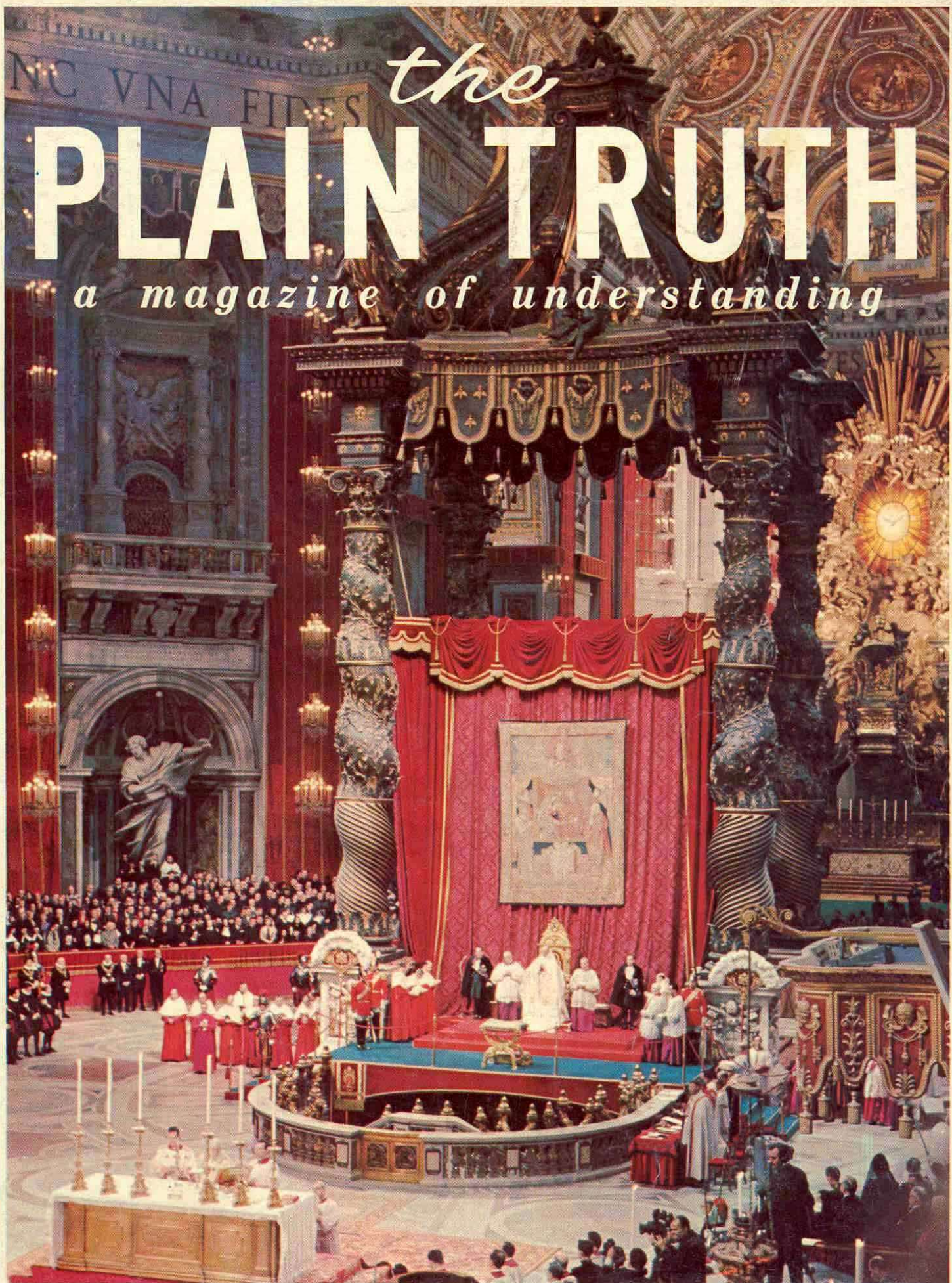


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What our READERS SAY

Hiroshima

"Just a short note to let you know how great the August PLAIN TRUTH is. [It] has really opened some eyes to the horror of nuclear war. We the readers need more articles such as this one. The new cover is tremendous."

Donald E. M., Houston, Texas

"I just received my PLAIN TRUTH today. I just read the article on Hiroshima. This is about the most stirring article I have read in *The PLAIN TRUTH* yet. I hadn't even realized that anything this terrible had ever happened. I had heard about Hiroshima and the bomb, but I just never had thought of it in a way as real as this article made it. I must thank you for putting this article in *The PLAIN TRUTH*, as it woke me up to the facts. Another article that was really needed was the one on Christian manhood. I truly enjoyed this article and would love to see one telling the women to be more feminine. Well, I just think the August PLAIN TRUTH is truly the best issue yet, of the best magazine in print."

A. J. S., Pisgah, Alabama

"Your article on the A-bomb dropped during World War II was really an eye-opener to what an atomic bomb can do. I never realized that it could be like that and never comprehended it that way about such damage on mankind. That article is certainly an eye-opener. Everyone should read it."

James W. S., Birmingham,
Alabama

From Around the World

"*The PLAIN TRUTH* is a wonderful magazine and I am delighted in digesting its contents time and again. . . . So far I have received two issues, and am eagerly looking forward for the next issue. I wish I was at Pasadena to tell Mr. Armstrong and his associates how happy I feel in reading the useful articles which they write and publish

for the readers at large. I know this is only a wishful thinking, for I am already past 72."

P. John E., Kumbanad, Kerala,
India

"My most sincere thanks for sending me each month your magazine, for which I wait impatiently. Everything I read in it is fascinating, and a constant source of knowledge. It's a magazine I don't tire of reading, and from which I always profit each time I reread it."

Man, Montreuil, France

"As a Pan American Airlines crew member, I listen to your program in all parts of the world. Whenever I'm in an airport at the right time, I always pull out my PLAIN TRUTH radio schedule and check for the nearest station and time schedule of your broadcast and tune in on my transistor radio. Last week I heard you in Barbados at 9:30 a.m. I'm ever eager to hear your broadcast and never tire of it. It sort of lifts me a little higher than my jets do and they only go to 41,000 feet."

Hector de la F., Coral Gables,
Florida

How Did You Guess?

"How did you guess I didn't read the 'Space' booklet?"

Don't answer that. I got it mixed up with the other booklets; to be honest, I hadn't read the last one you sent. Thanks for reminding me when I read my letter in *The PLAIN TRUTH*. I found [the booklet]."

Ollie M. S., Stockton, California

"The August PLAIN TRUTH came yesterday. . . . Looking at the pictures—if one will stop and think—it's quite enough to hold one 'spellbound.' Having an open mind one doesn't have to read very far into any one of the articles to know it's all true. Will we ever learn? *A great big 'No, we won't.'* Not until we are forced to. That is
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Personal from the Editor

LAST MONTH, I found inspiration for my talk with you in an article appearing in the preceding number. This month I am going to repeat the procedure.

This time it is David Jon Hill's shocking article written in Hiroshima, Japan. Mr. Hill was on the scene, twenty years after the dropping of the first atomic bomb. He was shaken, deeply *moved*, by the frightening realization of the unbelievable brain-chilling disaster that *ended* World War II.

Mr. Hill realized that the *next* nuclear war, with the *smallest* hydrogen bomb *a thousand times* more devastating, will wreak a thousand times more havoc. He did not pull his punches. He wrote a blood-curdling description. He wanted our readers to **BE WARNED**—and **TO HEED!**

The world has sunk into a complacent, indifferent slumber. The world is getting used to violence and war and threats of war. The world has been drugged by a new and unprecedented prosperity—especially in the United States, Britain, Europe and Japan. The world is too busy enjoying this new-found prosperity, basking in the comfortable sunshine of luxury, to be much concerned about the on-coming NUCLEAR World War III that *WILL*, unless prevented by Almighty God, simply erase human life from this planet! *And in less than ten more years!*

Soft words and pretty speeches do not arouse people out of this pleasant dream. It takes a *jolt!* Mr. Hill's article was intended to jar people out of lethargy. And then, when we *do* attempt to warn our readers with words strong enough to arouse, I anticipate letters saying: "Cancel my subscription! That article frightened me." Yes, **IF YOU ARE TO CONTINUE TO LIVE**, you *need* to be frightened—enough to take the *action* that will **SAVE YOUR LIFE!**

But, you say, what can I do? Well, there is something you *must* do **IF** you

are to escape the agonies and probable terrifying death, of the coming prophesied Great Tribulation!

Your Bible says our cities are to be *destroyed!* We know now that destruction will come from hydrogen bombs and other new means of mass destruction—a thousand times more devastating than the atom bomb that destroyed Hiroshima. This alone, says your GOD, will kill a third of our people. But famine and disease epidemics will already have taken a preceding third!

YET YOU CAN ESCAPE ALL THIS!

That is what we are trying to make our readers understand!

God Almighty *will* intervene. He *will* prevent entire cosmocide! But He *will not* intervene to stop the carnage *until* man has come to the very end of his rope! So long as man thinks he can save himself, without God, the Eternal will let him go on trying. God will not intervene until man's last hope is gone. God will never allow man to accuse Him, saying: "Your intervention was unnecessary and tyrannical! We could have saved ourselves if you had not used your arbitrary God-power to intervene."

God's final last-minute intervention will **FOLLOW**—*not prevent*—this Great Tribulation that will be World War III.

But, I repeat, **YOU CAN ESCAPE ALL THIS!**

It is only those who *will not* heed who must go through its agony. And remember—God is not going to **CAUSE** it! **MAN HIMSELF** will bring it on. But God *will* protect His own from it!

Jesus' young students—His disciples—came to Him privately and asked *when* the end of the world would come, and what would be the sign of His return **IN POWER** to rule all the earth, in peace.

These things, Jesus replied, must come first: a false "Christian" religion, whose ministers would falsely claim to be Christ's ministers, coming in His

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OUR COVER

Vatican Council II in session. Pope Paul and leading prelates are dwarfed beneath the baldachin—a dome-like canopy of the altar. Designed by Bernini for Pope Urban VIII, it is decorated near the top with bees and blazing suns (symbols anciently used in the Babylonian mysteries). The four pillars appear as giant serpents partially covered by tree branches. A gigantic blazing sun, right background, hovers over high altar. Scarlet, blue and ruby red (purple in Greek) adorn cardinals and stage.

name, deceiving the MANY. Then wars, climaxing finally into world wars; then famines and disease epidemics and increasing earthquakes. *Just before* the end, He said, *His* true Gospel of God's Kingdom would be preached in all the world—not to convert the world, but "for a witness"—AND THEN, He said, shall the END of this world come!

All these things already have occurred—except that we are now in a recess during the world wars—between World Wars II and III; and that we have so far had only the first forerunners of the famine and disease epidemics and earthquakes. These shall—in the next five to seven years—increase greatly.

And, although Christ's own Gospel of the Kingdom of God *has been going out* since 1934, through this very magazine and *The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast, it is just now fast approaching the climactic world-shaking POWER that evidently is implied by the prophecy.

Then what?

"Then," continued Jesus, "shall be GREAT TRIBULATION," a time of violence, destruction and death greater than anything that ever was, or ever shall be! Jeremiah foretold it (Jeremiah 30). He identified the nations primarily affected. It will be those whom God caused to be named after Jacob—or Israel—the nations descended from the two sons of Joseph. And those are the United States and the British Commonwealth peoples of the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. (See the free booklet, *U. S. and British Commonwealth in Prophecy*.)

Ezekiel foretells it (chapter 5:12 and 6:6). Moses described it (Deut. 28—especially verses 20-24, 32-34, and 49-50; also Leviticus 26, especially verses 16-20). Already these prophecies are *beginning* to be carried out. Already the "pride of BRITAIN's power" (Lev. 26:19) has been broken. The former world's number one *greatest* world power has been reduced to a second-rate power. And the "PRIDE" of America's power is already broken. Even little Castro does not fear when America speaks.

The "Great Tribulation" is to be primarily on the United States and the British peoples! Events leading to it

VATICAN COUNCIL II BEGINS FOURTH SESSION

WHAT may well be this century's most significant conclave will commence in Rome this month. It is the fourth session of the second Vatican Council.

This momentous conclave is being overlooked by almost all news sources. The eyes of the world are, instead, focused on the limited brush-fire wars in Vietnam and in Kashmir. But the significance of what is occurring behind Rome's Vatican walls is going unnoticed. Few realize that the Vatican is destined to have far greater impact on world history in the next ten years than it has ever had in its long history!

Confronting the Council are the vital problems of Church Unity, the definition and relationship of Divine Revelation to Tradition, the relationship of the Church to the World, and the touchy matter of birth control. Pope Paul had demanded that the bishops act on these matters, and speak clearly and authoritatively to the world.

The Pope himself is speaking out on other fronts. To appear as the "Pope of Peace" he has openly condemned the "barbarous" use of atomic bombs by the U. S. in World War II. At the same time Vatican sources acknowledged the inevitable need to stockpile atomic armaments as the only means of national survival in the present struggle between East and West. In early October he will address the U.N. on world peace.

For years *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine foretold the Vatican's sudden rise to world influence which would occur after World War II. Few took notice. Now all the world is witnessing the prominence of the Catholic Church in world affairs. But this is only the beginning.

What the world is witnessing is only the commencement of a long cherished Roman dream to re-unite Europe as the defender of Christian—more specifically, Catholic—civilization, and from that European base to bring the world under Vatican authority. How it will be temporarily accomplished would astound the world if it knew!

are smouldering under cover now, gradually gaining momentum. Perhaps another five or six years—perhaps seven (we do not set dates)—and then, suddenly the WORLD WILL EXPLODE into *nuclear* World War III.

But let me tell you, *I* do not expect to be here in its path when it strikes! And YOU need not be one of its multiple-millions of victims!

Jesus Christ gave the warning (Matthew 24, Mark 13, Luke 21). And when He said, in Luke's version of His warning: "WATCH YE therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to ESCAPE ALL THESE THINGS that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man" (at His coming—Luke 21:36), He was giving you and me a PROMISE of divine protection from these very things He had been describing—*IF* we *do* watch world events AS PROPHESED, and remain obedient and continually in contact with God through prayer.

There is another promise of miraculous protection from this Great Tribulation. It is in the third chapter of

Revelation. Beginning verse 7 is a description of how the living Christ would OPEN A DOOR by which His Gospel may go out to all the world as a witness and a warning. That is the very Work being carried on through *The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast and *The PLAIN TRUTH* and related literature. In verse 10 is Christ's PROMISE that *because* we have been faithful WITH HIS WORD, He will also keep us from "the hour of temptation." But the marginal reading—the correct translation from the original Greek—is "*trial*" or "Great Tribulation."

These events are REAL!

This world is hurling itself rapidly to the grand-smash CLIMAX of world trouble. Crime, violence, lawlessness, disrespect for authority, are increasing at a RAPID RATE!

God help us not to treat this warning lightly.

Take heed and read the further promise of PROTECTION not only through the Great Tribulation, but also the PLAGUES of the "Day of the LORD" to follow, in the 91st Psalm.