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Wide World Photo  
LIFE BEHIND IRON CURTAIN—Crowds throng the pavements and twin-coached trams of spacious avenue in Sofia, capital of Bulgaria. Typical of poverty gripping Red Empire. Khrushchev visited nation recently to keep restive population in subjection.



# What our READERS SAY

## Finally Requests Literature

"Dear Mr. Armstrong,

"I'm a steady listener of your radio program. I've listened to you since '34. I enjoy your program very much. This is the first time I've ever asked for any of your literature."

Woman from Bakersfield, Calif.

• What makes some people wait 28 years before they write a letter? Not even the poll takers have found the answer!

## Here's Another

"Dear Mr. Armstrong,

"I have long been wanting to write you, always deciding against it because I think you are so busy doing the work for our God, and you must be terribly inundated with letters from so many 'pen-happy' writers. I felt as if I was intruding and unnecessarily worrying you. However, listening to your broadcasts from Lourenco Marques and your request for us to write almost makes me think you would really welcome our letters. Foremost I want to thank you most heartily for the magazines. I look forward to them more than to any other of my reading matter and can hardly wait for the new one every month—they really fill that gap! I have not yet found a single article I have not found most absorbing and enlightening."

Man from Natal, South Africa

• Of course we welcome your letters! To assist Mr. Armstrong in the reading of mail is a staff of fully qualified, dedicated men who read every letter. If there are private problems that need a personal answer, your letter will be answered personally by a member of the Letter Answering Department. We are here to serve you!

## Broadcast Educational

"I listen to your program every night. Being a college student, I have rejected the usual religious broadcast of organ music. Your program is extremely edu-

cational and makes religion down to earth—it has the ring of truth all through it."

Man from Seattle, Washington

## Friend Brings Radio

"I heard your sermon this morning over WCKY Cincinnati, and it was different from the ordinary spiritual message. You knew where to quote the authority for the points you stressed. You sounded like you were sincere and believed what advice you had to offer. It also sounded like you lived what you preached. There was a spirit of enthusiasm in your voice like you wanted everybody to get the idea as you saw it, and to practice the same in their own lives. A friend brought me a transistor radio as he especially wanted me to hear you speak. Now I can understand why he was so anxious to have me listen. It was wonderful."

Man from Middlesboro, Kentucky

## Comment from the Emerald Isle

"Dear Mr. Armstrong,

"I recently read a copy of your magazine which I borrowed from a friend. I can hardly express with what awe and admiration I realised that I have at last something to BELIEVE! In these bomb-torn times, when it seemed to me that God had abandoned the world, your magazine was like a fount of cool clear water to refresh me. Even greater was my astonishment when I discovered that, even in these days of gross exploitation and shoddy commercialism, you distribute your magazine free of charge. It is with a deep sense of humility and gratitude that I now ask you to begin sending me your beautiful magazine."

Galway, Eire

## No Follow-up

"About your PLAIN TRUTH being sent free and absolutely no follow-up for funds: I have received *The PLAIN TRUTH* since 1956. I have also sent for and received many of your booklets

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# Personal from the Editor

**A** GAIN I am writing from my study in our cottage on the grounds of Ambassador College in England. On one side of my study, double glass doors open onto a stone terrace.

We have a very beautiful and very proud peacock on the college grounds. His hen, at present, is setting on three of her eggs in a small thatched-roofed one-room gardeners' tool house past the far edge of the beautiful Japanese gardens. She won't move from her nest. Our gardeners take food to her. But this strutting peacock is perfectly willing to move from the vicinity of the nest.

Do you know, I almost think he must be endowed with a bit of human nature! When the gardeners let him out for the day, I usually find him on the terrace just outside my glass doors looking in. And when he is not there, he is quite likely to be found looking in the floor-length glass windows which extend across one side of our living room.

Repeatedly, again and again and again, I have tried to shoo that peacock away from our terrace. But always he comes back. Today our head gardener explained the reason. In his best Welsh accent, he said:

"That proud bird struts up on your terrace because he can see and admire himself in the glass of the windows and the doors!"

It is quite evident this peacock thinks very well of himself. He can't have many brains—there simply isn't room in his small but brilliantly-colored blue head. But then it doesn't seem to take a large head to be filled with vanity, pride, and self-admiration! Yes, sometimes I think our peacock is almost human—and he can be just about as annoying!

This bird is ALL SELF!

And is that so different from most humans? Suppose we put other things out of mind for a few moments and give this a little serious thought!

In the April number of *The Plain Truth* I wrote in this column about

the worst sin anyone could possibly commit.

Every really *good* thing comes from GOD. He is Creator, Sustainer, Ruler of the Universe! He alone can fill us with happiness and joy—rid us of fears and worries—give peace of mind and security and faith—supply every need—make our lives interesting, thrilling, ABUNDANT—give us every BEAUTY, in the around, and the within! He alone can give us every blessing *now*, and eternal life *forever!* The greatest possible sin is that which cuts one off from the Giver of all blessings, here, and hereafter! To break the very first Commandment—to have another god before the one and only *true* God—that is the greatest sin.

Yet knowingly or unknowingly, everyone has committed it. But that, of itself, is not the unpardonable sin. God *has* provided a way of forgiveness, justification of the guilty past, and direct contact with HIM.

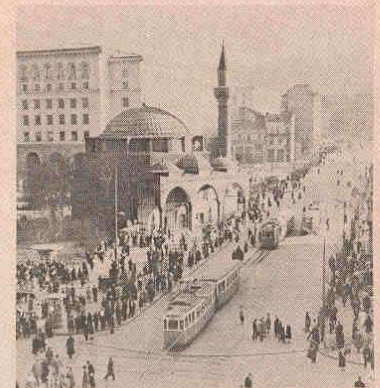
That *way* is to crucify the false god of SELF—the way of REPENTANCE toward God, and FAITH toward Jesus Christ. But *what is* REPENTANCE? It seems most do not know! Just today I have received a letter from one of our baptizing teams touring America this summer, visiting the hundreds who have written to me requesting baptism. The first *condition* before baptism is REPENTANCE. This is what the leader of this baptizing team wrote:

"So many of those we have met are just not repentant. They are quite proud of their past, saying how sincere they have been, and how thankful they are that God has rewarded their efforts and allowed them to find the truth." Like the Israelites of old, with whom God was grieved forty years, they are GOOD in their own eyes!

You know, I think this peacock is good in his own eyes, too! But how much GOOD is there in human beings? Yes, HOW MUCH? How much GOOD is

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OUR COVER

Eastern Europe is the continental gateway to the Middle East. Our cover picture illustrates the meeting of East and West—of European civilization and Islamic culture. The old-type building, center, with minarets, provides an old-world contrast with the modern buildings rising majestically in the background. These public buildings were erected during Bulgaria's second five-year plan—the Communist method of creating public housing.



there, after all, in human nature?

I have said through the years, on occasion, that there is good as well as evil in human nature—that it is a mixture of good and evil—and that this is a bad mixture. In the *human* manner of looking at it, there does seem to be GOOD, as well as evil. But let's take a more realistic look at ourselves—as GOD sees us—and see whether I may not have to confess publicly I have been in error in saying there is GOOD in human nature.

To REPENT means more than being thankful you are so GOOD that you have been able to see the TRUTH; and you are so GOOD that you are now accepting it. *THAT IS NOT REPENTANCE!* If our baptizing teams should baptize such persons, the *living* Jesus Christ will call them to stern account in the Judgment! They *must* ask such "good" people to defer baptism until they REPENT!

REPENTANCE results not only from real godly sorrow for what you *have done*, but for WHAT YOU ARE, as well.

Now, just WHAT ARE YOU?

I said, above, the most terrible sin is to have another god which *cuts you off* from the true GOD. And all have been cut off! All have sinned! The vast majority of all humans have no real consciousness of God at all. God is not REAL to them. It is as if the blue sky above were a huge earth-encircling IRON CURTAIN about 100 miles thick, of some kind of the hardest, most solid blue-tinted IRON—impenetrable—and God is on the other side!

*This world* is totally *cut off* from God—just as if such a vast solid barrier shut the world off from all knowledge of God. To most, He simply does not exist. Oh, of course, most people have *heard* that there is a God up there somewhere—but they have been shut off totally from contact, and He is as unreal as if non-existent!

What, then, is the heart, center, and very CRUX of this whole thing? It is this: The consciousness of the average person centers *basically* only on SELF, and those persons, things, or interests with which SELF is concerned.

And, in its larger sense, *all* of that is, simply, SELF! And what, then, *is* SELF?

First of all, there is the *local* SELF.

This self includes your mind and your body. There also are three dimensions—and this is the first—the WITHIN.

But the SELF is not limited alone to the WITHIN—the actual *person*—his mind and body. Beyond and surrounding this *local* SELF is the *empirical* SELF. This expands the SELF to the second dimension—THE AROUND.

This encircling and expanding *empirical self* includes, first of all, what most closely is *owned* by the *self*—as human society would recognize ownership—starting with your own clothing, your home or place of abode, your wife or husband, children, your automobile, your home furniture and furnishings, gadgets, other property located farther away—all those people and things one regards as *belonging to him!* In one's mind and heart, they become a part of SELF. If some force, occurrence or happening takes away or destroys one or more of these possessions, the SELF suffers.

I have mentioned an automobile manufacturer I knew, who lost all his wealth and most of his possessions in the crash economic depression of 1920. So much of SELF had been stripped from him that he did away with what little remained—by suicide.

If the SELF loses an arm, an eye, a leg, SELF is deeply hurt, because he has lost a part of self. By nature he feels no person or circumstance has a right to deprive him of what he considers HIS! In the same manner one grieves over the loss of a husband, wife, child, or "loved one"—or even close friend.

Why is this? Analyze it! Is it not because *by nature* he has the sensory FEELING—the attitude of mind—that something that is HIS has been taken from him; and therefore the SELF resents the loss, feels wounded, and grieves? One may not consciously *realize* that this is the very source of his grieving, of course. Nevertheless, it is the real, if unrecognized, cause.

Now as the circle *around* the local self widens, it expands to include relatives, closest friends, social friends and fraternal "brothers" or "sisters," business friends, then lesser friends. Beyond that, the "party spirit" in human nature widens to include whatever athletic team he is rooting for, his political

party, and beyond that, his feeling of patriotism for his NATION. And, finally, being consciously a member of the HUMAN RACE, his empirical SELF subconsciously expands to INCLUDE THE WHOLE OF THIS WORLD—with its civilization, its ways, its beliefs.

And this very competitive "party spirit," being a PART of this world, and this world a part of SELF, it is only natural that there is a sense of hostility to the GOD who reveals that *this world*, as well as the *carnal self*, is EVIL!

And so we arrive at the realization that each man's world, as far as it extends in his consciousness, becomes a *part of him*—of SELF. The world's pleasures, sports, entertainments, become a part of SELF.

And what is the inherent NATURE of this SELF? Basically it is VANITY. Vanity is SELF-LOVE and SELF-EXALTATION. The very *nature* of vanity instills a love of the world, because the world is *his* world—a part of the empirical SELF.

This very human nature—vanity, self-love, self-exaltation—implants within the self the basic spirit of rivalry—the "party spirit." That is why students of one college are loyal to *their* team in sports, but *against* their team's opponents. It is natural—according to NATURE—that people are loyal to their political party, opposed to the opposing party—patriotic toward *their* country, willing to fight against and kill people of another country in war. Their sports team, their political party, their country, all these are part of their own empirical SELF.

People want to BELONG. People want to be part of a group, a club, a team, a party. And why is this?

The answer carries us a little further. When God created MAN, He formed man of the *dust of the ground*. Man is composed of MATTER. But GOD is a Spirit, and God *is creating, now*, man in His own image *spiritually*. What God created some 6,000 years ago was the clay model, from which the Master Potter may re-form and re-shape, spiritually, the man into His spiritual CHARACTER image. As we have, already, borne the image of the *earthy*, physical—material—we *shall*, if converted, bear the image of the spiritual and heavenly (I Cor.

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# The Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong

*The World Tomorrow goes on a 100,000-watt Radio Station,  
and growth of Work soars.*

## INSTALLMENT 46

WE HAVE come, now, to the year 1944—one decade after the broadcasting and publishing work had started, in 1934.

It had been a decade of hardship, persecution, opposition and struggle. It was still a very small work—compared to the world-girdling power of that same work today. And even then—after ten years—at the beginning of 1944, we faced the most severe financial crisis up to that time.

### Now NINE Stations

Yet, viewed comparatively, *remarkable* growth had been made. One must remember the almost incredible, infinitesimal beginning. Jesus Christ compared the beginning and growth of the Kingdom of God to a mustard seed—which starts, with this tiny seed, as the smallest of all, but grows to become the largest of all herbs—just as, eventually, the Kingdom of God will fill the whole earth. The Kingdom of God will actually appear very soon—with the END of this present evil world, and the beginning of the happy *World Tomorrow*. This very Work of God is the *end-time* proclamation of it, going just before, preparing the way, leading up to it.

This Work—GOD'S Work—of necessity *had* to start infinitesimally small—smaller, in fact, than any sizable worldly work of a religious nature made its beginning.

But, compared to size, look at the remarkable, *burgeoning* growth even during the preceding year, 1943—and the year before that, 1942. At the beginning of 1942 we had been on only three *smallest*-powered radio stations in the Pacific Northwest—two with the minimum-power of 100 watts, the other, of 250 watts. During 1942 the work leaped out of the Pacific Northwest, to a 1,000-watt station in Hollywood. But that

station, the old KMTR, because of its low-frequency dial spot and an underground river under its transmitter, actually boomed out with a signal equal to 40,000 watts. 1942 saw the radio program make its first start of *daily* broadcasting. Even though this continued for only about three months at the time, it gave the work its tremendous impetus that sent it, during the following year, to NATIONAL coverage.

And now, January 1944, we were on NINE stations! Two of these were giant *exclusive*-channel *maximum*-powered 50,000-watt major stations heard in every state in the Union. In Portland, Oregon, we had now gone from 250 watts to a 10,000-watt station, and in Seattle we had added a 5,000-watt station which, like the Hollywood KMTR, on the identical dial spot of 570, actually put out the equivalent of about 40,000 watts!

*The Plain Truth* had developed from a hand-mimeographed little "magazine" of about 150 copies to a printed magazine of 35,000 copies circulated nationwide—though limited to 8 pages, and published every other month—*when funds allowed!*

### We Sell Our Home

Actually, January 1944 was a month when funds did *not* allow! The days of hardship and struggle were far from over. Instead, we now had come to the most serious financial crisis faced so far.

There was no January-February issue of *The Plain Truth* that year. It looked, at the moment, as if there never would be another.

A few months before, our supply of copies of the booklet, *United States and British Commonwealth in Prophecy* had been exhausted. TEN THOUSAND requests had piled up, unfilled! TEN THOUSAND envelopes lay there in our office, addressed, ready to enclose copies

of the booklet and rush to the post office—but there were no booklets. There was not money for postage.

We were running behind in paying radio bills for station time. We were threatened with being forced off the air—having this whole work stop. Co-Workers had failed to rise to meet this financial emergency. We had reached the point of desperation. If Co-Workers could not, or would not, make sufficient sacrifice to save the work, Mrs. Armstrong and I had to—even if it took our *all!* This Work always has been a work of FAITH—relying on GOD. But God supplies needs *through human instruments* whose hearts are willing.

For eight years we had been making monthly payments on a small and very modest house, while we struggled along with financial burdens in general. It had been purchased as Church property, while still in the depression years when property values were at lowest levels. The purchase price had been \$1,900, with \$190 down.

One of the Church members had put up the \$190 as a loan, to be paid back by Mrs. Armstrong and me. Although the property was deeded to four of the Trustees of the Church—my name among them—as officers of and trustees for the Church, the understanding was that I should repay the down payment, and meet the monthly payments of \$17.10 per month. This was approximately the amount we had paid as rental *before* making it a purchase—and far less, by the year 1944, than paying rent. However, the Church Board had agreed that, if I was able to keep up the payments, the property was to be deeded over to Mrs. Armstrong and me when paid out.

We had repainted and decorated the house not long before, and improved the property. Meanwhile, property values had risen. So the property was



worth considerably more than we had paid, back in 1936.

In the dire predicament of the work, there seemed no other solution. We decided we had to give up our home, sell it, and put the money in the work. The three other trustees agreed to the sale, to save the work. We listed it with a real-estate broker.

In February it was sold—at a real sacrifice according to current real estate values, though for quite a little more than the original purchase price.

### The Work SAVED!

There was a March-April number of *The Plain Truth*. 25,000 copies of the booklet, *United States and British Commonwealth in Prophecy* were printed. *We stayed on the air!* The work was, for the time, saved!

We were able to stay on in the house a few more months. But during the summer of 1944 we had to vacate. From that time, we had no home to live in until July, 1947, when we moved into our present home in Pasadena, California.

Our two daughters were married before we left our Eugene home—our younger daughter, Dorothy, very shortly before, on July 22, 1944; our elder daughter, Beverly, earlier, as recorded in a previous installment.

Readers who have been following this life story will remember how I had taken Dorothy to Hollywood in April, 1942. She was then engaged to marry Mr. Vern R. Mattson, who was shipping out from the east coast with the First Division United States Marines. He did not know where the Marines were going—but he *guessed* to the far Pacific theatre of the war, via the Panama Canal. He thought they might make a brief stop at San Diego, San Pedro (Los Angeles harbor), or San Francisco. He and Dorothy wanted to be married if such stop were made. That trip resulted in going on station KMTR, and the start of *daily* broadcasting.

After the battle at Guadalcanal, and spending some time in an Australian hospital, Vern had returned to the United States, at San Diego. During a brief furlough, in July, 1944, he had come to Oregon and he and Dorothy were married in our little Church in

Eugene. They have since given Mrs. Armstrong and me three of our eleven lovely grandchildren—two girls and a boy.

### Living Without a Home

After we vacated our home in Eugene, we were not able to find a house to rent. The housing shortage was still acute in Eugene—had been since 1936.

At that time—1936—we had been renting for about a year the house we bought. We had been *forced* to buy it! The company that owned it gave us notice to vacate, at that time, saying the property was to be sold. They owned many houses, and were putting them all on the market for sale. The salesman, in 1936, had grinned and said, "You'd better find a way to turn this into a *purchase*—or you'll have no place to live. You won't be able to find a place for rent, anywhere!"

We had first searched the city with the proverbial fine-tooth comb—and found the salesman did, literally, have us "over a barrel." But we found a way to make the purchase, as described above.

But now, eight years later, we had sold in order to save the work. We were out on the street, so to speak, and we found the rental situation was still the same.

So we put the small amount of furniture we possessed into storage, and moved into a motor court. Because of the housing shortage, motels and auto cabins were limiting guests to transients, and a three-day stay as a maximum.

Now began the troublesome, irksome, frustrating experience of having to move from one auto court to another every three days. In a very few instances we were able to stay for a week or two, but not many.

After we had, with our two boys, made the rounds of all the motels several times, the owners got to know us. Then they began to inform us that they had to keep their rooms open for transient guests, and since we were not transients, they began to refuse to take us again.

### Fatherly Advice Backfires

It was while we were living in one of these motels that I noticed our two

sons, then about ages 15 and 16, each for the first time smoking a cigarette. How was I going to handle this situation? If I tried authoritatively to *command* them never to smoke again, I was afraid they would then smoke anyway, and the more—but in secret.

I thought I had a better way. At the time, it really seemed to me to be a fool-proof way that couldn't fail.

I called the two boys into our one-room motel, and sitting on a bed, had a "man to man" talk with them.

"Boys," I said, "I could order you to stop smoking. I could try to stop you by force, but that would not build character in YOU. So I prefer to let you make your OWN decisions.

"But I want you to **THINK** about this problem, and *get all the facts*, before you make your decisions—for the result may affect your entire lives, and I don't want you to make a mistake. Now, if cigarette smoking is beneficial—really GOOD for you, and will help you to do good to others—then I'm sure God would want you to take up smoking, and so would I. But if it is BAD for you, harmful, then I feel you won't want to do it, and will stop right now, before you smoke a second one and develop a HABIT that's mighty hard to break."

You see, I myself still had a lesson to learn. These boys were still carnal—unconverted. In effect, I was actually saying the same thing to them, in principle, that God said to Adam and Eve. God allowed them to make their own decisions about taking the forbidden fruit.

"Now, boys," I continued, "here is what I want you to do. I want you first to check up—get the facts—get the TRUTH—and get it from *the voice of experience!* I want you to make a SURVEY, just as I have made many fact-finding surveys in business in the past. I want you to approach 100 experienced smokers—men of middle age or older who have smoked for many years, and *have the habit*. Tell each of these men you are a couple of young men who have thought of taking up smoking, but you want to know whether you *ought to*, or not. Ask each of these *experienced* smokers, who have had the habit for years, whether, as a result of his years of actual EXPERIENCE, he ad-



vises you to take up the habit, or leave it alone."

"Oh, Dad," chimed in young Garner Ted, age 15, "we don't need to make any such survey. I know right now, every one of them would tell us not to do it."

I felt secure. I felt sure, after that, that my boys would not start smoking.

Now GOD, in putting the proposition of the forbidden fruit up to Adam and Eve *knew better!* He knew human nature! He knew it will choose the wrong—even when it *knows* it is wrong!

Yes, God knew well, in advance, knowing human nature, which choice Adam and Eve would make. He knew, too, that *YOU*—every one of you reading this autobiography—would do what you realized was wrong—ALL would *sin!* Nevertheless, God left every human mortal FREE to make his own choice. Not one of us ever *had* to sin! We just *did*—of our own volition—and we *KNEW* we were doing wrong!

Well, other boys smoked. People, like sheep, follow others—seem to lack the courage to go against the crowd. Yes, my boys did start smoking—and I was terribly disappointed, wondering where my clever "psychology" had failed to work. Psychologists need to know a little more than most of them know about HUMAN NATURE!

Both boys, later on, came to themselves, and realized how cigarette smoking, among many other "minor vices," is, after all, NOT GOOD! Both had to undergo a terrific struggle with *SELF* to break the habit later on. But they both conquered the habit, instead of letting it conquer them. And articles by Garner Ted Armstrong in *The Plain Truth* on cigarette smoking have resulted in scores of habitual cigarette smokers making the same struggle and finally—with God's help—setting themselves FREE from slavery to that habit! But he himself had to learn this lesson the HARD WAY!

### Moving into a Rooming House

Finally, after many months moving from one motor court to another—still unable to rent a house—we did find two upstairs bedrooms in a rooming house for rent. The one and only upstairs bathroom was shared with other roomers. These rooms were about six or seven

blocks from our office.

But we found it necessary to eat our meals out, at restaurants. This was neither good for our health nor our pocketbooks. With growing boys, reaching, now, from 15 on up to 18, this was no right kind of family life! In fact it was not FAMILY LIFE *at all!* But for the time, we had to put up with it. One thing may be said in our favor. We did not complain, through all these years. We knew we were being given trials for our development.

But we had tremendous blessings spiritually. We rejoiced, and were *happy*. We knew well that we deserved NOTHING! Yet we were privileged to be used in GOD'S WORK! That blessing outweighed all material acquisitions and enjoyments possessed by all the rich people of the earth combined! We thanked God for trials and tests—and for always carrying us through, and seeing every problem solved. Scores of times we thanked God that our trials and hardships had been physical and financial. My heart was no longer set on material acquisition. I had come to know its worthlessness. Instead, God had literally *lavished* upon us the TRUE riches—the *spiritual* blessings!

### Electrical Transcriptions

March 24, 1944, I sent out a Co-Worker Bulletin from Hollywood. I was enroute to San Antonio, Texas, for one or two *live* broadcasts over WOAI, and then to Des Moines, Iowa, for a special three weeks' *daily* broadcasting over Station KSO, 5,000 watts. In those days most of the programs had to be aired by means of electrical transcription. The programs were recorded on large-size semi-soft acetate phonograph discs—15 inches in diameter. Each disc recorded 15 minutes—or *half* of our 30-minute program. The quality was not equal to the present tape-recording.

Nevertheless, we made every effort to provide stations with the best quality we could. Most of the recording was being done in Portland, where there was one professional recording studio. We felt that the recording obtained there was a shade inferior to that of the best recording studios in Hollywood—the nation's broadcasting capital. Frequently I made trips, through those

years, to Hollywood in order to get as many programs as possible recorded where the very top quality of transcriptions was available.

Often, however, in traveling, the program was recorded in other cities—San Francisco, New York, Washington, D.C., Chicago, Des Moines.

But in those days the Federal Communications Commission, the government supervising agency, enforced the rule that announcers must always tell the listeners that the program came via "electrical transcription," or was "transcribed." And when this was announced, listeners universally felt they were listening to a "canned" program—a mere record—not an actual live *person*. For this reason, especially on our large 50,000-watt stations, we felt—and so did the stations—that it was necessary that I visit these stations in person and do the programs "live" as frequently as possible. This necessitated a great deal of travelling.

At Hollywood on this particular visit in March, 1944, I learned of a new coast-to-coast network in process of being formed—to be known as "Associated Broadcasting Corporation"—or, for short, the "ABC" Network. I received information that this new Network was going to be willing to accept religious programming. At that time, only *Mutual* was selling any time for religious programming, and the word was that even *Mutual* was soon going to throw off all religious programs. I was hoping that we might be able to go on the new ABC Network. We were beginning to envision constantly bigger and bigger things as the living Christ expanded His Work.

Meanwhile, we had virtually outgrown the facilities of the local printing company in Eugene for publishing *The Plain Truth*. I was beginning to check with the largest printing and publishing establishments in Los Angeles. This, and the need for top-quality recording to be obtained only in Hollywood, brought to my mind, about this time, the first thoughts of the approaching necessity of moving our headquarters to Southern California.

### We Go on a 100,000-Watt Station

In early August of that year, Mrs.



Armstrong and I spent two weeks in fasting, as we did nearly every summer, at a cabin on the Oregon coast beach, near Waldport. Returning, refreshed, I heard of the possibility of securing a good night time on a super-power 100,000-watt station, XELO, at Juarez, Mexico—just across the river from El Paso, Texas.

This station had twice the power of any station in the United States, had an *exclusive* clear channel—no other station on the North American continent at that time on its wave-length—800 on the radio dial.

We returned from the beach about August 20. The following Sunday night, after the Sunday morning broadcast, live, over KXL, I was once again on the train for San Francisco, Hollywood, and El Paso.

At El Paso, I learned that this station had good coverage in every state, and even into Canada, after dark. It was managed by two men, partners. One, Mr. Don Howard, I contacted in El Paso. He was interested in opening a time for *The World Tomorrow*, but I found it necessary to travel on to Del Rio, Texas, to consult his partner, Mr. Walter Wilson, before anything final was arranged.

Mr. Wilson, I found, had managed the 250,000-watt station in Mexico just across the river from Del Rio, for the notorious goat-gland specialist, Dr. Brinkley. Dr. Brinkley's station had been heard, with loud signal, all over the North American continent. He had established a hospital in Del Rio, now the city's leading hotel. Apparently he had made millions, and had aroused the wrath of the American Medical Society—and also of the Internal Revenue Bureau. Finally, it seems, State Department pressure from Washington induced the Mexican government to close his station.

Nevertheless, I found that Walter Wilson knew all the "ropes" in the matter of operating border radio stations, just beyond the American border, with a super-power that could reach a national audience over the United States.

I was not very happy about the company I was going to have to keep on this Mexican station—programming

which never would have been acceptable on most United States stations—and religious programs of a nature I most certainly did not want to be identified with.

Nevertheless, knowing *The World Tomorrow* was a program of highest quality, and yet of power and tremendous listener-appeal, these partners offered me the prime, *most* desirable time of 8 P.M. every Sunday night.

We had been forced to take the very *poor* listening time of 11 P.M. over any large United States station—and we were able to be, then, on only the one—WOAI. This *BEST* time on XELO was going to cost quite a little more, but I knew we would have many times the audience at 8 P.M., and 800 on the dial, that we had at 11 P.M. after most people had gone to bed. So I took the plunge.

#### Fantastic Response

Immediately the mail response was fantastic. Never did it equal the more than 2,000 letters from a single broadcast we had once received from a program on WHO, but it was sensationally heavy, and continued steady and increasing. *The Plain Truth* circulation rose steadily.

More and more I was having to contemplate moving our headquarters to the Los Angeles area.

By winter, 1944, and perhaps about January, 1945, I was trying out an early-evening *nightly* broadcast on XELO, using discs recorded at KMTR, Hollywood, while doing live series of 15-minute programs on that station. I had frequently, since July 1942, gone to Hollywood for about three weeks' continuous *daily* broadcasting of 15-minute programs.

However, these 15-minute programs never seemed to bring a large response. It was becoming evident that our type program was a full half-hour program. It was much easier to *hold* a listening radio audience to *The World Tomorrow*-type program for a full half hour than a short 15 minutes.

These try-out 15-minute programs on XELO were aired, I believe, at 6 P.M. But after available recordings were exhausted, this series was discontinued—until we could afford to go on every

night with a full half hour.

#### Colorado Campaign

It was during this winter—and I believe about January-February 1945—that I received a "Macedonian call" for help from a minister I had been associated with some ten years before, in Oregon. He had moved to Canon City, Colorado—a location of high altitude and very dry climate—for health reasons. He had had a small church to pastor there, but all its members had moved away.

He needed to remain there for health reasons, but without the support of a church to which he could minister, he would be unable. Would I come and hold a two-weeks' campaign, and see if I could raise up another church?

I decided to take with me our elder son, Dick, then age 15. His high school teachers, seeing educational value in the trip, agreed, assigning lessons to study while gone. When we arrived at Canon City, we found the climate remarkably warm and dry, for mid-winter. A vacant store-room on the main street had been rented for the meetings. A large advertisement was placed in the local paper, and circulars were passed out over the town.

I was surprised to learn that approximately half of the people in this area had heard *The World Tomorrow* program, either on WOAI, or XELO. We were still keeping the program on WOAI, although we took it off that station later, during 1945. But XELO had a strong signal in this area.

The meetings started out with a fair crowd. The hall was about half full. But interest began to pick up, as we went along. By the middle of the second week, the hall was well filled.

A decision had to be made. Two weeks was not enough to accomplish the purpose for which we had started the campaign. With a growing attendance and interest, it was apparent we ought to continue. With a long distance call to our Eugene office, arrangements were made so that Dick and I might remain on for another two weeks.

Another reason I wanted to stay—*young* Dick was, for the first time in his life, showing real interest in what  
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singleness of purpose, accomplishing the WORK OF GOD on earth today. (I Cor. 12:28; Eph. 4:11).

### WHAT Should the Church DO?

But what is the real PURPOSE behind it all?

What is the REASON for a unified body, well organized, following the LAWS of God, receiving the admonitions and corrections of its LIVING Head, Jesus Christ, from His word?

#### WHAT SHOULD THE CHURCH DO?

The world doesn't have the answer!

When a well-known foundation and theological seminary sent out questionnaires to 1,600 ministers, they found that today's pastor is not so much a *preacher* (God said, "PREACH THE WORD!" (II Tim. 4:2) as he is organizer, promoter, financier, psychologist, administrator, entertainer, and socialite!

As one clergyman said, "We simply cannot see where we are GOING in the Church. Our churches are successful. We gain more members, we have more at church, we have bigger budgets, we have more activities. But we can't see that we are making much of a difference in our communities or in the lives of the individual members of our communities."

The entrance requirements of some modern churches, according to a minister, are "... like those of a *social club* ... primarily external and they provide status. . . ."

What SHOULD the Church do? Keep children off the streets? Become a social club? Build new buildings?

When a professor of sociology asked a group of 368 persons who attended a church in one western city the question, "What is the purpose or reason for the being of the church?" one in six answered, "TO worship God," while one in three said, in different expressions, "To evangelize non-Christians, to sustain fellow Christians, promote community morale, fight Communism, raise the standard of living, reassure people in a world of turmoil, help those with problems . . ." and so-on.

The findings of the survey were that people frankly DO NOT KNOW WHY THEY ATTEND CHURCH—and they DO NOT KNOW WHY THE CHURCH EXISTS!

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## Personal from the Editor

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15:45-49). Therefore, what God created in the first Adam was *not yet complete*. Man was made carnal, material—but he was made to *need* the SPIRIT OF GOD. Without this *spiritual life* from GOD, man experiences a sense of emptiness—a hunger and thirst for that which will SATISFY.

The only thing that will impart to him this sense of satisfaction, completeness, abundance, is GOD's Spirit—God's nature—God's FULLNESS. Yet his carnal mind does not recognize that fact. Being incomplete, lacking in the spiritual waters and heavenly food—God's Word—that would FILL him to satisfaction, he has a gnawing soul-hunger that leaves him miserable, empty, discontented. He seeks to quench his thirst and satisfy his soul-hunger in the interests and pursuits and pleasures of this world.

This very lack within him—this spiritual NEED—gives him an innate INFERIORITY COMPLEX. He senses his INFERIORITY, as compared to God—his lack of what he was made to *need*; but, not understanding what it is, he seeks to quell the painful sense of inferiority by conceit, and blowing up the ego—the SELF—with vanity and SELF-exaltation. This *vanity*, then, is a substitute for GOD and His Spirit—another god before the true God.

Since, then, his group, his club, his team, his party, his country, HIS WORLD, is all a *part* of his EMPIRICAL SELF, he exalts it, he loves it, he is loyal to it—and hostile to all opposing powers or forces. And this, too, becomes a kind of idolatry.

This world travels A WAY that is the very antithesis of THE WAY of God. Therefore, since THIS EVIL WORLD is a *part* of the *empirical SELF*, the carnal mind of man is *hostile to God!* Do you now see WHY?

Human nature is SELF-LOVE. Yet this love is *not* true love, but LUST. The SELF, as a *local self* or taken at its

widest expansion, is *hostile* to God. It has a contrary NATURE. It travels a different road. It is part of a different team, party, or group, or world, WAR-RING against God and Gods' WAY. It is WAR—and the SELF is lined up on the side of THIS EVIL WORLD, against GOD! And this is idolatry. Do you begin to see why you need to *repent* of what you *are*?

In this SUPREME WAR of all wars, God Almighty will accept no terms of PEACE but UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER!

The world is the ENEMY of GOD. It is hostile to GOD. Its educators have not retained GOD or His revealed knowledge in their curricula. Its educational approach to knowledge is not from the basis of God's revelation of origins, purposes, causes and right ways, but from opposite, contrary and false concepts. Its historians in their hostility to the common enemy—GOD—have deliberately rejected Biblical historic FACT, such as the flood, the exodus, the creation.

Its science, its medicine, its economics, its political structures, its social systems, its religions—ALL are hostile toward, and contrary to THE TRUTH and THE WAY of GOD!

But now look at the individual! Look at YOU! The SELF is part of this evil world of Satan. This world is *part* of the empirical SELF. The very NATURE in man is SELF-LOVE.

So by nature man loves HIS WORLD. His nature is saturated with love for the things that are AT WAR AGAINST GOD. His love for, and sense of loyalty toward his group, whether small or large, means automatically a *hostile attitude* toward whatever or whoever is opposed. So HUMAN NATURE automatically expresses resentment, jealousy, malice, spite, hatred, toward opposing parties, whether within or without his world.

You see, Satan's world is divided against itself. A man hates soldiers of an opposing army in war—yet those soldiers are a PART of the WHOLE world, which he loves. But this love, again, is actually LUST, for it is a love of the empirical SELF!

I said that before one can be converted, he must REPENT of WHAT HE IS, as well as what he has done. And



now I wonder if you see WHAT MAN IS! I wonder if YOU, now reading this, begin to see what YOU really are!

Man is VANITY. Man is LUST. Man is hostile to God, loyal to what is opposed to and WARRING against God and God's WAY! Man cannot find PEACE with his Maker on any terms but UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER. That means forsaking this world and its ways and hostilities.

The first thing that enters the mind of natural man when his mind is first opened to some of God's Truth, or when the first suggestion of following it enters, is: "What would my friends—family—relatives—group—say?" They will oppose. If you go over on GOD's side in this war for all eternity, *they* will say you are crazy, condemn you, accuse you, oppose you, persecute you.

You have to decide the question, in this war, of *whose side* you are on!

For *it is WAR!*

War to the DEATH—and I mean ETERNAL DEATH, or else to ETERNAL LIFE. And you must choose which. You cannot have both. You must forsake utterly, and give up completely, the WORLD, and the SELF, or go on to the DEATH for eternity with it!

This world is AT WAR with God. And this world is going to LOSE—and very soon! You are living in its very last days!

You think you are pretty good? DO YOU? Well let me tell you on God's authority that you are not good, but EVIL. To use expressive language—and I hope I can drive it through and through into your consciousness—you are, spiritually, so rotten you stink—you are so foul you deserve nothing but eternal death—you are so evil, by comparison to GOD, you are *not fit* to be called HIS SON! Yet, if you really *repent* of WHAT YOU ARE as well as the way you have done, and *really* turn around and go the other way, with God's power, God has provided a way of grace by which you may be redeemed, washed in Christ's blood, and actually be MADE righteous by THE HOLY SPIRIT of GOD!

How much GOOD is there in YOU—in your SELF?

Let GOD answer you. Don't take my word. LISTEN TO GOD!

Jesus Christ said, ". . . there is *none* good but One, that is, GOD." (Mat. 19:17). Will you face Christ in the Judgment and dispute Him, saying, "You were wrong, Lord—I am GOOD!"? Or will you accept, you who think you are pretty good, Christ's WORD that NONE is good, except GOD!

God's Word says to YOU: "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jer. 17:9). That means *your* heart. It is spiritually *sick* (see marginal rendering), and needs healing by the power of GOD.

When people came to John the baptist to be baptized, he told them how far from GOOD they were: He said ". . . You brood of vipers, . . . produce fruit that answers to your repentance. . . . any tree that is not producing good fruit will be cut down, and thrown into the fire" (Mat. 3:8-10, Moffatt translation).

If you are not bearing GOOD FRUIT, you will be thrown into the lake of FIRE. Now can a carnal human bear good fruit? Is there GOOD in a human? In John 15, Jesus Christ compares us to *branches* of a vine—it could be a grapevine. He is the vine, we are the branches (verse 5). A branch, He said, "cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine" (Verse 4). IF we abide in Him—are in constant CONTACT, so that HIS GOODNESS flows into and through us, we shall bring forth GOOD fruit, ". . . for without me, ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered: and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned" (Verses 5-6).

Jesus said we are known by our fruits. And a bad tree *cannot* produce good fruit. Nor can a good tree bring forth evil fruit. If you, then, are pretty GOOD—as many of you now reading this—even though already baptized and professing to be converted—think you are, and are a GOOD "tree," it is IMPOSSIBLE to bring forth bad fruit—that is, IMPOSSIBLE for you to sin. You have sinned—so you are *not* GOOD. But if you are not changed so as to produce GOOD FRUIT, you shall be burned up in the lake of fire (Mat. 7:17-19).

The apostle Paul said: "In me dwell-eth *no good thing*"—or, as in the Re-

vised Standard translation: "NOTHING good dwells in me . . . I can *will* what is right, but I cannot do it" (Rom. 7:18).

I can *wish*—*want* to do, desire, or make a resolution, to do what is right—but I cannot DO it! No, without Christ, and His power within, you have no good, and can do no good. A carnal human may THINK he has good—thinks good thoughts, has good intentions. But when we understand what GOOD really means, he cannot produce it!

You may say, "But I think MOTHER-LOVE is good. Is it not GOOD when a mother loves and cares for her baby?" As a carnal human looks at it—humanly, perhaps—but let's just look at this noble mother love, as an example of human "goodness." That child is one of the *closest* portions of her empirical SELF. She regards it as HERS—it's a part of HER—and she loves herSELF, so she loves her child. Does your carnal mind still argue that this is really GOOD? If so, YOU NEED TO COMPREHEND WHAT IS GOD'S GOODNESS AND REPENT!

A rich man becomes a philanthropist. Andrew Carnegie gave millions of dollars to establish public libraries in many cities. Wasn't that GOOD?

Well, *look at it* a moment! He gave to HIS WORLD which he was part of and loved, didn't he? Just about all of the books in those libraries, except the few that are Bibles, are the writings of men HOSTILE to God, and the product of this world's education. Yes, Jesus Christ said the world LOVES ITS OWN, and showing love for and of the world is *not* the love of GOD. God commands us to love NOT the world, nor the things that are IN the world. And did you ever notice that Mr. Carnegie's NAME is placed on these libraries, to perpetuate his name, and uphold his vanity for generations after his death?

A man or wealthy widow donates a great art collection to an institution—but the donor's NAME is always there to exalt the "good" donor, and show off to people how "GOOD" he or she was! A person of means endows a college or university with a large sum—but it is known as the "scholarship" of the donor! And ALWAYS philanthropists see to it that their gifts go to the places and uses of *their choice*. The donation BUYS the



assent of the recipient to USE it as the donor demands!

Yes, by HUMAN STANDARDS, as HUMANS view things, there may be some "GOOD" in human nature, and in people. By human standards, Joseph of Arimathaea, who buried the body of Jesus, was a "good man" (Luke 23:50), but, let JESUS CHRIST settle this question once and for all: "If ye then, BEING EVIL, know how to give good gifts (see James 1:17) unto your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give His Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?" (Luke 11:13.)

Here is the supposed "good" mother giving "good" things to her child or baby. HERE IS MOTHER LOVE—perhaps the "highest" love we can recognize in a human. And Jesus Christ says emphatically that she does it "BEING EVIL." She, herself, is EVIL inherently. And if a person is EVIL, can an evil tree bring forth GOOD fruit? Jesus Christ says IT CANNOT.

What kind of fruit *does* a natural man, without God's Spirit, produce? These fruits are listed. They are "... adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like" (Gal. 5:19-21).

Do we, BEING EVIL, produce GOOD fruit? Are the fruits of the flesh—of human nature—love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, GOODNESS? No, these are the fruits of GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT, which you cannot produce except GOD produce them in and through you BY His Holy Spirit. *These* are the fruits of GOD, and they can come only *from* GOD. That's why there is NO PEACE in the world!

I know many who have been baptized, and who *think* they have been converted, and ARE PRETTY GOOD IN THEIR OWN EYES! And I hope YOU of that category can know that I *do* mean YOU!

But *you* are not as good as JOB!

Job was so "good" that even Satan could not detect any sin—any evil. Job possibly had repented of what evil he had DONE, and turned from it—for Satan could find no evil in what Job DID! But GOD found evil in what Job

*was!* He was self-righteous! He was pretty GOOD, humanly speaking—and HE KNEW IT TOO WELL! He had spiritual VANITY—like some of YOU!

Well, how do YOU compare to GOD? Where were YOU, when GOD created this earth? Can YOU sustain, control, and rule the UNIVERSE? Or are YOU about as small, compared to GOD, as our strutting peacock? Why, you don't even have his beautiful plumage!

But you *do* have the potential of coming to recognize your own worthlessness, depravity, inherent EVIL—and REPENTING of it! You *do* have the mind power, and the will, *if* you choose, to make the complete UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER to God, and to HIS WAYS, and HIS AUTHORITY, and HIS GOVERNMENT over your life!

And it *is* within your potential, if you'll pray—and FAST and pray, with your whole heart *until* God grants it—to REPENT, not only of what you are conscious of having *done* wrong—but of WHAT YOU ARE!

For, "except ye REPENT," said Jesus, "ye shall all likewise PERISH" (Luke 13:3).

To really REPENT means to come to God completely *broken up* in contrition of the spirit of REBELLION that has

been in your heart (oh yes, that rebellion *has* been in *your* heart!) and to return to God "*with all your heart*, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning: and REND YOUR HEART . . ." (Joel 2:12-13).

Do many seeking baptism take it *THAT* SERIOUSLY? Do YOU take it that seriously? Have *you* ever been really *broken up* about what a rotten, foul, deceitful, vain, and evil creature you have been?

It's about time many thousands of our readers get their eyes opened—for THIS WORLD is nearing its END with the speed of space-flight!

It is MUCH later than you think! May God help you to SEE!

This world has its TWO dimensions—the WITHIN, which is the *local* SELF, and the AROUND, which is the *empirical* SELF! It's time to EXPAND your horizon now to the THIRD dimension—the ABOVE—on up to GOD, for every GOOD and perfect gift comes down from ABOVE—from GOD whose supreme purpose is to beget each of us with HIS SPIRIT—His love—His goodness—His very *life*, which is ETERNAL LIFE—the only complete, full, ABUNDANT life, full of goodness, happiness, joy, and PEACE FOREVER!

## THE BIBLE ANSWERS

# Short Questions

## FROM OUR READERS

"Why do you say it is impossible for God to lie? God has all power and can do anything if he wants to!"

This reader certainly has not read his Bible! Paul answered this very question twice in the New Testament. To Titus he wrote that God "cannot lie" (Titus 1:2) and in Hebrews 6:18 he declared it is "impossible for God to lie."

But why should it be impossible for God to lie—if God can do all things? The answer ought to be obvious.

First, consider this—God is perfect character. Character is a matter of the will. God has willed, determined, chosen

always to tell the truth. God cannot lie because He *will* not lie. No trait of character is more important than this. If God could not be relied upon, then His Word, the Bible, would have no authority.

It takes a strong character always to tell the truth. Anyone who lies is a weak character. It is *easy* to lie. It is human to lie. Truth, by contrast, is an attribute of God—a trait of divine character.

When one is born of God and possesses the fullness of divine character, it will be impossible to sin—impossible to lie (I John 3:9).



the knowledge of God's truth that has been opened to his mind!

### How Hell Fire Works!

Long ago God set an example in His Word of what this fire is like, how it works, and what the result of it is. "Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an EXAMPLE, *suffering vengeance of ETERNAL FIRE*" (Jude 7). Sodom and Gomorrah, the two sinful cities in the valley of the Jordan by the Dead Sea suffered, as you can read the account in Genesis 19, from a great fire that fell from heaven *consuming* everything it fell upon. All the people in those cities were *burned to death*. The cities themselves were *consumed* and ARE NOT THERE for us to see today!

But they are NOT STILL BURNING! They have suffered as an EXAMPLE of the vengeance of *eternal fire*.

THEY ARE BURNED UP. The eternity of this fire is its *everlasting effect!*

God explains that this is going to be exactly the penalty for those who insist on disobedience to Him. "For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall BURN THEM UP, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall LEAVE THEM NEITHER ROOT NOR BRANCH. . . . And ye [those who become the Sons of God in His Kingdom] shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ASHES under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the Lord of hosts" (Mal. 4:1, 3).

When physical bodies come into contact with flame they burn up! David very graphically describes this in the Psalms. "But the wicked shall PERISH, and the enemies of the Lord shall be as THE FAT OF LAMBS: THEY SHALL CONSUME; INTO SMOKE SHALL THEY CONSUME AWAY" (Ps. 37:20).

Yes, that is what GOD says! Very plain and easy to understand! There is no mystery about it, no strange fire that burns forever and yet does not consume anything. No sadistic God on high who desires to execute pain on a human body forever because of sins committed over a period of a few years. Only a

loving God Who, after offering a human being His Very Own Spirit and Mind and Power determines to put that individual out of his misery when that simple human being finally rebels against his Creator and refuses to hear any of His advice and to use any of His power.

There is a *very real hell fire—a very real pain—a very real DEATH!* "He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son [born into the very Kingdom of God—this is the purpose of life, the plan of creation from the beginning, the reason why you draw breath now]. But the fearful, the unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolators, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone [gehenna-hell]: which is [by GOD'S own interpretation, NOT by the imagination of mankind] the SECOND DEATH" (Rev. 21:7-8).

### Whom You Really Need to Fear!

God offers salvation, not suffering! You do not need to fear men's imaginations. You do not need to fear the unreasoning tortures of an ever-burning hell, but you DO need to have a *healthy*

*respect* for the One Individual in all creation Who is *able to save you* from being BURNED UP in a lake of fire—gehenna-hell—and *grant you LIFE FOREVER with Him in His Kingdom!*

"And fear *not* them which kill the body [those who kill and execute God's chosen people, making them martyrs because they believe the truth of God], but are *not able* to kill the soul [in Luke's account the word is "life"]: but rather FEAR HIM [fear God, not hell or the Devil] which IS ABLE TO DESTROY *both soul and body in* [gehenna-] hell" (Matt. 10:28).

Do not fear the imaginations of ignorant men's minds. Do not fear that the Devil will plunge you into torture for eternity. But *do* begin to see how powerful and loving and reasonable and true your Creator really is. Begin to have that *respect and awe*—that proper fear, respect and honor due to the greatest Power in the universe—that fear that is the beginning of wisdom, not the beginning of terror.

Seek this God of truth, believe His Word, and His Word ONLY! Ask of this great God and He will grant to you the Spirit of *love* and of *power* and of a SOUND MIND!

## Autobiography

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"Dad" was preaching. Of course he had always heard me preach, from babyhood. Little children have their minds on other things during the preaching of sermons, usually. Dick had, of course, taken my preaching for granted—but he was a middle-teenage boy, and he had never, as yet, shown any real personal interest in God's TRUTH.

"Dad," he remarked in our hotel room one night after service, "I never really paid special attention to your preaching before. But getting away from home like this, with just you and me alone, it all seems different. I'm beginning to see that what you say *makes sense!*"

Each Wednesday evening, prior to time for the evening service, it was necessary for me to take the train for Denver in order to record the weekly radio program. I stopped overnight at

Colorado Springs, catching the early morning streamliner from Kansas City on into Denver. The transcriptions were air-expressed by a recording studio in Denver to the various radio stations for broadcast on the following Sunday. I then travelled by bus back to Canon City, arriving shortly before the evening service.

During the last two weeks we held daily morning services, as well as evening, and about two-thirds of the audience was able to attend the morning service.

### Sensual "Spirituality"

The local minister whom I had come to help had, in his zeal to become "more spiritual," made the mistake many well-meaning people have made, of confusing emotional and sentimental *feeling* with true spirituality. This *feeling* is of the senses—and, of itself, *sensual*—



not spiritual. A true and deep spiritual experience may be, and usually is *accompanied* by certain emotion or feeling. But this is the *effect*, the human physical reaction or response—and of itself is *not* spirituality.

True spirituality comes from GOD, not the FLESH!

This man and his wife had, as guests in their small home for the duration of the meetings, a woman church member from northern Colorado, near Cheyenne. She, too, was of the excessively emotional type. They had started having "seasons of prayer" at the minister's house, in which all three prayed *aloud at once*. This man had wanted me to introduce this unscriptural practise into the meetings. I had refused.

Then he asked me if I would come to their house and at least join *them* in this type of babylon and confusion. I again refused, and pointed out to him how God is *not* the author of confusion, and in any "meeting" of people together, only *one* is to speak at a time, the others keeping silence (I Cor. 14:15, 23, 26-31, 33, 40).

There was, in this town, a man of the extreme "pentecostal" variety, who, this local pastor said, had "backslidden," and given up religion altogether. This was the *one man*, above all others, whom this minister wanted to get into his church. So I went with him to visit this man in his home. I saw at once that his heart was not right, and he should be let alone.

#### The Fruits: Near-Converts Driven Away

However, on the last Wednesday night of the four weeks' meetings, when I was enroute to Denver and the local pastor conducted the service, things happened. On my return the following night, stepping off the bus, my son Dick was awaiting me.

"Dad," he said solemnly, "I'm all through with those meetings. I've decided I don't want any religion, after all!"

"Why, what's happened?" I asked in surprise.

The night before they had gotten this "pentecostal" "backslider" into the hall. The emotionally-zealous minister had given an "altar call," and this so-

called "backslider" had come to the altar and began yelling, shouting, screaming, and putting on a ridiculous insane, noisy SHOW! The audience, generally, was disgusted. But the local pastor and his wife, in their misguided zeal-without-wisdom, were overjoyed.

I tried to explain to Dick that this was all UNscriptural, and ANTI-Scriptural, and he should ignore it. But it was too much for a young 15-year-old boy. He refused to go to the meeting that night.

I did what I could to hold the interest of the people. With me back in the pulpit they continued to come the remaining four days. Several were baptized, and a local church was organized, with twice as many members as the local pastor had had before his former "flock" had moved away.

Then Dick and I took the train home, via Salt Lake City and San Francisco. Later I learned that almost immediately after this campaign, the minister I had gone to help took a vacation in another state, visiting, I believe, relatives, and left his new local church to this "pentecostal" man to pastor. When he returned home, he had no church.

When misguided zeal takes the place of wisdom and the sound guidance of the *living* CHRIST, a lot of hard work and apparently successful effort can all go down the drain, and into the spiritual sewer! The *fruits* of this false "spirituality" are the disgust of near-converts—driven from salvation!

Of course that well-meaning, over-zealous (emotionally), and misguided minister apparently has always thought that I was not very "spiritual." Somehow, it seems always to have been a MYSTERY to such people that success *appears* to result from my efforts.

I say "*appears*" because the success does not result from my efforts at all. It is the DOING OF THE INVISIBLE GOD! And, being physically invisible, such people never can see GOD in the picture.

In the next installment I will have much to say about the historic San Francisco Conference, at which the UNITED NATIONS was formed, and which I attended as a Press Correspondent, accredited by the State Department—and our start of *permanent every-night* broadcasting.

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