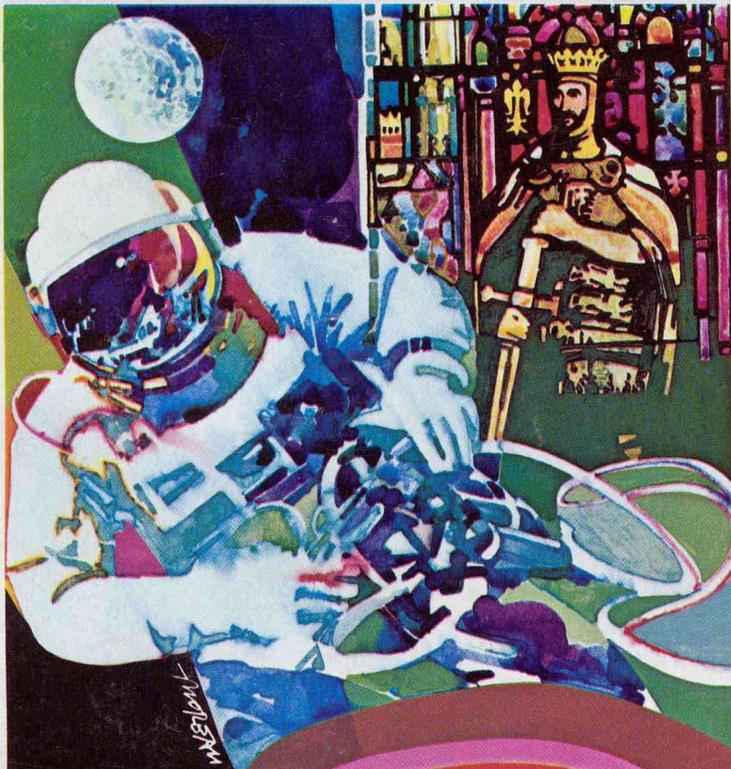
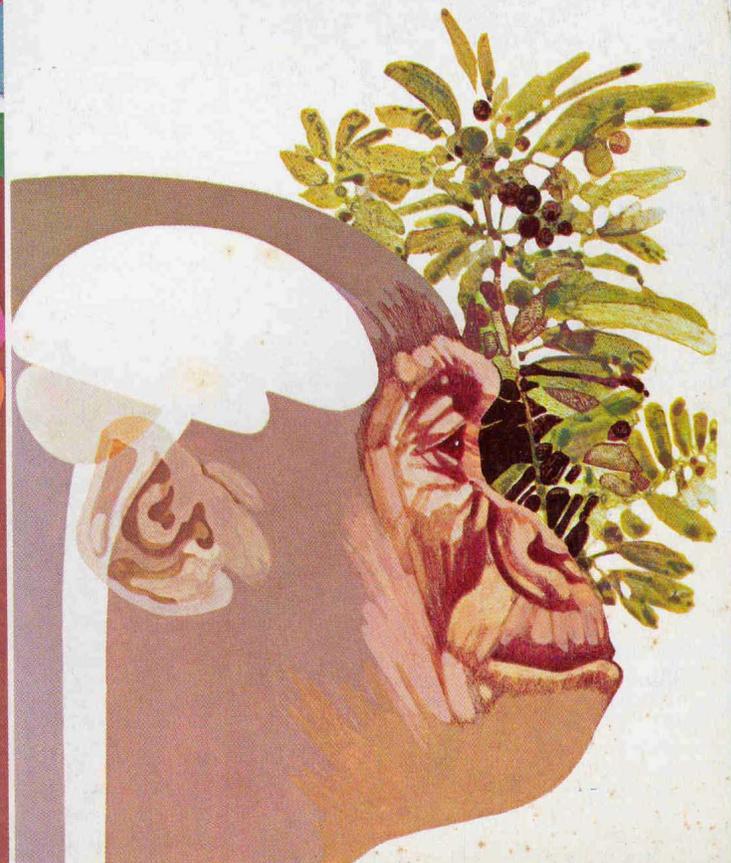
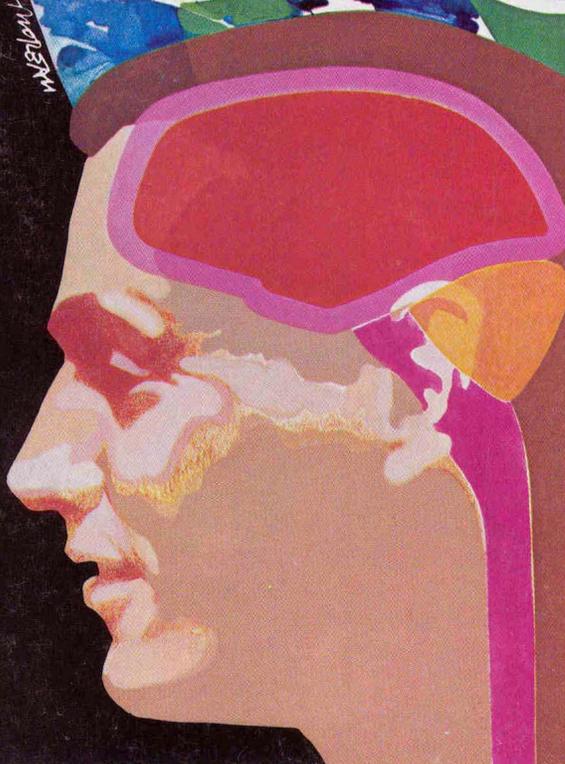


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What Our READERS SAY

Newark

"The article in the December PLAIN TRUTH, 'Newark: A Dying City' really hit home. I live in this blotch and certainly cannot deny a word Mr. Whikehart wrote. Being employed by the city itself, I have firsthand knowledge of the financial state of Newark. It is just as you mentioned in the article, an economic crisis. The schools are nothing short of institutions of confusion and corruption. Teachers using drugs, actually have affairs with students, careless attitudes on training and treating students prevail. This could go on and on. It's obvious that most of us who work here are not happy — the product of our work will testify to that. It is hard to believe that this was once a beautiful, quiet country area years ago. Thank you for a very straight-forward, factual article."

Bill W.,
Newark, New Jersey

"I have just read the December 1971 issue of *The PLAIN TRUTH*, and in my estimation it is one of the best magazines published. Your articles about Newark very vividly sum up a situation we are constantly aware of because we live in a suburb, only 10 miles to the north of Newark."

B. A.,
Cedar Grove, New Jersey

Egyptian Arab Republic

"Thank you for sending the November issue of *The PLAIN TRUTH*. The article about President el Sadat is indeed very interesting, and we appreciate your consideration. Please accept my best personal regards."

Mr. T. A. Khalifa
Secretary to the Minister of
Culture and Information
Egyptian Arab Republic

Caution: Flammable

"The subject of flammable fabrics has been of special interest to me since I have been doing graduate research in this area. I was especially pleased to see that 'flammable' clothing was mentioned in the 'What You Can Do...' section of the December 1971 PLAIN TRUTH. I agree that taking proper safety precautions around fires is the ONLY way to stop property damage, injuries, and deaths due to textile-related fires. *The PLAIN TRUTH* is a wonderful magazine and I am very happy to see its contents cover the variety of subjects so vital to family living today."

Barbara B.,
Andalusia, Alabama

Dollar Crisis

"Your response to a reader's letter in the November issue of *The PLAIN TRUTH* did not ring true, so I wrote to the British Chancellor of the Exchequer for comments on your allegation that Great Britain owes the U.S. \$8 billion from World War I, and more since World War II. The reply from the Treasury puts the matter into perspective: The debt from

World War I was \$4368 million — a little more than half your figure — but this debt is generally regarded as lapsed, following the Hoover moratorium of 1931 and the Lausanne Conference of 1932. Neither the UK nor any other European country have made any repayment since then on their then existing debts. Moreover, the lending was not all done by the U.S. \$15,716 million was then owed to the UK by its allies, and repayment of these loans has been suspended since 1931. Regarding World War II, the Treasury tells me that \$4052 million is still owed by the UK to the U.S., but that this debt is still being repaid."

D. S.,
Ikley, Yorkshire

Nine Lives?

"I very much enjoyed the Editor's comments in the November issue of *The PLAIN TRUTH*. In the editorial, he mentioned the death of such well known magazines as *Look*, *Saturday Evening Post*, *Colliers*, etc. Like most people, I too believed all these magazines had ceased publication. However, after reading the editorial, I was surprised to see the *Saturday Evening Post* on a newsstand. The 'old' *Saturday Evening Post* had ceased publication, but the Curtis Publishing Company revived it again on a quarterly basis. It is a beautiful magazine, about 160 pages, with an entirely new format."

Dale S.,
San Dimas, California

• *The publication to which the editorial referred was, of course, the "old" Saturday Evening Post.*

Britain And The EEC

"Re: 'Britain's Fateful Decision — Will She Enter the EEC?' by Gene H. Hogberg, October 1971 PLAIN TRUTH.

"As an Englishman, totally confused by conflicting reports on the Common Market, it was a good eye-opener to read G. H.

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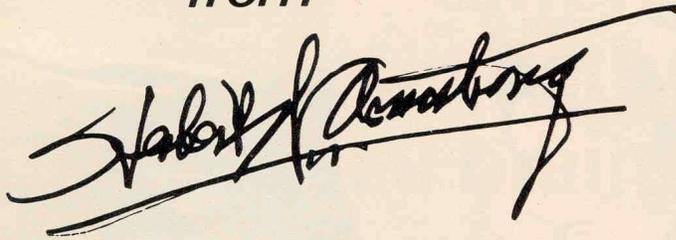
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Peace-Seeking Mission to China . . . and WHY There Is No Peace

PRESIDENT NIXON'S visit to Communist China was called a peace-seeking mission. For thousands of years heads of nations have been seeking PEACE. Yet none have found it!

WHY?

We may not have much more time to come up with the right answer!

For the first time, during these millenniums of peace-seeking, it is now possible for *some* nation's leader to touch off the nuclear war that can ERASE ALL HUMANITY FROM THE EARTH!

This search for peace cannot go on another thousand years! We need the right answer — and we need it NOW!

If you and I were discussing the matter of *what subject* I should write about in this month's *Personal*, and you should say, seriously, "Mr. Armstrong, in view of the deadly seriousness and the *urgency* of this time, I think you should write on *the most urgent problem in all our lives* right now — the question of *whether* — and *how* — we may survive!" I should still say to our readers precisely what you are reading here.

The one BIG QUESTION in all our lives, right now, is that of SURVIVAL!

But I hasten to add, survival *alone* IS NOT ENOUGH! We must have survival in PEACE — in happiness — in joy — in prosperity and plenty — in abundant well-being for ALL!

And that's a pretty big order! If anyone has the answer, for the sake of humanity he'd better speak out! I am prepared to give the ANSWER — and it is going to be PLAIN SPEAKING, without pulling any punches! It's *time* for PLAIN SPEAKING! You are *betting your life* on someone coming up — in time — with the right answer!

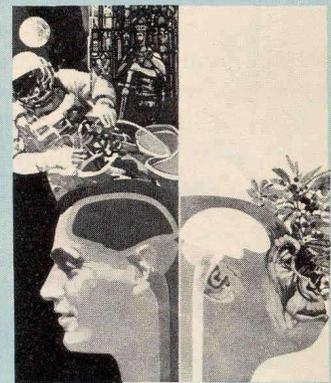
To get to the crux of the problem immediately, realize, first, that these existing conditions and evils are merely the EFFECT! For every effect, there had to be a CAUSE. Our problem of immediate urgency is to find the CAUSE — not only of present evil conditions, but also what is the not-being-used CAUSE of peace, happiness, abundant well-being!

If we are going to learn that CAUSE, we need first to ask,

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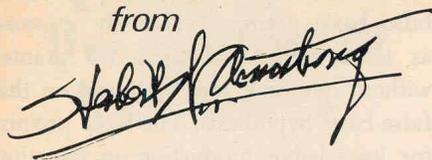
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ABOUT OUR COVER

Human thought is vastly superior to animal thought. Why? Why is the output of the human mind far superior to the output of animal brain? To the materialists, the answer is obvious: It must be because the human brain is more advanced than animal brain. But is this so? Are the materialists right? Read the surprising answer in the article beginning on page two of this issue.

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what has made MAN as he is? How did humanity come to be on this earth? Or, going back even further, how did the earth, itself, come to *be*?

That may seem like going a long way back. But this futile search for PEACE goes a long way back — as far as history goes — or farther. Man's troubles, evils, wars, extend back to the beginning — or prior to the beginning — of history. To find the right answer, we need to go back even to PRE-history! That takes us even to the question of ORIGINS — of BEGINNINGS! And we shall come to the right answer quicker by beginning at the beginning!

Many have speculated, through the millenniums. Many scientists have devoted their lifetimes to researching and studying this question. But have they found the *right* answers? We need, now, to be sure. Time is running out!

Many scholarly books have been written, setting forth the results of these lifetime studies, purporting to tell the story of the origin of the earth, and of mankind upon it. Yet is it not significant that their studies, theories and hypotheses *fail to tell us* WHY man is as he is, or HOW he got that way — WHY man seems always to be befuddled with unsolvable problems — WHY he is always in trouble — WHY humanity is harassed with so many evils — and WHY these evils are fast increasing?

This is no light matter. Ignoring humanity's present dilemma will not cause it to go away. Human SURVIVAL hangs in the balance! We need the *right* answer — and we need it NOW!

And we can know!

Educated Guesses?

First, let's take a glance at a couple of these scholarly books setting forth the answers scientists and historians give us. I have before me, as I write, two well-known books on this very problem. They have gained wide acceptance in scientific and educational spheres.

One is the famous H. G. Wells' *Outline of History*. The other, *An Encyclopedia of World History*, compiled and edited by William L. Langer.

Let me, first, give a few brief quotes, typical of such histories. Histories in general are prolific with statements such as: "We may well suppose." Or, "We are coming to believe" thus and so.

From the third edition of Wells' *Outline of History* are the following: "Scientific men have discussed *the possibility of . . .*" and, "But they point merely to *questionable possibilities.*" (Emphasis mine throughout.) Continuing, "Astronomers and geologists and those who study physics *have been able to tell us something of the origin and history of the earth. They consider that, vast ages ago. . .*" Later: "Astronomers give us *convincing reasons for supposing. . .*" (Chapter I.)

Later: "*We do not know* how life began upon the earth. Biologists . . . *have made* guesses about these beginnings . . . *Probably* the earliest forms of life were small and soft, *leaving no evidence of their existence* behind them." Later: "These first rocks *must have solidified* as a cake over glowing liquid material beneath, much as cooling lava does. They *must have appeared* first as crusts and clinkers. *They must have been* constantly remelted and . . ." Later: "*Speculations about geological time vary enormously. Estimates of the age of the oldest rocks by geologists and astronomers starting from different standpoints have varied between 1,600,000,000, and 25,000,000.*" Chapter II.)

I give you these quotes to show that so much of this "knowledge" is not fact at all, but suppositions, speculations, guesses, theories.

A few brief quotes, now, from *An Encyclopedia of World History*, 3rd ed.: "Prehistory . . . *probably* amounts to more than a million years." Under "Man's Animal Ancestors": "*No remains have yet been found of Man's immediate precursor, the primitive and more ape-like animal from which he is supposed to be descended.*" There follow numerous such expressions as "This *has not yet been definitely established,*" "*probably,*" "*believed to date,*" "*entirely a matter of speculation,*" "*is likely to*

have taken place," and "*there is no real evidence at present.*" (The Prehistoric Period, Introduction § 1, 2.)

I do not apologize for saying that such guesses, theories, and postulates *have not produced* the RIGHT ANSWER!

Why No Peace

The fruits of the speculative assertions of science have not been peace, happiness, universal prosperity and abundant well-being. The world, instead, is SUFFERING! It is very sick!

To come to a knowledge of the RIGHT ANSWER, we need to understand what is wrong with the scientific method. WHY have the findings of modern science NOT produced peace and universal happiness? What has been wrong with the scientific method?

The world has had science, of a kind, for a very long time. But what we know as MODERN SCIENCE began its dramatic rise, roughly, 170 years ago. Even then, the new knowledge in the fields of science and technology developed very slowly, at first.

Up until this advent of modern science, the world had gone along for thousands of years virtually on an even keel — with no material progress to speak of. It was primarily an agricultural world, using primitive farming methods. The cast iron plow was not invented until 1797. The disc plow, not until 1896, when I myself was alive and a growing boy! The first harvester came in 1836.

Abraham Lincoln once explained how mechanical and industrial progress could not develop until the invention of printing, about 1440. Even so, there was not much development until the beginning of the 19th century.

Think of it! Through those long millenniums the world was virtually without means of transportation or communication! Transportation was by foot, mule-back, horse-drawn, camel, elephant. By sea, it was by slow-moving sailboat. Fulton didn't invent the steamboat until 1803. And the telephone, to provide communication, did not arrive until 1876. The telephone was in its infancy when I was a boy.

In my own lifetime, we have whipped past the machine age, the jet age, the nuclear age, and the space age. Much

of the acceleration of inventions was stimulated first by the printing press, which made possible a greater diffusion of knowledge and exchange of ideas, and then by more rapid means of transportation — the steam engine, the steamboat, the automobile, the airplane. And finally, the telephone, telegraph, radio, TV.

But what was the original impetus?

Science to Solve Man's Problems?

With the emergence of "modern science," around the beginning of the 19th century, scientists assured the world that man had progressed to the point where he then could dispense with the superstitious crutch of religion and belief in God. Now humanity could rely on the *new* messiah — Modern Science.

"Given sufficient knowledge," said the scientists, "we shall solve all of humanity's problems, and cure all the world's ills."

To replace religion and belief in God, scientists and educators had substituted the doctrine of evolution. The tools Modern Science used in the production of this new KNOWLEDGE were a stepped-up use of those man had employed since the dawn of history — rejection of revelation as a source of knowledge, and the use of observation, experimentation, and human reason.

So the production of KNOWLEDGE increased at a constantly accelerating pace. The world's total fund of knowledge virtually *doubled* in the one decade of the 1960's!

But, paradoxically, as knowledge has increased, *so have humanity's* problems, troubles and evils, at almost an equal rate of acceleration!

What's wrong with the dictum that knowledge is the sole need for solutions? We are face to face with the stern FACT that increasing evils have escalated alongside increasing knowledge! That is not to say that the increased knowledge *caused* the growing evils. It does mean that the knowledge produced *did not cure* existing evils, or *prevent new evils!*

The ANSWER becomes plain. There was *something wrong* with the knowledge being produced, or else the needed

MISSING DIMENSION in knowledge was not being discovered.

To the dictum of science that given sufficient knowledge, mankind's problems would be solved, and humanity's ills cured, I add this: Solutions come from the *right* knowledge, that supplies the *right* answer — the true CAUSE of both the evils, and the CAUSE that would produce peace and joy and every GOOD result; and, secondly, the application of that knowledge. For I have always said that knowledge is of value only to the extent that it is *used!*

The Academic Freedom to Reject Basic Knowledge!

In this feverish development of knowledge production, scholars in universities have been placing great emphasis on *academic freedom*. Academic freedom is defined as the independent judgment allowed teachers, scholars, scientists, students, in the pursuit of knowledge.

Science as a whole, and higher education, have exercised the academic freedom to postulate a creation without a Creator. They have engaged in the activity of knowledge production with total rejection of any possibility of the miraculous, the supernatural, the existence of God — or anything outside the realm of the material. They have rejected utterly revelation as a source of basic knowledge!

When I engaged in research on the theory of evolution, I studied Darwin, Haeckel, Huxley, Vogt, Chamberlain and other exponents of the theory. But also I looked at the other side of the question. But I would venture to say that most of those whose higher education has been acquired during the past half century have been taught and have accepted without question the evolutionary theory, *not having examined with any seriousness* the Biblical evidences of special creation. The world's "Best Seller" has been dismissed *without a hearing*.

Is it not human to err?

Could it be *possible* for the most highly educated minds to have been intellectually misled or deceived? Could they, viewing only *one side* of the question, be infallible, entirely above making mistakes?

For many years now, I have observed that errors almost always come from a false basic premise, carelessly *assumed* as self-evident, and taken for granted without question, then building on that false basic hypothesis. The basic premise for knowledge production in our time has been the evolutionary concept. It has been the eye-glasses through which all questions have been viewed. Yet it remains unproved, and by its very nature it is a theory not subject to proof. It is a FAITH. And to question it is — to those who embrace this faith — academic heresy!

Do we, then, DARE question the theories so generally accepted by advanced scholarship? Is it heretical to question their assumed conclusions and ask for PROOF? Is it academic heresy to look at the *other side* of the coin?

Suppose, now, we appropriate the *academic freedom* to carefully *examine* that which has been dismissed *without* examination.

It might prove enlightening at this point — and even exciting — to allow ourselves the latitude of *academic freedom* unprejudicially to examine the Biblical claims for ORIGINS — for the presence of the earth, and of mankind.

Ever since I first read H. G. Wells' *Outline of History*, years ago, I had an urge to write a parallel "Outline of History" (not under that title, of course) presenting the OTHER SIDE of this two-sided question of origins.

Could it be possible that we might find there the EXPLANATION of why MAN is as he is — WHY he has all these problems — WHY the world is filled with evils? Could it be possible we might find, there, the CAUSE of all human suffering, anguish, unhappiness, and inequality? Could it be possible we might find, there, the CAUSE that would produce peace, happiness, abundant well-being? The CAUSE which world leaders have apparently overlooked?

The time has come when I cannot delay longer. This present series of articles, of which this is the first installment, *is* that parallel "Outline" I have so long had the urge to write.

It will continue with the next number of *The PLAIN TRUTH*. □