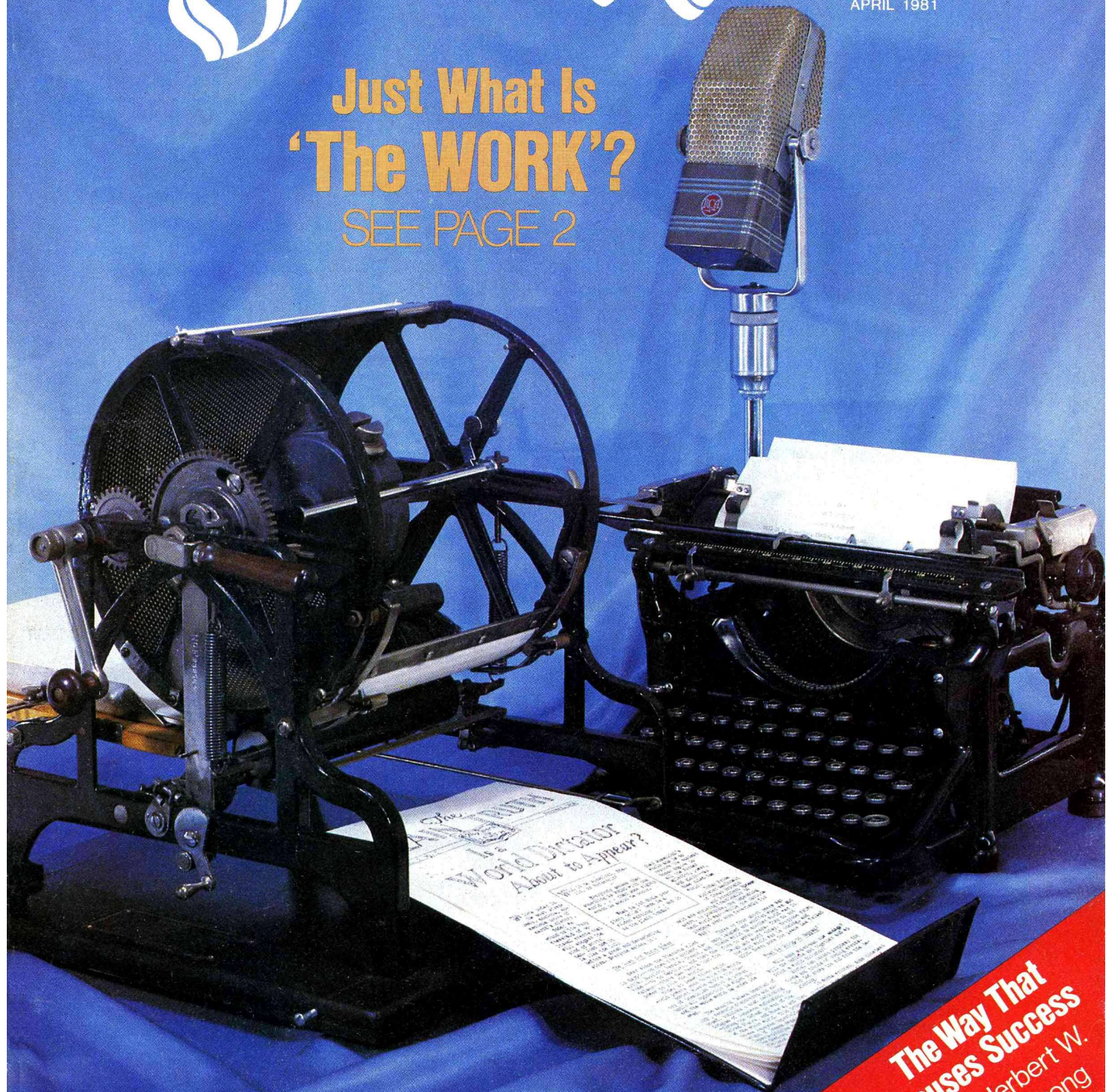


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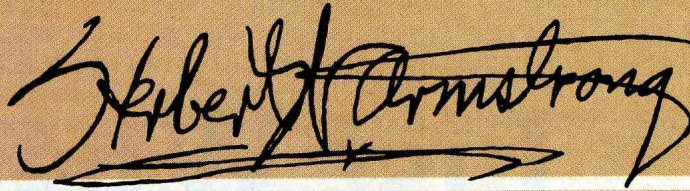
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**The Way That
Causes Success**
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The Way of Life That CAUSES Success

I WAS REMINISCING with two of our executives on the high estimate I placed on myself in earlier life — in my twenties. “I was a very important individual in my own eyes then,” I mused. “You have no idea how far I’ve skidded backward since then.”

They laughed. “Well,” exclaimed one, “I wish you’d give us the formula of how to go backward like that!”

Reflecting on this bit of banter later, I decided seriously it *would* be profitable to write that formula for all our readers. For it is the formula for the only kind of success that is real and satisfying and lasting.

For as long as I was important in my own eyes, I was actually of no more importance than a paper bag filled with air. True, I was ambitious. I worked hard, studied hard, drove myself on relentlessly to achieve what I then viewed as SUCCESS. But actually, as I know now, it was a striving after wind — pure vanity — a swelled-up self-exaltation that was like a toy balloon that will burst when pricked with a pin.

The skidding backward began with the flash depression of 1920, which sent numerous big corporations, among which were my main customers, to the wall. It was a national flash catastrophe over which I had no control. It left me, by 1922, a deflated, near-frustrated young man of 30. But not for long. I said: “I’ll bound back. You can’t keep a good man down.” Self-confidence returned. I began

developing another business.

But by 1926, just when my new advertising business was beginning to accelerate, another nationwide occurrence, not of my making — or even my knowledge, at the time — wiped out that business.

Once again the SELF was deflated. The ego was punctured. I took a new look at myself. And what I now saw was pretty humiliating. I called myself a burned-out “hunk of junk.” I felt unworthy to be cast onto a junk pile. At this point a soul-jarring experience and a new self-appraisal resulted in a total about-face. A jolt changed the direction of my life.

Events and experiences of earlier years now played their part in shaping a new life from this point on. The inflated ego and self-assured ambition had been aroused at age 16. But as far back as memory extends I had a passion for UNDERSTANDING.

I have written elsewhere of the experience, when 22, as the “idea man” for the editorial department of the country’s largest trade journal. In continual travel throughout the United States, I was assigned not only to search out successful sales ideas and business management techniques, but also seek out the reasons for the success of the few, and the failure of the many.

On this assignment I pioneered in making surveys, based on the law-of-average principle, sampling public opinion, attitudes, consumer buying habits, facts about life — about failure and success — about mental states of happiness or depression, about life itself as people lived it.

Now as I reflected back, I realized that the most “successful” people I

had interviewed were the least happy. Bank accounts were full but lives were empty.

Now, having taken the count twice as a result of nationwide occurrences not of my making — now reduced to actual economic poverty — it became clear at last that, truly, it is more blessed to *give* than to receive.

This whole world, it became painfully clear, was operating on the “GET” philosophy. The philosophy of “I love *ME*, and I care nothing about *you*.” The way of competition, strife, taking, acquiring, amassing — of *being served* rather than serving. Actually, in economic poverty I found rest from the nerve-shattering *driving, striving* after that which NEVER SATISFIED when acquired! I began to see that LOVE is not spelled “l-u-s-t” but rather is pointed in the opposite direction — LOVE is an *out-going concern* for the one loved.

It became crystal clear that there are two overall philosophies or ways of life. One is the SELF-centered way. It is simply VANITY. It loves self only (which, as I had learned from a text on advertising psychology, *includes* that which you call YOURS — your wife and family, your club, your political party, your football team, your country in time of war). It includes not only love and greed toward SELF, but envy, jealousy and even hatred toward others.

I could see why so many marriages break up — or, at least, are unhappy. One confuses “falling in love” with the sex attraction that stimulates DESIRE — toward SELF. And when one does not GET what is wanted *from* the mate, resentment sets in.

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Just What Is 'The WORK'?

*And what was it, and how organized, in 1933,
and from A.D. 31-70?*

By Herbert W. Armstrong

The Work of God, and the organization and government of the Church of God, underwent radical changes from A.D. 31-70 to 1933, and also from 1933 to the present.

We need now to stop and get our perspective. Was it as it should have been in 1933? Is it TODAY?

Radical and significant changes have occurred in the world during these intervals. Yet the same Church of God has continued — not, in the years 1927-33, as it should have been. Yet it was the only body of believers on earth that had the true name — the “commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus” (Rev. 14:12).

WHY the Church? — its PURPOSE

The PURPOSE for which Christ built the Church exemplifies its WORK — its activities. And Christ, through the New Testament, gives us the pattern by which it, as a SPIRITUAL ORGANISM (not a human or worldly organization), should be organized to carry on its WORK.

The PURPOSE, like most things in God's PLAN, is dual: 1) To ANNOUNCE for a witness to the world the coming Kingdom of God (the true Gospel), to prepare the way for Christ's coming.

2) To prepare the people whom God adds to the Church to become the Bride of Christ. To “feed the flock” on spiritual food. The Church must overcome Satan, grow in grace and spiritual character and spiritual knowledge to become immortal, divine GOD PERSONS — ruling under Christ as kings and priests spiritually.

The CHURCH shall be built to be the spiritual TEMPLE to which Christ shall come (Mal. 3:1). Yet this Malachi prophecy is speaking primarily of preparing for Christ's *Second Coming*, as verses 2-5 clearly show.

John the Baptist's preparing the way before Jesus' first, *human coming* was therefore a TYPE foreshadowing one in the same power and spirit preparing the way for His coming as KING of kings and LORD of lords to RULE ALL NATIONS. John the Baptist put emphasis on the LAW (or way) of God, and calling to REPENTANCE. So the apostle leading today's Church must explain world evils caused by transgressing God's law of “GIVE” (outflowing LOVE) by living the way of “GET” — calling to repentance and announcing the world tomorrow under the GOVERNMENT OF GOD, by the KINGDOM OF GOD.

What was “the WORK,” and how organized, A.D. 31-70?

In those early apostolic days, beginning A.D. 31, the Gospel was proclaimed to the world solely by the

apostles and evangelists — no radio, TV, print or such modern facilities as we have today. Those proclaiming it went forth by foot, donkey or horse, rowboat or sailboat. No means of communication existed except hand-written letters carried afoot or by slow boat.

How organized? How “feed the flock”? The form of organization is outlined in I Corinthians 12 and Ephesians 4 primarily. GOD, not man or the world, set the pattern of Church organization, government and operation of its WORK — first apostles, then evangelists, pastors, elders. Some of these were preaching, others nonpreaching, elders, and there were deacons and deaconesses helping with the more physical matters.

Only five prophets are mentioned in the New Testament and none of these contributed to Church doctrine, beliefs or teaching — or administrative or executive functions. But Old Testament prophets' writings were a source of Church doctrines and teachings.

Beginning A.D. 31 Christ was HEAD of the Church, Peter was chief apostle. After some years Peter and most of the original 12 seem to disappear from view. Jesus apparently had sent them to “the lost sheep of the house of Israel,” then in Western Europe and Britain (Matt. 10:6, 15:24). They were “lost” in identity and spiritually. They had lost their

Hebrew language. After some years of Church existence, the apostle Paul seems to be the chief apostle in the Middle East and Rome. He was *in authority* (II Cor. 11:28, I Cor. 5:3-5, 4:20-21).

The WORK was not complex then as today. The Gospel traveled slowly. There were no modern or mechanical facilities. Paul and others often spoke to small groups (Acts 16:12-13).

But about A.D. 53 the Gospel of the Kingdom of God was being SUPPRESSED, supplanted by another that was *not* the true Gospel (Gal. 1:6-7).

By A.D. 70, when Jerusalem was overrun by the Roman armies, the proclaiming of the true Gospel to the world had virtually or completely ceased. The name of Christ was preached, and even grace — but grace turned to license to disobey (Jude 4). They took the NAME of Christ, calling themselves “Christians” — proclaimed Jesus was CHRIST, yet DECEIVED the world (Matt. 24:5), as Jesus prophesied. But the KINGDOM OF GOD was not proclaimed. The “law was done away.” For 100 time cycles the Gospel Christ proclaimed was SUPPRESSED! The true Church continued, persecuted, often or mostly meeting secretly.

The “Work” — and how Church organized — 1927-33

I came to know of the true Church of God, fall of 1926, and as it continued to about 1940. Headquarters in 1926 were at Stanberry, Mo. After my original six months in-depth study and research into evolution as a basic approach to all knowledge, and of the Bible that to me proved to be that approach and God’s revealed knowl-

edge, I wondered, “Where is the *true* Church?” They were so impotent spiritually (Rev. 3:1), and even in biblical knowledge, yet what they did have was more biblical TRUTH than any other church my researches revealed. They had “the commandments of God, and the testimony of Jesus,” and the right name — and no other church had. But they were so *small* — so pitifully weak. They were not proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, but “the third angel’s message.”

But of what did their “Work” consist, and how organized? They were organized on congregational (democratic) government as a “biannual general conference.” To the best of my knowledge they had less than a thousand members and an uneducated ministry — that is, not college educated. The editor of their church organ, *The Bible Advocate*, seemed their leader. Five members could form a local church, and each church had one vote. Their ministers, who knew the Bible well so far as their limited doctrines extended, went out holding meetings in members’ homes, in tiny tents and such means. I inquired of older members, but none knew of a single conversion resulting from the preaching of any minister.

In 1931 the Oregon members split. The half my wife and I had fellowshipped with (never joining) formed a new church corporation as “The Oregon

Conference of the Church of God.” I was ordained by this “Oregon Conference.” I preached for them from ordination, June, 1931, through November, 1931, then again from February, 1933, to August, 1933.

The “Philadelphia Era” born

In July, 1933, I started a six-nights-a-week series of meetings for six weeks in a 36-seat country schoolhouse — the Jeans school — eight miles west of Eugene, Ore. Result: 11 new baptized members plus eight of us already baptized — total: 19. It was just over 100 19-year time cycles after the very first Church was founded by Jesus Christ. I had been ordained precisely, to the month, 100 time cycles after the first apostles were ordained, June, 1931.

On forming of the new little parent church, I ceased working under jurisdiction of the Oregon Conference, although I continued voluntarily as their pastor. The Worldwide Church of God was a newborn fledgling that Christ, the HEAD of the Church, was conducting solely by me, known beginning 1934 as the Radio Church of God. It became the Worldwide Church of God in 1968.

What IS the Work, and how organized TODAY?

As stated above, the WORK of proclaiming the Gospel Jesus brought from GOD was suppressed beginning about A.D. 53, and not proclaimed to the world after A.D. 70, for 100 time cycles.

In our day, 20th century, the churches of “Christianity” proclaim merely *their* message about Jesus. They proclaim that Jesus was the Christ. But they say “the law of GOD is done away,” and therefore preach no real repentance. The “Kingdom” has become either “the Church” or some ethereal nothingness “set up in men’s hearts.” The Gospel of the KINGDOM

Beginning with the tools pictured at right, God’s Work in this era has used modern mass communication to give the Gospel to the world.



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OF GOD was not preached. It was not proclaimed by Seventh-day Adventists, one of whose cardinal doctrines was the "investigative judgment," which had the resurrected saints a thousand years with Christ IN HEAVEN. The Church of God, Seventh Day, of Stanberry, Mo., proclaimed a "third angel's message." The true GOSPEL had not been proclaimed to the world for 1,900 years! — 100 time cycles!

Please do not misunderstand. "Time cycles" are definitely NOT a Church doctrine. But the sun, earth and moon do come into almost exact conjunction once every 19 years. God uses the relation of the sun and moon to the earth as HIS means of marking off points in TIME. We do not make a "doctrine" out of a "day" measured by the sunsets, the month measured by the new moons as seen from earth or by the lunar year, or the solar year.

But a century of time cycles *is* a definite measure of TIME. And a century of time cycles after the first birth of the Church was a TIME that God *DID USE* as a time to start a REBIRTH of His Church, when once again just before the close of the 6,000-year duration of the "day of man," and the ushering in of the day of the LORD, His Gospel of the Kingdom would be proclaimed worldwide (Matt. 24:14).

At this point we need to understand a PRINCIPLE by which God always has worked through humans. He has always worked through *ONE MAN* at a time. He worked through Abraham. He worked through Moses, through Joshua, through one "judge" at a time, through Samuel, through David, through Solomon. He worked through Peter and when Peter had left the Middle East, through Paul. These men had, in greater or lesser number, staff assistants under them, but God's WORK was through the *ONE MAN AT A TIME!*

THIS IS THE "WORK OF GOD" — and *not* a humanly organized institution, operation or organization on the worldly corporate type of organization, function and procedure.

Too many have viewed the Worldwide Church of God, and what we

call the WORK, as a secular, man-devised ORGANIZATION, with its board of directors, its vice presidents, department heads and positions of AUTHORITY, some of whom have tried to pull political or corporate business tactics of rug-jerking to elevate *themselves*, and grab for POWER. They have forgotten that the divine, supernatural JESUS CHRIST — the LIVING Christ — is the HEAD, running this Work HIS way, not the way of this world's corporate enterprises or institutions. To them GOD IS NOT IN THE PICTURE.

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We must RESTRUCTURE this entire WORK in our own minds and realize it is THE WORK OF GOD, through Jesus Christ who is ALIVE and active, and, on earth, through HIS APOSTLE, whom *HE* specially trained, prepared and chose, and now DIRECTS, EMPOWERS AND USES!

How Christ started today's Work

It was the living CHRIST who opened the door to radio in the fall of 1933 before His chosen apostle whom He already had specially trained and prepared. After a preliminary superintense study and in-depth research into evolution (this world's concept and approach to all knowledge) and God's Word, His chosen servant was converted — CHANGED — from carnal mindedness to Spirit mindedness.

In that introductory, initial in-depth biblical study, the living Christ had revealed the BASICS to me that the professing "Christian" churches did not possess. I had gone through seven years of deep spiritual experience. Through me Christ had healed the sick, cast out demons, working supernatural spiritual miracles *besides* opening my mind to His spiritual TRUTHS, even such as no church on earth was proclaiming. It was a spiritual and knowledgeable experience such as none has today.

The living Christ started me in the smallest manner. He always starts things the very smallest through humans, like the illustration of the grain of mustard seed. A free 15-minute morning "devotional period" for one week was opened to me on radio KORE, Eugene.

The first Sunday in 1934 the full half-hour *World Tomorrow* program went on the air, then under the name *Radio Church of God*.

Feb. 1, *The Plain Truth*, Vol. 1, No. 1, made its humble bow. A mimeographed *Bulletin* was the fledgling pioneer of *The Good News*.

I continued personal campaigns speaking in schoolhouses, a tent seating some 400 and whatever halls or auditoriums I could rent.

My first office was a room in the old Masonic Temple in Eugene. I had engaged the hall for meetings for the public three nights a week at \$10 per month. The room that made an office came with it. Later I rented an inside office, a skylight, no outside windows or ventilation of any kind, at \$5 per month.

I could not afford a stenographer or secretary. My wife was my sole staff. However, this was the 20th century. I was beginning to use the modern facilities of our materially advanced civilization. *The Plain Truth* had started on a borrowed mimeograph. The local A.B. Dick Co. mimeograph dealer allowed me to use his mimeograph for that first 250-copy edition of *The Plain Truth*. However, he didn't want that to continue every month. He found an old ancestor to the mimeograph — a
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hand-cranked Neostyle, which he sold me for \$10. The first edition stencils were cut on a borrowed typewriter. I also managed to obtain a secondhand typewriter for \$10 for the second month.

So already I was using modern radio — though the smallest in power — a 100-watt station. And now a typewriter and a mimeograph.

But we live in a far, far different world than that of apostles Peter and Paul.

The word *apostle* means “one sent forth” with Christ’s Gospel message — the same message Jesus brought from God.

As stated above, Peter was chief apostle and human leader in the earliest years of the Church. After Peter seems to drop from sight, Paul was in charge, on the earthly, human level of the Church. Following this biblical pattern and example, Christ’s apostle is human leader under Christ, and in His authority, today.

Why only one apostle today?

We live today in a far, far different world. The world’s population has multiplied many times over. In the wake of the invention of the printing press and the typewriter, KNOWLEDGE has increased astoundingly not only, but also the diffusion of knowledge. Unfortunately, that knowledge is virtually 100 percent materialistic. The world is still in the darkness of *spiritual* ignorance. It has lost — or rather *never gained* — the TRUE VALUES in understanding.

But escalation of carnal, selfishly motivated diffusion of knowledge,

the advent and swift development of modern science and technology, the effects of the machine age, all have made today’s world a fast-moving, complicated and complex world utterly DIFFERENT than the world of the apostles Peter and Paul.

Instead of requiring *more* apostles to go forth carrying the message, and directing the oversight of the earthly Work, it requires but ONE! Today that one can speak a message with a microphone and TV cameras before him, and by electronic magic via satellite be SEEN speaking live by vast audiences in other parts of the world. Or he can record a message to be heard and/or seen later on television or radio in any — or many — parts of the world by vast audiences. Or he can write messages on his typewriter, which are reprinted in newspapers, magazines or other means of mass-duplication, distributed and read by thousands or millions of people.

In Paul’s day he could be heard by as many people as could hear a natural, unamplified voice. *It would have taken many hundreds of apostles* to convey the message to as many people then as it does today.

Today we have mechanical, organizational facilities so that one man can direct the functions of as many as hundreds of apostles could have done in the days of the Pauline ministry.

But today, these same advanced mechanical facilities necessitate certain differences in organizational functions and procedures — though basically *THE PATTERN IS THE SAME!*

As the Church grew for 35 years at the unmatched rate of 30 percent increase annually over each preceding year, the use of modern facilities increased. God continually added those He called. Ambassador College was founded in 1947, and later the colleges in Britain and Texas. Dozens, scores, hundreds of God-educated ministers were ordained. We became, by 1968, the Worldwide Church of God.

All this time, it was *the Work of Jesus Christ, through His chosen apostle*, carrying on the Church’s operations, fulfilling the DUAL *spiritual* PURPOSES for the Church: 1) proclaiming to the world, for a wit-

ness, the good news of the coming Kingdom of God, and 2) feeding the flock — preparing those God called in righteous spiritual character to become the Bride of Christ, to sit with Him in His throne, and under Him to rule the nations.

The WORK consists of proclaiming the Gospel — by radio, by television, in print (booklets, books, *The Plain Truth*, messages in advertising space in magazines and newspapers, the Ambassador College Correspondence Course).

This is a *spiritual* work. Broadcasting, both radio and TV, is done by the apostle. Most booklets and books are written by the apostle. The “Personal” — most read — usually the lead article and often other articles are by the apostle. Other articles are by staff writers trained in Ambassador College as were all ministers. The Ambassador College Correspondence Course, with thousands studying it, is all the teaching of the apostle. In this Gospel-proclaiming area is the Mail Processing Center, where hundreds of thousands — even millions — of letters are received from listeners, viewers and readers. This center includes ordained ministers, trained by the apostle, who answer letters asking biblical questions and seeking spiritual counsel.

In the area of “feeding the flock,” first is Ambassador College, educating and training men for the ministry, and others for various positions in the Work. The teaching is that of Christ’s apostle, who is president and chancellor of the college.

The ministry, consisting of hundreds of ordained ministers teaching, as the apostle taught them, in local churches worldwide.

Serving them for the apostle is the Ministerial Services Department.

Also under the apostle and cooperating with Ministerial Services is the Festival Office, planning and arranging the annual Feast of Tabernacles attended in many festival sites around the entire world.

Feeding the flock in print is *The Good News*, monthly, and *The Worldwide News*, a tabloid, semi-monthly, besides the *Pastor General’s Report*, weekly to the ministry. □



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The mate is no longer part of one's empirical SELF. Resentment turns to bitterness, and bitterness to HATE.

Happiness is a funny thing — or is it? The more you GIVE, the more you HAVE. But the more you try to TAKE, the more miserable you become.

It became clear. One WAY of life is the SELF way — the INCOMING way — the GETTING way. The OPPOSITE WAY is the selfless way — the way of humility, getting rid of the SELF (which is your biggest enemy), the way of GIVING, serving, sharing.

In the summer of 1933 we were living in Oregon. I planned a series of lectures in and near Eugene, Ore., to share this BASIC KNOWLEDGE of this right WAY OF LIFE with others. I was without money. But a man with whom I had come in contact, believing in this WAY, happened to be a member of a country school board. He offered me the use of a one-room country schoolhouse eight miles west of Eugene. There was no rent. I walked out over the countryside, inviting neighbors to come to the series of lectures. There were only 35 seats, but attendance averaged 36 — an average of one standing.

That was a very small group of people, but the response was electric. Some of those lives became happier!

A little later an invitation came to lecture over radio. The response was entirely unexpected. There was then only one station in Eugene, KORE, owned by Frank Hill. He called me into his office, handed me a handful of letters. He suggested I plan a regular half-hour program — offering to contribute substantially by reducing the cost below cost of operation. The price was \$3 per half hour. That was the start of *The World Tomorrow* program. It could not have started smaller. The station then broadcast on only 100 watts. But it was a NEW KIND OF EDUCATION.

Education as organized in this world is restricted primarily to the physical sciences, technologies and the professions — teaching how to earn a living, but not HOW TO LIVE. I saw the need of this broader kind of education IN THE HOME. Without any request from me, radio listeners volunteered to become contributors.

That was the start. As new co-workers volunteered to join with me, other radio stations were added. Growth was small. But I never would solicit contributions over the air. The radio program started on the air the first week in 1934. I managed to put together a homemade "magazine" called *The Plain Truth*, printed on a borrowed mimeograph, ready by Feb. 1. This was offered, free, to radiol listeners.

Little by little it grew. In 1947 Ambassador College was opened in Pasadena — with four students and a faculty of eight. It was a new type of campus education. We not only began teaching students how to earn a living — but also HOW TO LIVE.

And now, after another nearly 34 years, I look back on a life that has been filled with happiness — because it has been devoted to SHARING this WAY TO REAL SUCCESS with, first, about three dozen, then hundreds, then thousands and today into the HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS of people.

From that high estimate I placed on myself during my late teens and twenties, seeking STATUS and a recognition of IMPORTANCE, I skidded backward — all the way DOWN to self-abasement in economic poverty. In financial poverty I found THE WAY TO true SUCCESS. I learned that setting one's heart on money, material possessions or status only brings a CURSE. Financial success is seldom true success, because it is sought for its own sake.

There is a CAUSE for every effect. TRUE success may, and perhaps usually should, include financial success. Money is power, but usually it is used to CAUSE curses, not blessings and happiness. Money is good or evil depending on how it is used. If money is the end you seek, it will wreck you in the end. Self-centeredness, self-seeking — the GETTING, grasping way of vanity, jealousy, envy and greed — is a CAUSE that always produces a most UNHAPPY effect.

To HUMBLE the self, to be little in your own eyes, to be honestly and sincerely concerned for others — to get on the GIVING, helping, serving, sharing way — that is the WAY OF LIFE that CAUSES real success!

To have the SELF brought down to that junk pile was a painful experience. But not for long. Yes, I'm glad I skidded backward from self-esteem, ego and vanity and self-seeking. □

Meditation

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the first place? It is *not* possible.

The Bible gives many subjects of meditation, such as: The works of God's hands, His creation (Ps. 8:3, 143:5). (This is an especially appropriate subject whenever you do find a scenic view, or when you observe some amazing thing in nature.) God's past works in your life (Ps. 77:5-6, 10-12). His strength (Isa. 17:10). His covenant with His people and with you personally (I Chron. 16:15). Your Christian calling and duties (I Tim. 4:13-15). Our High Priest, Jesus Christ (Heb. 3:1). God's statutes and laws (Ps. 119:48). His wonders (Neh. 9:17).

Can't think of anything to meditate about? This is enough to keep you awake all night!

Positive results

Meditating brings positive results. Researchers have compiled reports about people in the world who spend a few minutes each day "meditating." By "meditating" they mean only brief periods of relaxing, withdrawing from involvements and pursuits and getting reoriented. Even for these halfway measures, the reports indicate a lessening of stress, blood pressure and oxygen consumption and purport a wide range of beneficial changes in health, personality, intelligence and performance.

Meditating on God's way produces any positive results the world's way of meditation can produce, plus a whole lot more! It brings life — eternal life (Rom. 8:6), great blessings (Ps. 1), prosperity and success (Josh. 1:8), gladness (Ps. 104:34), hope (Lam. 3:19-24, RSV), wisdom and understanding (Ps. 119:98-99), endurance and perseverance (Heb. 12:3), strength in the face of persecution (Ps. 119:23-24). Keeping your mind filled with the goal God has set before you will prevent you from slipping back into the world you came out of (Heb. 11:15-16).

Isaiah summed up the whole subject of meditation when he exclaimed to God, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee" (Isa. 26:3). □