example" to WARN even those today who give this extreme evil their "acceptance" — as if it were perfectly respectful.

God labeled this degenerate perversion a *very grievous sin*.

WHY is it so grievous a sin? Because it perverts the MIND! Some may believe homosexuality is transmitted by birth. It is not! But once one gives his mind to accept it, his mental perspective regarding proper use of sex soon becomes perverted — changed — unnatural. A man soon cares nothing for the husband-wife relationship. I have known of a few cases where such men were married and had families, but they were exceptions, and their real "love" — that is, LUST — was for other men. The mind becomes CHANGED — PERVERTED — and no longer normal.

God says such shall NOT enter the kingdom of God (Gal. 5:19-21; I Cor. 6:9-10). □